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NEWS RELEASE

Catholic Charities Atlanta Welcomes Department of State Site Visit

On Thursday June 24th, <u>2021</u> representatives from the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and the Department of State visited Atlanta for a site visit in honor of World Refugee Day 2021. Essence Vinson, the Resettlement Director at Catholic Charities Atlanta (CCA), led the visitors on a tour of the Refugee Services Office. The participants then discussed CCA's services and programming.

Notable guests in attendance:

- Brian McKeon, Deputy Secretary of State
- Nancy Izzo-Jackson, Senior Bureau Official, PRM
- Holly Herrera, Program Officer for Domestic Resettlement, PRM

Co-Facilitators:

- Essence Vinson, Resettlement Director, Catholic Charities of Atlanta
- Bahadur Subba, Resettlement Manager, Catholic Charities of Atlanta
- Justin Howell, Executive Director, The IRC in Atlanta, Miami & Tallahassee; Co-Chair of the Georgia Coalition of Refugee Stakeholders

About Catholic Charities Atlanta (CCA)

Catholic Charities Atlanta provides supportive services that enable families to overcome barriers and achieve self-sufficiency. We provide a holistic combination of accredited social services and offer those services for the unique circumstances of the people we serve. We value the dignity and individuality of each person, compassionate service, advocating for social justice, and a partnership with the community, including the Archdiocese and its parishes.

For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org.