

2022



# ANNUAL REPORT



**Somali Community Resettlement Services**



## VISION

All refugees and immigrant families thrive in an equitable world where they lead successful lives with personal responsibility, economic independence, and vitality.

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EIN: 31-1668255**

Visit us at [www.somalcrs.org](http://www.somalcrs.org).

## MISSION

To promote and advance the social well-being and welfare of immigrants and refugees by providing much-needed community and resettlement services, with the ultimate goal of building a vibrant community, whose members can successfully settle and effectively integrate into the wider American community.

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# TO OUR COMMUNITY

The past year at Somali Community Resettlement Services (SCRS) was an excellent one with much to be grateful for as 2022 brought about several major successes:

- We moved into a new headquarters – Gale Mansion – in Minneapolis, which will provide additional office and meeting space for our clients and add a new revenue stream in events and catering.
- We secured new funding sources to support our programs in public health, workforce development, and family stabilization. As a nonprofit, we rely on state and federal funding, as well as local community and corporate foundations for support, in addition to our in-house revenue streams in translation and translation services.
- We successfully assisted nearly 1,500 individuals in registering to vote.
- We hosted Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud on his stop in Minnesota following his visit to Washington D.C. – the first visit in over eight years.



*Sharif Hared, Executive Director*

Looking ahead to 2023, SCRS will continue to focus on managed growth. Specifically, we will

- Continue to diversify our revenue streams,
- Improve efficiencies by increasing staffing, and staff training and development,
- Expand our program areas to include helping our clients secure housing,
- Rebrand the organization to better reflect the communities we serve, and,
- Strengthen our Board policies and processes with a focus on succession planning and financial strength.

Programmatically, SCRS will seek to increase collaborations with local community organizations, educators, healthcare providers, employers, and governments to build out our program and service offerings to immigrants and refugees in the areas of housing and daycare, as these are continued areas of need within the communities we serve.

Many thanks to our SCRS staff for your continued compassion, drive, and commitment to serving our clients. To our many community partners, we value our collaborative relationships and look forward to finding new ways to ease the burdens of East African, Latinx, and Afghan immigrants and refugees who make Minnesota home. To our financial partners, I thank you for your continued trust and support in the work we do in the Twin Cities Metro and Southeast Minnesota.

Sharif Hared  
Executive Director

# 2022 PROGRAM UPDATES

## PUBLIC HEALTH

SCRS offers programs and services to support equitable access to healthcare for immigrants and refugees. We partner with local healthcare facilities and service providers to deliver outreach, education, and referrals to immigrants and refugees at all ages and stages of life. 2022 programs included:

- Designed and launched an HIV-related education and outreach program to reduce HIV-related health disparities in Minnesota's East African and Hispanic immigrant and refugee communities by improving awareness of HIV prevention and care within these populations.
- Offered outreach and education on the importance of vaccines (e.g. COVID-19, influenza, measles, etc.) as well as promoted preventive care (diabetes, cardiovascular health, mental health, etc.) through events held at local mosques as well as small group gatherings and one-on-one discussions with our clients. Hosted bi-monthly vaccination clinics as one of the Minnesota Department of Health's Covid Community Connector agencies.
- Strengthened our regional partnerships with healthcare providers to advance health equity through participation in the Regional Health Equity Network Project.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Youth, adults, and seniors look to SCRS for programs and services that can help support their goals of being self-sufficient and economically secure. In 2022, in addition to providing adults with career assessment, job skills training, and work placement opportunities, SCRS also:

- Implemented programs that seek to reduce the childcare shortage in our state by providing Friends, Family, and Neighbor (FFN) daycare training and training for immigrants and refugees interested who may be interested in starting an at-home daycare and provide re-certification training to those currently working as in-home daycare providers or at local daycare centers.
- Provided career interest assessments and job search skills training to youth and young adults as part of our Youth Mentoring and Leadership program.
- Assisted seniors and individuals with disabilities to gain relevant work experience through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in Olmsted and Washington counties. Additionally, SCRS continues to serve as a host agency for SCSEP in partnership with MET, Inc.

### Community Partners

3HI (Helping Heal Humans Institute)  
African Community Services  
Alina Health Systems  
Channel One Regional Food Bank  
Community Action Center, Faribault  
Faribault Public Schools  
Faribault Rotary Club  
Feeding America  
Healthy Communities Initiative  
Hennepin Co. Sheriff's Dept.  
Hikma Driving School  
Hope Center, Faribault  
IT MetroHub  
Madina Restaurant  
Mayo Clinic  
Metro Youth Diversion Center  
Minneapolis Adult Basic Education  
Pathway Careers MN  
Rice County Sheriff's Dept.  
Rochester STEM Academy  
Skyline Math and Science Academy  
Somali TV Minnesota  
South Central College  
Three Links Assisted Living

## FAMILY STABILIZATION

Immigrants and refugees seeking to establish a home in our state require many services and support to meet this goal. In addition to supporting our clients in securing basic needs, legal referrals, and applications for government assistance programs, SCRS offered the following programs and services in 2022:

- Continued seeking ways to serve evacuees from Afghanistan who continue to Through the Benefits Cliff program, participants learn how to manage their earned income and prepare for fluctuations in government assistance as their job success is achieved.
- Provided elders, persons with disabilities, and caregivers with information and referrals for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) in Rice and Olmsted counties, with the plan to build out this program in the East Metro in 2023.

## SCRS PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



### **SCRS Advocacy Training provides new resources for a Faribault family**

*Funded by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, SCRS offers training sessions for families with children who have disabilities, and/or adults, and participants with disabilities. This training seeks to assist individuals and families*

*by providing information, education and training to build knowledge, develop skills, and change attitudes that will lead to increased independence, productivity, self-determination, integration, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.*

An SCRS client attended the SCRS Advocacy training program held in February 2022. She has a 49-year-old son who has a severe mental disorder. She believed her son would not be able to attend any adult learning schools due to his disability and worried about his future. She was not aware that other resources were available from the State or what government assistance programs her son might be eligible for that would support his needs. With the SCRS training program, our client received assistance through the waiver process and is getting her son additional medical evaluation.

# SCRS PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

## Benefits Cliff Program increases employment opportunities for Hennepin County residents.

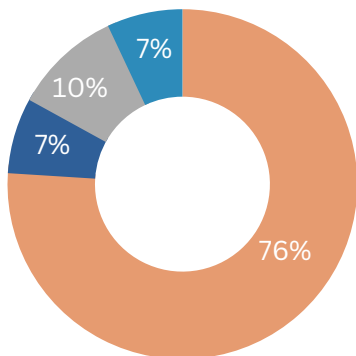
Funded by a grant from Hennepin County, the Benefits Cliff Program offers individuals education and resources as they transition from public benefits assistance to employment. Program participants learn to plan for benefit reduction as their monthly household income increases. They are also provided access to additional job training to improve their income-generating potential.

Two clients participated in the SCRS Benefits Training program and have improved their family's income potential. Shamis required assistance to attend Behind-the-Wheel training to access his Minnesota Driver's License. He had never driven a car and had limited English proficiency. Through the program,

SCRS connected him with Hikma Driving School and he is also attending English language classes to improve his employability. Also through the program, Bisharo requested assistance with enrollment in Pathway Careers MN's Certified Nursing Assistance (CAN) program and 3HI's Certified Phlebotomy Training (CPT) program. Once she completes her certifications, SCRS - along with our program partners - will help her locate employment opportunities.

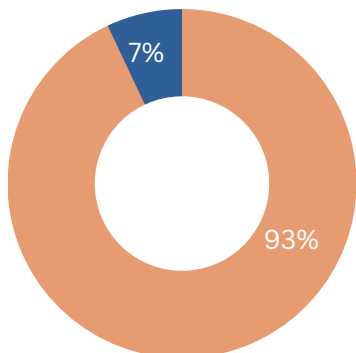


### 2022 FINANCIALS



#### Revenue Sources

- Federal and State Grants
- Direct Public Support
- Indirect Public Support
- Other Income



#### Expenses

- Program Expenses
- Management and General Expenses

### FUNDING PARTNERS

- City of Minneapolis
- Hennepin County
- Minnesota Council of Churches
- MN Dept of Employment and Economic Opportunity (DEED)
- MN Dept. of Health
- MN Dept. of Human Services
- MN Governor's Council on Disabilities
- Minnesota Humanities
- UCare Foundation
- Youthprise

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