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**TOP 6 BENEFITS OF
 CITIZENSHIP**



1

**PROTECTION FROM
 DEPORTATION**



2

**CITIZENSHIP FOR
 YOUR CHILDREN
 UNDER 18**



3

FAMILY REUNIFICATION



4

**ELIGIBILITY FOR
 GOVERNMENT JOBS**



5

FREEDOM TO TRAVEL



6

THE RIGHT TO VOTE



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Do you want to make a difference in your community? In the lives of Immigrants and Refugees in the Quad Cities Area?

Contact any of our current board members!

Or send an email to: qcair@qcair.org with what you can bring to the position, and if you happen to be an immigrant/ refugee yourself!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Board Members:

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QCAIR President's Corner:

2018 has ended and 2019 has begun. 2019 represents an opportunity for each of us to begin anew. I was visiting with a friend, Maria, and during the course of the conversation we talked about how people get into a rut with their living and why immigrants and refugees may or may not. Let me begin by clarifying, neither Maria nor I are experts and we concluded that we don't have an answers. But that did not stop either of us from speculating. We speculated that the education we receive (not just the formal education) tends to push us into what we or our families and friends are comfortable with. When we want to try something new, we hear something like: "Don't do that" or "It's too risky." When we hear that enough, we don't take the chance or opportunity. Many times we have had indirect messages that tell us don't take a chance, it's not worth the trouble. So we are educated not to take risks and we don't. Immigrants and Refugees on the other hand, don't hear this so they don't know that they can't or shouldn't start their own business. They have a greater tendency to take the risk. Taking the risk, should be encouraged but education of the pitfalls needs to be part of the process. For instance, if you starting a new business, you will need capital. May people go to banks, credit unions or other financial places to secure a loan to start a business. What are the pitfalls? In future newsletters, we will be including an article from a professionals or people who started their own business, about different things to look for or be aware of. Items currently under consideration will be loan issues and what to look out for, what to look for from investment opportunities, and potential legal issues. If you have something you'd like us to look into, please send a note to QCAIR@qcair.org, telling us what you'd like to learn about and if possible, what your concerns are.

QCAIR is looking for a treasurer, secretary, and at-large board member!

If you are interested, please contact President Grant Curtis: (563) 528-0835

GENERAL VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

- Event Planning
- Press Releases
- Fundraising/ Grant Writing
- Outreach
- Jobs Team
- Translation
- Education & Training
- Tutoring
- Transportation
- Graphics & Design

Contact: qcair@qcair.org if you are interested or have other ideas on how to help Immigrants/ Refugees in the Quad Cities Community or call (594) 594 – 0854

THANK YOU!

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Specific Involvement Opportunities:

- Various Cultural Events
 - Tend QCAIR's table and inform attendees about QCAIR
- QCAIR Website
 - Bloggers
 - Immigration & Refugee Feature Stories
- Citizenship Paperwork: Assist immigrants fill out documents

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feel good and have fun

form friendships

Volunteering gives you the opportunity to discover yourself – new interests, hobbies, and skills.

discover yourself

make an impact

Volunteering can have a positive effect on you and the world around you.

be a part of your community

improve your health

Volunteering connects you to people, organizations and the environment in a way that fosters your sense of belonging.

Volunteering can positively affect your mental and physical health, and helps reduce stress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual QC World Cultures Festival

March 27th, 2019

from 6 – 8 p.m.

at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose

QCAIR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that works to serve the immigrant and refugee communities in the Quad City area. Our mission is to build a community among immigrants, refugees, and citizens of the Quad Cities. We connect people to services and communities in the area and partner with other organizations to identify needs and find solutions.

MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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April 6th, 2019



Attorneys

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