

# BREAKING BOUNDARIES

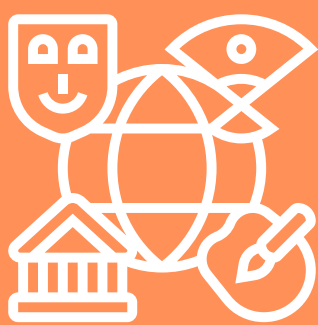
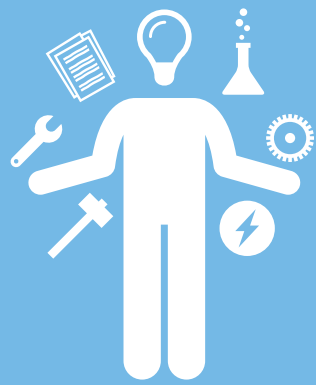
# CONTRIBUTIONS OF

# MIGRANTS

A MERCY RESPONSE TO PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

## SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Both low- and high-wage migrant workers bring skills and knowledge to fill labor shortages, addressing market needs and facilitating increased productivity in key sectors. Migrants and refugees also bring new ideas and ways of thinking, contributing to innovation and entrepreneurship.



## CULTURAL RICHNESS

Migrants and refugees share new foods, music, habits, traditions and beliefs with their new neighbors. Resilient, creative and hopeful, they have undertaken challenging journeys to build better lives, not only for themselves, but for their children and their communities.

## ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

"I want to become a productive citizen of Australia, a person helping other people in this country that offers so much to me and I want to be a person who will leave a positive mark in this world."

Fadi, Iraqi refugee in Australia



## INSPIRATION & SUPPORT

"Being a Sister of Mercy is an amazing gift as through these many years of ministry a bit on the fringes we have been encouraged, loved, and supported. We are grateful to God, the Mercy Community and our immigrant sisters and brothers."

Pat Murphy rsm & JoAnn Persch rsm, United States

## TAKE ACTION!

- Reflect on the ways that migrants & refugees enrich your life. What products do you use, what cuisines & music do you enjoy, and what relationships do you have that are thanks to migrants and refugees?
- Advocate for policies that enable migrants to contribute fully to the social, economic, and political lives of your country/community.

