

Dear Friend,

This past week has been truly moving. At our [2024 Equity Gala](#), we gathered to celebrate the incredible journeys of immigrants, refugees, and asylees who've overcome so much to rebuild their lives here. Hearing stories like Amal Khalifa's — who arrived with just \$400 and a fierce will to survive — reminded me why we do this work. It's about helping people like Amal find their footing, so they can thrive and share their gifts with the world.

Shortly after the Gala, I attended the [Clinton Global Initiative's 2024 Annual Meeting](#), where Upwardly Global, in partnership with Hispanic Federation, announced our Commitment to Action: to transform and uplift the financial security of newly arrived Latinx workers. The transformative partnership will extend vital career services to 1,000 immigrant job seekers nationwide, equipping them with the tools to succeed in an increasingly digital world and drive economic growth. Standing in that room, surrounded by global leaders working to solve some of the world's toughest challenges, I felt the weight of our mission more than ever before.

To everyone who joined us at the Gala, and to those who continue to support our work from afar — thank you. We're building a future where every immigrant's story has the opportunity for a new beginning. Onward, together!

With gratitude,



Jina Krause-Vilmar
CEO and President

Celebrating the Start of Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 marks the start of Hispanic Heritage Month!

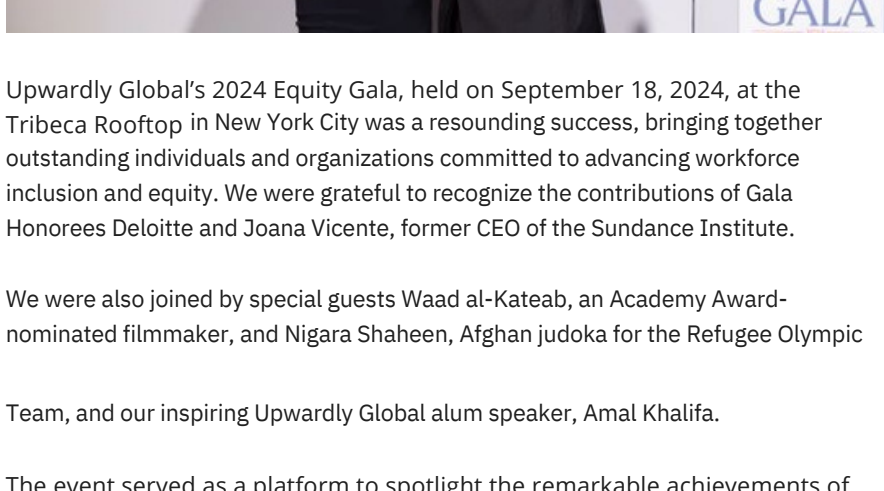
In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Upwardly Global is proud to honor the rich contributions of the Hispanic and Latinx communities to our society and economy. This month, we are shining a spotlight on the inspiring stories of our Hispanic and Latinx alumni who have navigated the challenges of starting anew in the U.S. View their stories:

- [Vanessa](#), Anesthesiologist from Venezuela
- [Juan](#), Advertising Professional from Colombia
- [Carlos](#), Chemical Engineer from Venezuela

And through our recent partnership with Hispanic Federation, [announced at the Clinton Global Initiative](#), we aim to empower newly arrived Latinx professionals through essential career resources and training. Together, we aim to enhance financial stability and facilitate skill development, ensuring that these professionals can thrive in their new communities.

[Read more about our partnership with Hispanic Federation.](#)

2024 Equity Gala Elevates Immigrant and Refugee Contributions to the Workforce



Upwardly Global's 2024 Equity Gala, held on September 18, 2024, at the Tribeca Rooftop in New York City was a resounding success, bringing together outstanding individuals and organizations committed to advancing workforce inclusion and equity. We were grateful to recognize the contributions of Gala Honorees Deloitte and Joana Vicente, former CEO of the Sundance Institute.

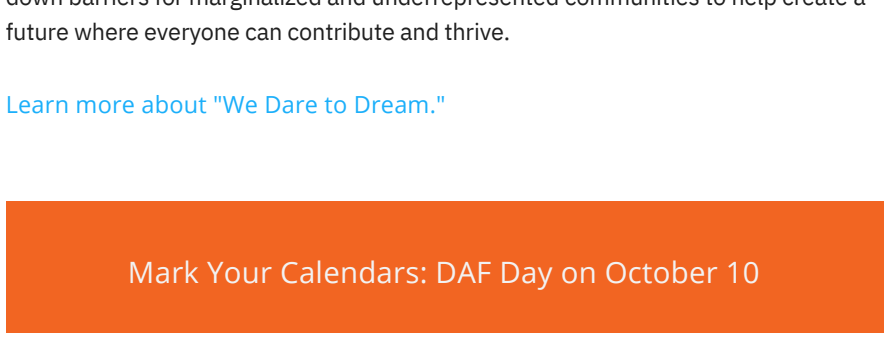
We were also joined by special guests Waad al-Kateab, an Academy Award-nominated filmmaker, and Nigara Shaheen, Afghan judoka for the Refugee Olympic

Team, and our inspiring Upwardly Global alum speaker, Amal Khalifa.

The event served as a platform to spotlight the remarkable achievements of Upwardly Global's immigrant and refugee community, as well as the organizations that make inclusion and equity central to their culture. And by attending and supporting the Gala, guests became a part of a movement that seeks to dismantle employment barriers and create pathways for highly skilled individuals to thrive in the U.S. workforce and in their communities.

[Read more about the 2024 Equity Gala.](#)

Upwardly Global Hosts Exclusive Screening Event of Critically Acclaimed Documentary "We Dare to Dream"



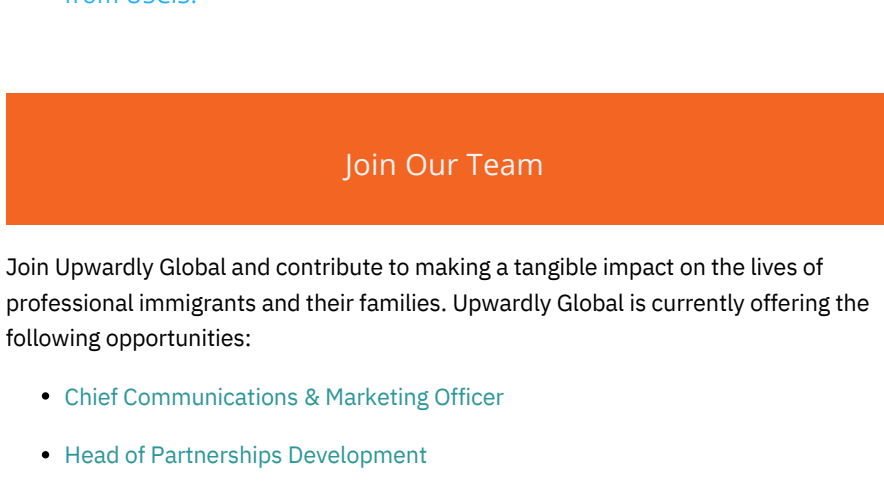
As prelude to the 2024 Equity Gala, a special screening of "We Dare to Dream" was held the night before at the Tribeca Screening Room. This powerful documentary, directed by Gala special guest Waad al-Kateab, follows the journey of five refugee athletes competing for a place in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The screening was followed by a panel discussion — moderated by Patrick Harrison, film professional at FRANK PR — featuring Waad al-Kateab; Joana Vicente; Jina Krause-Vilmar, President and CEO of Upwardly Global; and Aizzah Fatima, actor and filmmaker.

The discussion delved into the importance of lifting up diverse voices and breaking down barriers for marginalized and underrepresented communities to help create a future where everyone can contribute and thrive.

[Learn more about "We Dare to Dream."](#)

Mark Your Calendars: DAF Day on October 10



Did you know that over \$234 billion sits in donor-advised funds (DAF) across the country? Upwardly Global is excited to announce our participation in the very first DAF Day on October 10, 2024! As a DAF Day launch partner, we invite you to [sign up today](#).

DAF Day is a new kind of giving day that reframes how donor-advised funds are used and who uses them. If you have a DAF, don't let your funds gather dust. Instead, consider a DAF gift to Upwardly Global and invest in the potential of newcomers restarting their careers in the U.S. With our new DAFpay option, it's easy to connect to your DAF account and recommend how much (and how often) you

want to distribute charitable gifts to Upwardly Global. [Donate directly on our website in 15 seconds with just three clicks.](#)

[Learn more about DAF Day.](#)

In Immigration News

- USCIS announced a 36-month extension for green card renewals, effective September 10, 2024. Lawful permanent residents who file Form I-90 to renew their expiring or expired green cards may receive this extension. [Read more from USCIS.](#)

Join Our Team

Join Upwardly Global and contribute to making a tangible impact on the lives of professional immigrants and their families. Upwardly Global is currently offering the following opportunities:

- [Chief Communications & Marketing Officer](#)
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- [Digital Marketing Manager](#)
- [Staff Accountant- NY](#)
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