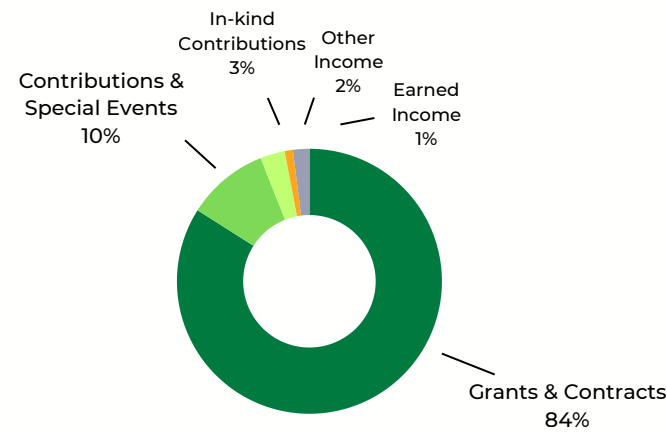


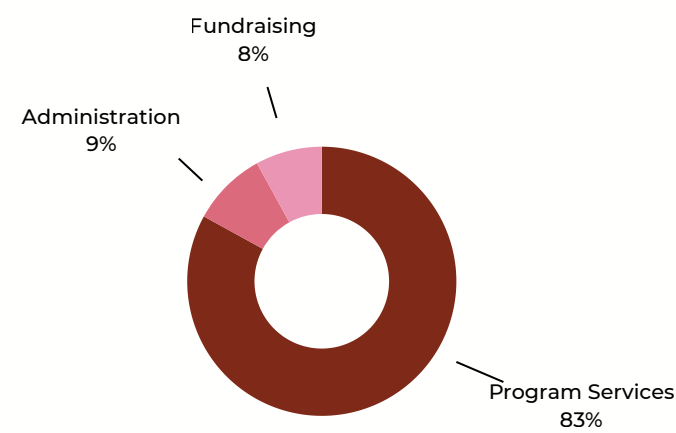
# FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Statement of activities for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Revenues: \$1,983,774



Expenses: \$2,278,802



National Institute of Senior Centers

# INTERCULTURAL SENIOR CENTER

## A YEAR OF PROGRESS ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



### BOARD MESSAGE

As the Board of Directors of the Intercultural Senior Center, we are honored to reflect on 17 years of unwavering service to the diverse older adults in our community. Since 2009, ISC has stood as a beacon of hope and inclusion—supporting seniors from all walks of life, including immigrants, refugees, and members of BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities. These individuals often face isolation and barriers that make aging even more challenging. At ISC, we believe every person deserves equity, respect, and dignity, and that commitment drives everything we do.

Through our doors, we welcome elders from around the world-

We are proud that ISC remains the only organization of its kind in the state, a trusted lifeline for older adults who need culturally responsive care. Our mission is simple yet profound: to improve the dignity, quality of life, and physical well-being of seniors from around the world through advocacy, education, access to social services, and cultural enrichment activities that benefit the entire community.

This past year has been transformative. We expanded essential services such as transportation, advocacy, and mental health support and took a bold step forward by introducing onsite health services for seniors who previously struggled to access care. Most notably, we launched a geriatric clinic dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our aging community. These milestones reflect our deep commitment to removing barriers and creating opportunities for health and well-being.

33 different countries, 26 different languages

None of this progress would be possible without our founder, Carolina Padilla, and the generosity of foundations, community partners, medical institutions, volunteers, and donors. Your trust and support empower us to keep ISC vibrant, inclusive, and life-changing for those we serve.

In these uncertain times, when the world around us feels divided and complex, our commitment remains steadfast. We hold firm to the belief that serving older adults is not just our mission, it is our responsibility and privilege. Together, with your trust and support, we will keep building a future rooted in compassion ensuring that every older adult has the opportunity to age with security, dignity, and joy.

**With heartfelt gratitude for your trust and support—today and always.**

**The Board of Directors**  
Intercultural Senior Center

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We envision an Omaha that values the wisdom and experience of our diverse elders and creates opportunities for them to embrace and enhance our community.



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# THE YEAR OF PROGRESS

## TRANSPORTATION

We provided door-to-door transportation, delivering food pantries, and offering general support to over 2,500 seniors.



**42** Zip Codes Reached

## SENIOR ADVOCACY

Daily, our seniors are connected to resources outside the center. Inside the center, they are introduced to our programs for participation and engagement, which contributes to maintaining socialization and building connections for support and friendship. This past year, Senior Advocacy helped over 2,000 seniors via phone, in person, and outreach.



**33** Participant Countries of Origin

## HEALTH CARE COORDINATION

From scheduling doctor's appointments, follow-ups, and transportation, we worked tirelessly to assist all seniors with medical needs to help them maintain their physical and mental health. We are accomplishing our purpose to help them.



**1,773** Health Care Appointments Coordinated

## PROGRAMMING

The coordination of a variety of classes, activities, and projects are crucial to maintaining seniors' engagement every day. We are always improving our programs to innovatively serve our diverse population so that everyone can enjoy and learn new skills. Regardless of the language they speak, our goal is to help prevent loneliness.



**4,548** Hours Volunteered

## NUTRITION AND FOOD PANTRY

A well-balanced meal is essential. A morning snack and lunch is offered every day. While always considering their dietary needs with respect to their cultural beliefs, we try to customize each pantry according to their food preferences to avoid waste. Cost of living is increasing and our pantries are helping to reduce some of the food insecurity that seniors encounter every day.



**17,280** Lunches Served



**14,453** Pantries Delivered

# OUR UNIQUE IMPACT

## Healing, Hope, and Friendship: Dennis' Story of Resilience

Dennis joined the Intercultural Senior Center in December 2024, seeking support and community. Since then, his journey has been nothing short of inspiring.

With the help of ISC staff, Dennis received vital assistance navigating Social Security and medical services, ensuring he had access to the resources he needed. His commitment to personal growth led to significant health improvements—he lost weight and progressed from using a walker to confidently walking with a cane.

Beyond physical health, Dennis has made remarkable strides in his emotional well-being. He is actively managing PTSD and has found strength in building new friendships and expanding his social circle. Through ISC's programs and community, Dennis has rediscovered a sense of purpose and belonging.

His story is a testament to the transformative power of support, connection, and resilience.

**"I am so thankful for ISC because this place saved my life."**

**- Dennis, ISC Participant**

## Marie's Journey: Flourishing Through Connection

Marie came to the United States from Cameroon a few years ago, settling into a shared apartment with her daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Quiet and reserved, she longed for connection in a new country and unfamiliar culture.

Thanks to ISC's transportation team, Marie began attending the center regularly. Though initially withdrawn, she soon embraced the lively spirit of ISC. With support from our Senior Advocacy team, she chose to engage in fitness classes, arts and crafts, and even received care from our contracted podiatrist.

Marie also benefits from monthly pantry support and take-home groceries, ensuring her nutritional needs are met. She hasn't missed a single day at ISC and looks forward to every visit—sharing meals, laughter, and friendship.

Her story reflects the power of community, access, and encouragement in helping someone thrive.

