

# refugeeONE





It is a privilege to share the results of the work you make possible. As a refugee myself, I know what a difference a caring individual or warm coat can make to someone new to the U.S. I also know the extraordinary relationships that form when people like you welcome refugees into their lives. I invite you become a mentor, organize a small group to co-sponsor a family, hire a refugee, or give a generous gift this year. Thank you for being part of a welcoming community.

  
Melineh Kano,  
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# get involved

1

**GIVE:** Refugees arrive in the U.S. with only the possessions they can carry. Help ensure they have what they need to succeed.

2

**VOLUNTEER:** One of the best ways refugees learn to navigate their new home is by meeting Americans. You can tutor a youth, mentor an adult, practice English, or volunteer in our office.

3

**HIRE A REFUGEE:** Give a refugee a chance to prove themselves in their first American job. We partner with local employers to refer and support qualified candidates.

4

**CO-SPONSOR A FAMILY:** This fun, intensive small group project includes furnishing and setting up an apartment, greeting the family at O'Hare, and raising funds to assist with emergencies.



After living in a refugee camp from age 6 to 26, Indra, a Bhutanese refugee, never imagined achieving the American dream. But he did, after only five years in the U.S. When he arrived in Chicago, RefugeeOne staff immediately recognized his language abilities (he speaks Nepali, Hindi, Dzongkha, and English), his kind heart, and his motivation to work hard. Within months, he was hired at RefugeeOne and within a year, he was promoted to case manager.

“RefugeeOne did everything for me – from preparing a home and helping me improve my English, to reuniting my parents, sister, and brother.” Today, Indra works for a retail clothing company and lives with his wife, daughter, and newborn son. They were overjoyed to become homeowners this winter.

Aminata was determined to do whatever possible to give her granddaughter, Mamayan, a good future after they fled war in Liberia. We helped 11-year-old Mamayan enroll at a high-performing school and matched her with a volunteer tutor. Then we helped Aminata find an evening job at Steppenwolf Theater so she could take her granddaughter to school every day. Aminata is proud to be working – but she is even more proud of Mamayan’s good grades and eagerness to learn.



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WELCOMED  
  
**447**  
 NEW ARRIVALS AT  
 O'HARE

Taught English to  
**280**  
 refugees, giving them  
 the most important  
 skill to become part  
 of American society.

SECURED **198**  
 JOBS FOR  
 REFUGEES  
 AT COMPANIES  
 LIKE ELI'S  
 CHEESECAKE,  
 LETTUCE  
 ENTERTAIN YOU,  
 HILTON HOTELS,  
 AND  
 STEPPENWOLF



ENGAGED  
 MORE THAN  
**400 VOLUNTEERS**  
 TO ASSIST REFUGEES  
 IN CHICAGO



HELPED  
**322**  
 CHILDREN EXCEL  
 AND GROW  
 BY PROVIDING  
 ACADEMIC  
 SUPPORT,  
 SCHOOL  
 ADVOCACY, AND  
 YEAR-ROUND  
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PROVIDED MENTAL  
 HEALTH CARE TO  
**132**  
 REFUGEES WHO  
 HAVE SURVIVED  
 HORRIFIC VIOLENCE



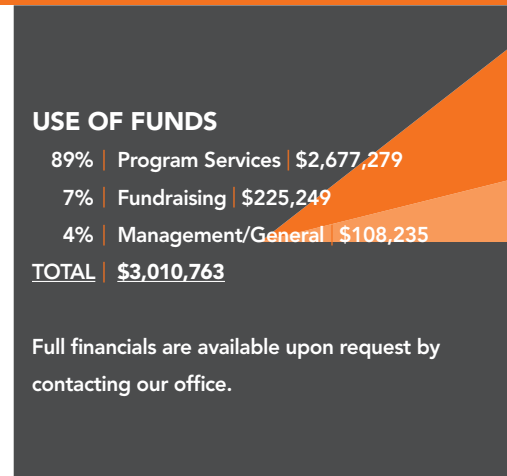
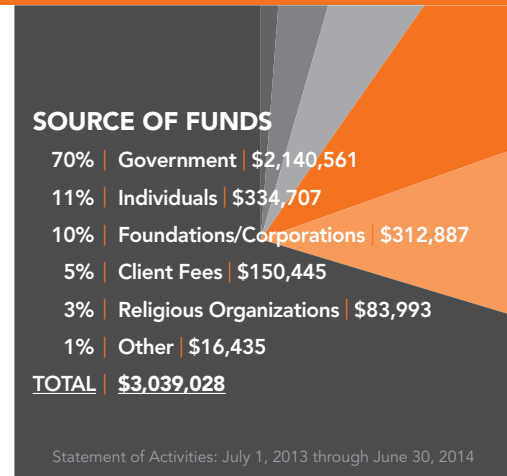
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PROUDLY HELPED  
**541 PEOPLE**  
 BECOME LEGAL  
 PERMANENT  
 RESIDENTS AND  
 AMERICAN CITIZENS

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|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Afghanistan                  | Eritrea     | Russia      |
| Albania                      | Ethiopia    | Rwanda      |
| Bagladesh                    | Ghana       | South Sudan |
| Belarus                      | Iran        | Somalia     |
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