



2023

IMPACT REPORT

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My parents struggled to learn English when they arrived. The fact that I can help other refugees by teaching is amazing.

Ronette - Volunteer Teacher



# Message from our Founder

As the founder and Executive Director of Felt Education, I am proud to present our impact report for the past year. It has been a year of growth and global challenges, but through it all our community thrived and grown.

This year we welcomed teachers based on five continents, and students from around the world, while still maintaining our local base. The richness of our community warms my heart and I am proud to be part of it.

It is incredible to me to see the love and support that our community has created. I am proud of every student and every volunteer. I am also proud of all our supporters, you help us open doors, and your support is seen.

Thank you.

Caroline

# MEET MAKI

Maki fled her war-torn homeland in Rwanda in search of safety and a better future. She endured unimaginable violence and loss, but her determination to survive and find a place where she could rebuild her life kept her going.

Maki's life took a positive turn when she discovered Felt Education, an organization dedicated to helping refugees like her learn English and integrate into their new communities. With the support of Felt Education, Maki began attending English classes and quickly made progress. She found joy in connecting with fellow students from different backgrounds, sharing stories, and learning about their cultures. Maki's journey from a place of fear and uncertainty to a place of happiness, safety, and growth is a testament to the resilience and strength of refugees, and the transformative power of education and community support.

I feel powerful now. My English is stronger. I am stronger.

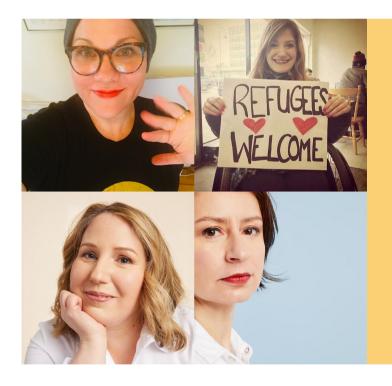


### BY THE NUMBERS









# PROGRAMS 5 VOLUNTEER HOURS 13307

The quality of our volunteers is unmatched. Our teachers are highly qualified and leaders in their fields. We are lucky and appreciate their expertise to guide us and have a real impact on our community.

## **GLOBAL REACH**



Ukraine

Sudan

DR Congo

Panama

Chad

Saudi Arabia

Libya

Iran

Iraq

Turkmenistan

Dominican Republic

**Ecuador** 

Peru

Morocco

Rwanda

**Oman** 

**Palestine** 

France

Mexico

Guatemala

Japan

China

El Salvador

Venezuela

Colombia

Syria

Yemen

Brazil

Uganda

Senegal

**Honduras** 

Chile

**Bolivia** 

Guyana

Azerbaijin

Russia

Nicaragua

Costa Rica

Cuba

Haiti

Eygpt

Ethiopia

Ivory Coast

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Bukina Faso

Algeria

Turkey

Mali

Somalia

Guinea

Guinea-Basseu

Serbia

Czech Republic

Mongolia

Nepal





# Message from our Chairperson

Now in it's eighth year, I've watched as Felt programs continue to expand - adding students, teachers, and volunteers from across the globe. Felt Education has truly become a global endeavor to provide free trauma-informed education, build community (not walls!), and empower students to realize their dreams.

In 2023, our supporters helped raise over \$33,000 in funds that went 100% towards programming for over 1,629 students and 55 volunteer teachers, administrators, and classroom assistants. Felt Education operates on a 100% volunteer basis to provide trauma informed education to build vibrant communities for our students. Without the dedication of our volunteers and supporters, we could not have grown the way that we have!

#### Kudos to each of you, and thank you for all that you do!

As we step into 2024, the Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that Felt Education remains a source of empowerment for our communities around the globe. This year, as program needs continue to outgrow our capacity, we're looking at initiatives that will strengthen Felt's fiscal and operational sustainability, scale our programs, invest in our volunteers, and expand the reach of our exceptional team of educators.

We invite you to consider how you might be involved at Felt as we prepare for exponential growth!

Rebecca

It takes a village, and you are our village.



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HUGE THANK YOU to our individual donors.
We would love to name you all, but we also know some of you prefer to remain private.

WE SEE YOU and WE THANK YOU.

## WHAT IS NEXT?

This year we are increasing our outreach to include more time zones and classes.

New programs in 2024:

- Financial Literacy
- Literacy
- Wellness
- Citizenship
- Coding

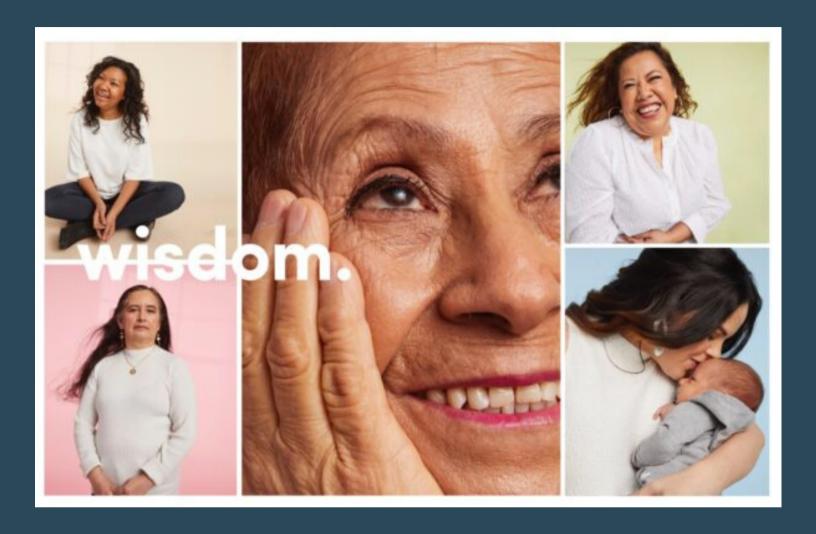
Partnerships: UNIS, NYU Survivors of Torture Program, Cambridge University Press, JFSS.org

...And so much more!

Oh the places we will go.....



#### Want to be involved?



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Join us on our journey to build communities, not walls.







