Thank You for making Chicago the #1 most welcoming city in the U.S. for refugees and immigrants!

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR REFUGEES FLEEING WAR, TERROR, AND PERSECUTION TO BUILD NEW LIVES OF SAFETY, DIGNITY, AND SELF-RELIANCE.
This year, Chicago was named the most welcoming city in the U.S.*

This wouldn’t be possible without people like you, dedicated to helping our new neighbors succeed. And your gifts to RefugeeOne do more than just welcome refugees—you’re creating opportunities for years to come.

This year, we expanded our services and widened the circle of clients we serve. That means we’re able to help asylees like Marguerite, who entered the country in search of asylum, while continuing to help refugees like Michael take advantage of opportunities now available to them.

Of course, the past year was not one without challenges. Early in 2019, when the lease on our office of 34 years was not renewed, we started the search for a new home. Much like always, we’re using this opportunity to improve our operations and strengthen our long-term financial stability. Stay tuned for more information in the year to come.

Thank you for standing with refugees. Together, we can ensure Chicago lives up to its reputation of being a place where refugees are truly welcome.

With thanks,

Melineh Kano,
Executive Director
Resettled by RefugeeOne in 1984

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of our work to welcome refugees & asylees into Chicago. Together, we have made a difference!

LOOK WHAT WE’VE DONE TOGETHER!

301 arrivals
301 Refugees & Asylees welcomed from 57 countries, including these top 5:
  - Democratic Republic of Congo
  - Burma
  - Afghanistan
  - Central African Republic
  - Ukraine

225 employment
225 attended English classes & prepared to enter the workforce

260 jobs secured at local businesses

468 youth
468 children supported with academics, educational advocacy, & extracurriculars

247 wellness
247 adults & children received therapy

73% experienced improved mental health

579 immigration
579 people became citizens or received immigration support

920 volunteers
920 volunteered as co-sponsors, mentors, tutors, & more

*USA Today 11/13/2019.
Marguerite† and her four children were victims of gang violence in Latin America before coming to Chicago. After she and her two youngest children were granted asylum in the U.S., Marguerite’s two teenage sons soon joined them. As a result of the violence they witnessed, one of her sons suffered from severe PTSD, making it impossible for Marguerite to maintain full-time work.

Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, we’ve helped Marguerite’s family find low-cost legal assistance to process her older children's asylum claims and secure green cards for the whole family. We’re providing them with therapeutic and psychiatric care and we matched Marguerite with a wonderful mentor who visits her weekly. We also helped secure monthly public benefits, food stamps, and short-term help with utility bills.

Now, Marguerite doesn’t have to worry about rent for the next few months or how she’ll come up with money to pay the immigration fees. With her son receiving the care he needs, we can help Marguerite pursue her own dream of becoming a social worker.

Michael and his teenage son are Iranian refugees who RefugeeOne welcomed in 2016. Michael soon started working at a downtown hotel, where he focused on improving his English skills. After only 8 months, Michael saved enough to purchase a car and began driving for Uber for the next 2 years. Meanwhile, he volunteered at RefugeeOne as an interpreter, helping welcome other newcomers to Chicago.

During our regular check-in with clients, Michael told us he was thinking about leaving Chicago for a more affordable place to live. We met with Michael and talked through the advantages of staying in Chicago, especially for his son’s education. With our help, Michael revamped his resume and began applying for higher-paying jobs with benefits.

In time, his persistence paid off. He was hired at Staples’ production facility making $16 an hour with health insurance, sick leave and paid vacation time. Michael attributes our conversation as the encouragement he needed to obtain a better job and motivation to resume his job search.

GET INVOLVED!

VISIT REFUGEEONE.ORG TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP REFUGEES FEEL AT HOME!

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†Name and photo changed.
AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:
JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

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The Board of Directors allocated $500,000 of unrestricted surplus toward the purchase and renovation of our future home. Full financials are available upon request by contacting our office.

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- Higher Path Foundation (Thomas Holmberg, Jr.)
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

$20,000 to $29,999 (cont.)

- Murray and Diana Johnson Charitable Fund
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- Abreu Shepard Family Fund (Luke Shepard & Nicole Abreu Shepard)
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- Jake Braun & Jena Sleboda Braun
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- Chicago Foundation for Women (General Fund)
- Robert & Kelley Dunn

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- American Care for Refugees
- ALCAS
- AMOS Project
- ArtZee
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Chicago Community Trust
- Chicago Lawn Chamber of Commerce
- Chicago Lawn Civic Association
- Chicago Jewish Community Foundation
- Chicago Law Center
- Chicago Medical Society
- Chicago Women’s Alliance
- Children’s First Aid
- Chicago Women’s Alliance
- Christ Church
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- Tyson
- SCRUB Inc.
- Resource Employment Solutions
- Georgia’s