

Dear Friend,

No matter what you've heard, the reality is this: Immigrants are refueling American communities. Our new report, "[Building Community and Fueling Growth: The Role of Immigrants in Reviving the Great Lakes Region](#)," highlights how immigrants are driving economic progress in the Great Lakes region — creating jobs, stabilizing housing markets, and providing critical talent to key industries like manufacturing and healthcare.

But their impact goes far beyond economic growth. As homeowners, entrepreneurs, and leaders, they strengthen our social fabric and create brighter futures for all Americans. In cities like Detroit — where we partner with incredible local organizations like [Global Detroit](#) — we see firsthand how their talent and determination revitalize entire neighborhoods. With the right support in place, immigrants can seamlessly contribute to the vibrancy of their communities.

This is why we're expanding our reach, working alongside local partners to make a difference in communities nationwide. I encourage you to read and share the report widely within your networks — sharing these stories is the first step toward building a more inclusive, thriving future for all.

All the best,



Jina Krause-Vilmar
CEO and President

Join Us: Upwardly Global's Post-Election Public Board Meeting

→ JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

ELECTION 2024: Upwardly Global's Strategy for Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Communities

→ November 14, 2024, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET



Led by
JINA KRAUSE-VILMAR
President and CEO, Upwardly Global



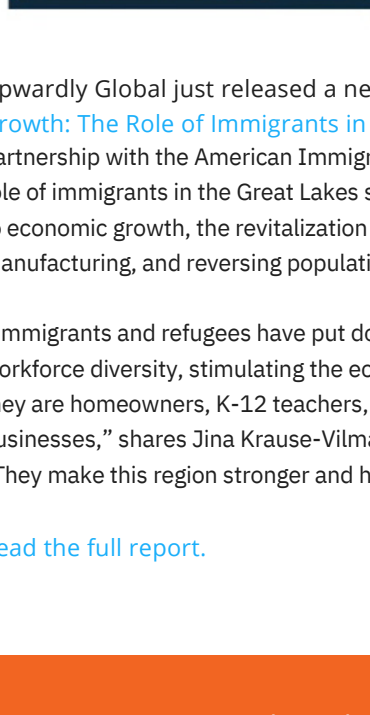
As November approaches, voting is more important than ever. We encourage everyone to exercise this right and make their voice heard on November 5th!

At Upwardly Global, we're ready for the election season and know that there is critical work ahead. Join us on November 14, 2024, for a special public Board Meeting where we'll explore the topic "[Election 2024: Upwardly Global's Strategy for Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Communities](#)." This session will feature our President and CEO, Jina Krause-Vilmar, and Board Chair, Tammi Ling, as they discuss the election's impact on our community and Upwardly Global's response.

Tune in to discover how we're continuing to support job seekers and build inclusive communities where everyone has the chance to thrive.

[Register for Upwardly Global's public Board Meeting.](#)

Upwardly Global Publishes New Report on Great Lakes Region Revitalization



NEW REPORT!

Building Community and Fueling Growth: The Role of Immigrants in Reviving the Great Lakes Region

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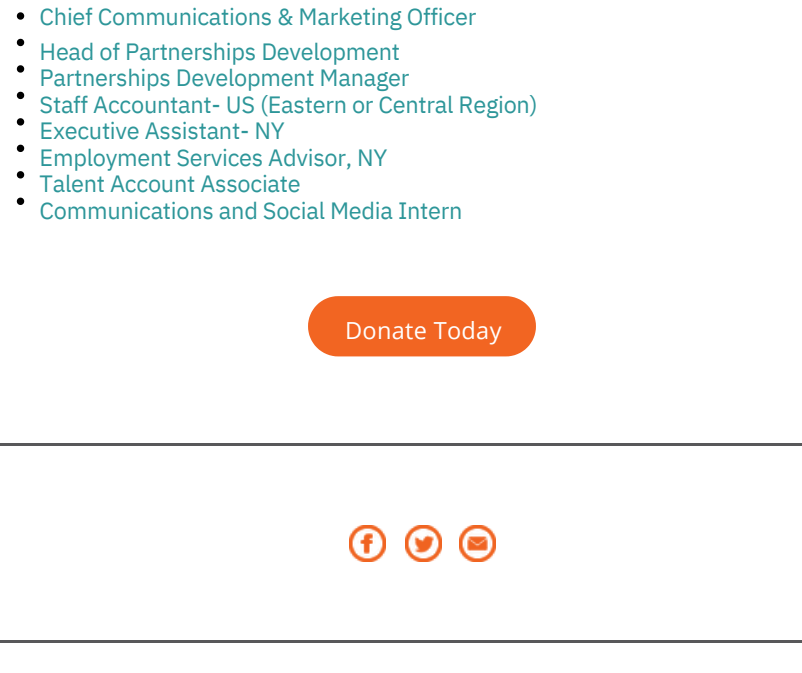


Upwardly Global just released a new report, "[Building Community and Fueling Growth: The Role of Immigrants in Reviving the Great Lakes Region](#)," in partnership with the American Immigration Council (AIC). The report examines the role of immigrants in the Great Lakes states, showcasing their positive contributions to economic growth, the revitalization of key industries such as healthcare and manufacturing, and reversing population decline.

"Immigrants and refugees have put down roots in the Great Lakes region, bringing workforce diversity, stimulating the economy, and paying taxes. But more than that, they are homeowners, K-12 teachers, local government staff, and creators of small businesses," shares Jina Krause-Vilmar, President and CEO of Upwardly Global. "They make this region stronger and hold decision-making power at the ballot box."

[Read the full report.](#)

Job seeker spotlight: Ayo



Ayo,
Upwardly Global Alum
and Physician from Nigeria

Ayo's journey to becoming a doctor in the U.S. is a testament to perseverance and the power of inclusive legislation.

Growing up in a rural Nigerian community plagued by high infant-mortality rates, Ayo was inspired to pursue medicine to provide critical care to mothers and families. This passion led her to pursuing medical school in the Caribbean, followed by clinical rotations in Chicago, where she met her husband.

In 2017, she moved to Chicago for love. However, like many international medical graduates, Ayo encountered barriers in the residency matching process, despite a critical physician shortage in the country, leaving nearly 90 million Americans without access to one. "Even though I was fully licensed back home, it was irrelevant here. I had to start from scratch," shares Ayo.

Undeterred, Ayo refused to give up on her lifelong dream. Upon connecting with Upwardly Global, she secured a position as a medical assistant and benefited from a unique policy in Missouri that allowed her to operate as a licensed Assistant Physician working under a fully licensed doctor. In 2022, she was finally accepted into a residency program at Cook County Health.

Ayo's story highlights the critical need for more inclusive policies across the United States. Illinois is leading the way with [new legislation that will create pathways for IMGs like Ayo to practice medicine](#). This Upwardly Global-backed initiative could serve as a model for other states facing similar shortages.

"This was seven years of my life that I kept trying, kept going back," she says. "It just goes to show, nothing is impossible." Her story underscores the untapped potential of IMGs and the positive impact of breaking down barriers in the medical field.

[Revisit her journey on the Upwardly Global website](#) and [read her full updated story in our new report with AIC](#).

Start a Fall Tradition With Upwardly Global



Is your candy bowl ready for Halloween? This fall, add something truly sweet by starting a new tradition with Upwardly Global. [Join our Welcome Society as a monthly donor](#) and support immigrant and refugee professionals rebuilding their lives in the U.S.

As a Welcome Society member, your monthly gift will create a year-round ripple effect, providing job seekers essential support — job search tools, re/upskilling, career coaching, certifications, and employer connections — guiding them from economic scarcity to economic resilience.

{{Recipient.FirstName}}, let's make this Halloween about more than treats. [Start your monthly gift today and help build a brighter future for all.](#)

Upwardly Global Launches Resume Builder, Powered by AI



NEW UPWARDLY GLOBAL RESUME BUILDER, POWERED BY AI

- ✓ Enhanced user experience
- ✓ "Finalization" feature
- ✓ Real-time collaboration
- ✓ Boosted success rates
- ✓ Improved productivity and organized workflow

Upwardly Global is investing in AI capabilities to empower job seekers with tools like our new AI-powered Resume Builder! This tool helps immigrant job seekers create and customize U.S.-style resumes, optimized cover letters, and LinkedIn profiles with ease. With intuitive navigation and real-time feedback from career coaches, you'll get a polished application package that stands out in today's job market.

Available on the Upwardly Global Learning platform for enrolled job seekers, with expanded access to partner organizations in mid-November. Ask your job coach or account manager for more information.

Join Our Team

Join us and help impact the lives of professional immigrants and their families. Upwardly Global is currently offering the following opportunities:

- Chief Communications & Marketing Officer
- Head of Partnerships Development
- Partnerships Development Manager
- Staff Accountant- US (Eastern or Central Region)
- Executive Assistant- NY
- Employment Services Advisor, NY
- Talent Account Associate
- Communications and Social Media Intern

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