

ECDC NEWS

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ECDC Welcomes Deloitte Volunteers For 'Make-Over' on IMPACT Day

More than 90 employees of Deloitte & Touche USA LLP (Deloitte) converged on the national headquarters of the Ethiopian Community Development Council at 901 South Highland Street in Arlington, Virginia on June 8 as part of Deloitte's 8th annual IMPACT day, immediately launching a facility upgrade project that included painting walls, installing shelving and performing other tasks.

Deloitte's IMPACT Day is conducted annually as a one-day example of the organization's year-round commitment to volunteer service. The "make-over" project at ECDC is one of more than 500 similar initiatives in more than 70 different communities nationwide, according to Deloitte officials.

Part of the space being renovated at ECDC provides incubator services for other non-profit start-ups, said ECDC President Tsehaye Teferra, expressing "profound gratitude for the in-kind contributions the Deloitte employees are making to our organization." In addition to the physical improvements to the building, other volunteers engaged in receiving, sorting and cataloging donations received by ECDC to help low-income refugees and immigrants in the Arlington area.

ECDC is a community-based organization established in 1983 to promote cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland. It is one of 10 national agencies authorized by the Department of State to resettle refugees and operates four branch offices and provides technical and information support for a network of 14 affiliated mutual assistance associations located in major cities around the nation.

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