



Open Arms Studio

A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OF MRC

Multicultural Refugee Coalition (MRC) is an innovative nonprofit organization employing refugees in fair-wage, dignified work through two social enterprises: a sewing studio and a commercial farm. Each year, MRC impacts 300 refugees through its programs.

At MRC's Open Arms Studio, refugees have the opportunity to be trained in production sewing techniques and become eligible for full-time fair-wage employment. One of only a few social enterprises in the U.S. providing private-label manufacturing, Open Arms specializes in producing home goods, accessories and clothing basics.

Our team is proud of the products they produce and the paychecks they earn, which benefit their families and the broader refugee community as well. The women work family-friendly hours, receive a fair wage, and benefit from an environment where they can continue to learn while providing for their families. Learning opportunities include volunteer-led English as Second Language (ESL) instruction, with future plans to offer financial and digital literacy classes.



High-quality, made in USA

The Open Arms seamstresses are highly-skilled, often having decades of experience sewing for their families before being professionally trained on industrial machines.



Woman-led, all female studio

A woman-led studio allows for leadership opportunities for women, cultural competency around diverse women's issues, and a supportive work environment.



Waste-conscious production practices

We participate in sustainable practices and support several partners with zero-waste initiatives, including upcycling and natural dye.

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