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Welcoming the Refugee

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"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." In Matthew 25, Jesus compares the Final Judgment to the separation of sheep from goats. When asked what differentiated these groups, he replies, "I was hungry and you fed me... a stranger and you welcomed me..." The International Institute of Erie has been welcoming the stranger to our community for many years. In order to feed and clothe, care for and welcome Christ present in the most vulnerable, we must understand their needs, listen to their stories. Learn about the experience of refugees who settle in Erie, what services they can access and how we, as the Body of Christ, can help to welcome the stranger in our community.

Senada Alihodzic is the Community Resource Coordinator at the International Institute of Erie since 1994. She has experience in all Refugee Service Programs. Over the past five years she worked with different refugee groups as a certified Relationship Enhancement trainer. She is presently working as a direct supervisor for Community Outreach Services and Language Services. As a Bosnian refugee, she knows the refugee experience first-hand.