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2 YEARS
23 COUNTRIES
1065 REFUGEES

BIENNIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015 & 2016
DEAR FRIENDS,

Today, during the worst refugee crisis in recent history, we are grateful to you for welcoming refugees fleeing war, terror, and persecution to Chicago. After rigorous screenings, refugees come here to learn English, find jobs, and help their children attain brighter futures.

YOU make that possible. As a RefugeeOne donor, volunteer, or co-sponsor, you help these resilient refugees rebuild their lives.

In Fiscal Year 2015, our state funding was eliminated for English classes, mental health services, computer classes, and citizenship preparation — all essential resources for refugees to fully integrate and contribute to American society.

Thanks to your support, we faced these challenges with resilience. With an incredible surge in volunteers, increased support from new and old foundation partners, and donations from individuals like you, we are able to continue offering a full range of quality services. You have made it possible to add wrap-around services, like a school orientation for recently arrived refugee students and youth mental health services.

Thank you for being part of a community that not only welcomes refugees, but embraces them. We are profoundly grateful for your support.

Melineh Kano, Executive Director

Resettled by RefugeeOne in 1984

“America has been a much better place for my family. Now my children are happy. They go to school – they never went before. Because of RefugeeOne, I know it will only get much better.”

Fatema Binti Halim, from Burma
WELCOMED 490 REFUGEES AT O’HARE

TEACHES ENGLISH TO 250 ADULTS

SECURED 257 JOBS FOR REFUGEES WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

HELPED 453 REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS BECOME LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS & AMERICAN CITIZENS

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT HERE.
In America, I have the right to work and the right to improve my life. My children are getting a good education.

Charles Safari with wife Goudie, from Congo, employed 1+ years at Five Star Laundry.

WELCOMEED 575 REFUGEES TO CHICAGO

PROVIDED 505 CHILDREN WITH ACADEMIC SUPPORT SCHOOL ADVOCACY & YEAR-ROUND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SOURCE OF FUNDS TOTAL $3,164,375

USE OF FUNDS

- Program Services 87%
- Fundraising Management/General 9%
- Religious Organizations 4%
- Foundations & Corporations 3%
- Individual 11%
- Client Fees 6%
- Other 1%

USE OF FUNDS TOTAL $3,380,366

SOURCE OF FUNDS TOTAL $3,816,992

USE OF FUNDS

- Program Services 85%
- Fundraising Management/General 9%
- Religious Organizations 6%
- Foundations & Corporations 57%
- Individual 17%
- Client Fees 4%
- Other <1%

THANKS TO SUPPORT FROM DONORS LIKE YOU, REFUGEEONE...

PARTNERED WITH 1,000+ VOLUNTEERS TO HELP REFUGEES INTEGRATE INTO AMERICAN SOCIETY

CELEBRATED 5 YEARS OF PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR REFUGEES

There are so many awful things in the world and you might feel like you can’t make a difference. But if you impact one person, one family—that makes a world of a difference to them.

Susan Yarick, tutor, (pictured with Shahed, from Syria)

Full financials are available upon request by contacting our office.

NOTE: Graphs will be used to support word counts of refugees arriving at FY16 and to build a savings fund with 3 months operating expenses.

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, JULY 1, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, JULY 1, 2014, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015:

SOURCE OF FUNDS TOTAL $3,290,950

USE OF FUNDS

- Program Services 63%
- Fundraising Management/General 16%
- Religious Organizations 11%
- Foundations & Corporations 6%
- Individual 3%
- Other <1%

87%
GET INVOLVED!

1 DONATE: Refugees arrive in the U.S. with little more than the clothes in their suitcase. Help ensure they have what they need.

2 VOLUNTEER: Help refugees succeed by tutoring a child, mentoring an adult, practicing English, or volunteering in our office.

3 HIRE A REFUGEE: Refugees are driven to succeed. Allow us to refer qualified candidates for your job openings.

4 CO-SPONSOR A FAMILY: Be the first friendly face to greet a family at O’Hare. Provide friendship, support, and financial assistance for their first 6 months.
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INDIVIDUALS

FY2015

$25,000 and Above
Anonymous
David & Rebecca Carlins
Terrance K. & Virginia R. Holt (Full Circle Family Foundation)
The William & Laurie Conroy Fund

$20,000 – $24,999
Murray & Diana Johnson Charitable Fund

$10,000 – $19,999
Steven J. & Maureen E. Meyer
Nicholas D. & Robbin C. Schoewe*
William & Marianne To

$5,000 – $9,999
Anonymous (2)
James L. Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek
Gidon & Hilary Cohen
Morris Gershengorin
Adam J. Gleich & Sarah Poole (Gleich-Osowski Charitable Fund)
Ayman & Nadeya Khalil
Klaff Family Foundation
McCall Family Foundation
Hartwig & Anne Zakin*

FY2016

$25,000 and Above
Anonymous
Terrance K. & Virginia R. Holt (Full Circle Family Foundation)

FY2016 continued

$20,000 – $24,999
Anonymous
David & Rebecca Carlins
Steven J. & Maureen E. Meyer*
Murray & Diana Johnson Charitable Fund
Nicholas D. & Robbin C. Schoewe*

$10,000 – $19,999
Anonymous
The Daniel & Genevieve Ratner Foundation
Meredith C. George
William & Marianne To

$5,000 – $9,999
Anonymous
Allan Allweiss & Emily Corbett
James L. Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek
Nathan & Barb Brown
Robert E. & Kelley Dunn
Justin Hammond
Jennifer Hollis & George Bevis (Andreas Foundation)

TOP FOUNDATION AND CORPORATE PARTNERS

FY2015 & FY2016 COMBINED

$100,000 and Above
Polk Bros. Foundation

$75,000 – $99,999
The Chicago Community Trust
John W. Parmelee Trust

$50,000 – $74,999
Chicago Tribune Charities - Holiday Campaign, a McCormick Foundation fund
G.A. Ackermann Memorial Fund
Michael Reese Health Trust
Ravenswood Health Care Foundation

$25,000 – $49,999
Chicago Foundation for Women – General Fund and North Shore Giving Circle
First American Equities
The Maurice R. and Meta G. Gross Foundation

NATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

FY2015 & FY2016

Church World Service
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Episcopal Migration Ministries
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
City of Chicago, Department of Family and Support Services

TOP EMPLOYER PARTNERS

The Bruss Company
Resource Employment Solutions

51 EMPLOYEES | 39 EMPLOYEES | 35 EMPLOYEES

32 EMPLOYEES | 29 EMPLOYEES | 13 EMPLOYEES

*Gift given at least in part through charitable foundation, trust, etc.