Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2019 Buffalo Without Borders!

Thank you to all our sponsors, guests, vendors, performers, and volunteers for making Buffalo Without Borders such a special night!

We ate, danced, shopped, and - most importantly - celebrated the diversity that makes Buffalo such a special place to call home.

We are so grateful for this outpouring of community support! We can't wait to see you there again next year!

Did you attend Buffalo Without Borders? We want to hear from YOU!

Please use the link below to take our brief survey and help us make our next Buffalo Without Borders even BETTER!

Take Our Buffalo Without Borders Survey Here!
Here are some of our favorite Buffalo Without Borders photos!
Check out more event photos here!

What's Been Happening at The Institute?

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
On October 24th our office wore purple to support Domestic Violence Awareness Day. To raise awareness throughout the month of October, our staff participated in the photo series #1thing, a campaign highlighting things each of us can do for domestic violence survivors.

Read more about our survivor support services below!

And see the entire photo series here.

Inside Look at The Role of Our High Risk Advocate

Our Survivor Support Service team are experts in providing culturally-competent and trauma-informed care to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. We are proud to have led the development and implementation of the Erie County’s High Risk Team, an innovative and collaborative partnership to end domestic violence in Erie County. Below is an interview with two High Risk Advocates about their work, what they want the community to know about domestic violence, and opportunities to help.

What is the focus of the DV High Risk Team?

Kristen: We are a team that meets monthly and works to put interventions in place that prevent domestic violence homicide in Buffalo. While we always focus on victim safety, this team is especially concerned with increasing that safety through offender accountability.

Mary: Our team is interdisciplinary and includes members from the District Attorney’s office, local police, parole and probation offices, Child Protective Services, and non-governmental organizations like The International Institute of Buffalo and Haven House.

Trick-or-Treating at the Institute!

Our ESL class made Halloween costumes and practiced their new language skills by trick- or-treating around our office! Our staff and students all had a spook-tacular time!
NIIC Conference

Now in its 12th year, NIIC is the largest conference on immigration in the U.S. and plays a central role in the powerful, diverse and broad immigrant and refugee rights and integration field.

Our Executive Director, Eva Hassett, attended the three-day conference listening to speakers and presentations from all around the country on immigration!

We’re excited to bring that knowledge back to Buffalo to share with our colleagues and partners!

Interpreting and Translation Services

Interpreting and Translation Services are recruiting interpreters in the following languages:

- Kurdish
- Tagalog
- Farsi
- Kunama
- Uzbek
- Rohingya
A training for legal interpreting will be offered at the Institute on Dec 7.

This all-day training costs $80 and is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge as an interpreter and make connections with other professionals.

For more information or to register, please contact rthoren@iibuff.org

Register by December 2nd!

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**International Education**

The International Institute’s Global Education Department is gearing up for our 2020 Great Decisions series!

The Great Decisions Series provides background information and policy insights for eight critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country.

This community discussion series will run for 8 weeks starting February 4th. Each meeting is based on a topic outlined by the Foreign Policy Association. This year, we are meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Institute.

To register please contact skittinger@iibuff.org.

Find more information about the series [here](#).
Thank You to Our Donors!

New Family Arrivals!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our families coming in November!

Every item donated to families is one less item they have to pay for, allowing families to focus on rent, utilities and food. Your donations also show our newest neighbors that they are welcomed and helps Buffalo start to feel like home!

Click on the link to see what the family needs!

Rwandan Family of 4
Burmese Family of 3

Check us out on social media!