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## Events

### Celebrating World Refugee Day!



**Isuroon is excited to celebrate World Refugee Day with our refugee and immigrant community members and allies!**

**While event capacity is limited, you can still celebrate World Refugee Day this Sunday, June 20th by donating** to an organization that provides critical support to the refugee and immigrant community. Your donation allows Isuroon to continue providing services that **empower and support the refugee and immigrant community** to achieve **self-sufficiency, independence**, and to truly **thrive** in the United States.

**Donate using the button below, thank you!**

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**Somali Independence Day!**



## SOMALI INDEPENDENCE DAY



[www.isuroon.org](http://www.isuroon.org)

**Somali Independence Day is right around the corner on Thursday, July 1st, from 4 pm - 8 pm!** Come celebrate Somali Independence Day with an evening of music, food, performances, vendors, and much more!

**LOCATION:** Jensen Lake Trailhead  
1398 Carriage Hills Dr, Eagan, MN 55123

**Register using the button below!**

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## Opportunities

**Isuroon is looking for AmeriCorps VISTAS!**



**Isuroon is looking for AmeriCorps VISTAs!** Through our AmeriCorps VISTA positions, you will have the opportunity to **develop nonprofit leadership skills** in areas that interest you while also serving with a cohort of like-minded folks who are passionate about **empowering Minnesota's diverse communities**.

In addition to regular AmeriCorps benefits, Isuroon can offer our VISTA's such as:

- **Rental/Housing stipend**
- **Gas stipend for travel**
- **Educational stipend**
- **Supplementary stipend (if food, gas, and education do not apply to applicant)**

\*Benefits are provided dependent on applicant needs and funding availability.

**Click the button below for position descriptions and to apply!**

Apply Now!

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## News

### Isuroon's Burnsville Family Center holds



**In May, Isuroon's Burnsville Family Center held an event for parents of children with autism.** Parents came together to share food and stories about parenting and learn more about the support services that Isuroon offers.

**Thank you to all who came out, we hope to see you again soon!**

For more information about Isuroon's Burnsville Family Center or our support group for families of children with autism contact program coordinator, Ifrah Nur, at [dakota@isuroon.org](mailto:dakota@isuroon.org) or (952)595-5728

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**Isuroon holds Faribault open house as we extend our services to the Greater Minnesota area**



### **Isuroon is excited to begin extending our services to Faribault, MN!**

Last week, we held an open house at our new Faribault location! We shared information about our services and programs and distributed food from our halal food shelves.

**Thank you to everyone who stopped in!**

For more information about Isuroon's Faribault Services contact program coordinator, Leyla Abdullah, at [leyla.abdullah@isuroon.org](mailto:leyla.abdullah@isuroon.org) or (507)351-8015

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## **Program Updates**

**Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program is still accepting clients!**



**Isuroon's Refugee Savings (IDA) Program helps refugees like Tayibe save for their futures.** Originally from Ethiopia, Tayibe came to the United States with her one-year-old daughter in 2017. After 2 years in the United States, Tayibe's case worker shared that Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program helped refugees meet their savings goals. Tayibe was interested in saving for a car to help her get around and be more independent.

Just 6 months after Tayibe joined the program she had met her savings goal and was able to purchase her first car. Since purchasing her car, Tayibe's life has become much easier. She used to have to ask for rides and depend on sometimes unreliable public transportation. Tayibe let us know that as a part of the program, she not only saved enough to purchase a car, but she also developed the skills to continue saving for other needs. Now, she says she is inspired to keep saving.

**"I would give [people] advice to join the program and their life can become easier. If they want to be successful, join the program."**

**Congratulations, Tayibe, on meeting your savings goal and becoming more independent!**

For more information about Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program, click the button below or contact Ramla Elmi at [ramla@isuroon.org](mailto:ramla@isuroon.org) or (612)353-5765

## Isuroon's Youth Program is enrolling participants!



### MINDFULNESS

We support the health mental and emotional development of youth through mindfulness practices.



### LEADERSHIP

We give the necessary tools and knowledge to help youth be present and future leaders.



### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We encourage healthy communication and the healthy development of relationships.



### SELF-ADVOCACY

We guide youth in understanding systems of oppression and how to advocate for themselves.



### FINANCIAL LITERACY

We help youth foster the skills to make smart financial decisions and be financially self-sufficient.



### Isuroon is offering virtual programming for Somali and East African middle and high school youth and refugee youth!

Join in on the conversation with other youth about topics that matter to you! Our youth program gives Minnesota youth the opportunity to connect with one another, connect with Isuroon's mentors, and get information about important resources and opportunities near them.

For more information and to sign up for Isuroon's Youth Programming, click the button below or contact Muna Mohamed at [munaomohamed@isuroon.org](mailto:munaomohamed@isuroon.org) or (952)737-2379



## Team Member Highlight

### Lou Nelson



**This month we are acknowledging our valued team member and Operations Manager, Lou Nelson, as they begin their next professional journey!**

Lou is a graduate of Wheaton College with a B.A. in English literature. Having worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA previously, they are committed to increasing access to resources for immigrant and refugee communities to create their own solutions to problems. Lydia is especially interested in promoting equity in education and in social services.

**We appreciate you and we'll miss you, Lou!**

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