WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE SERVED:

4,345 NEWCOMERS FROM 51 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING:

- AFGHANISTAN
- BURMA
- D.R. CONGO
- SYRIA
- UKRAINE
- AND MORE

THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS!

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CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR REFUGEES FLEEING WAR, TERROR, AND PERSECUTION TO BUILD NEW LIVES OF SAFETY, DIGNITY, AND SELF-RELIANCE.
Dear Friends,

The past year at RefugeeOne held incredible new achievements, despite the challenges that come with rapid growth. Your generosity made it possible.

We have now served an astounding 4,800+ Ukrainians seeking safety from war. This is alongside the rising number of refugee arrivals from around the globe and the dramatic expansion of our legal services team.

Even with the difficulty of finding affordable housing in Chicago, we ensured every new arrival had a welcoming place to call their own. Support from people like you helped cover newcomers’ rent while they found their footing: learning English, enrolling their children in school, finding their first job, and understanding life in a new country.

Through the dedicated work of our staff and volunteers – as well as valuable partnerships with employers, landlords, teachers, co-sponsors, donors, and others – we have seen lives transformed. Together, we celebrate the milestones refugees reached as they began providing for their families, working toward their goals, and becoming integral contributors to our community.

On behalf of the entire RefugeeOne team and the courageous newcomers we are privileged to serve, thank you for helping make these stories possible.

Melineh Kano, Executive Director
Armenian refugee from Iran
Resettled by RefugeeOne in 1984

LOOK HOW YOU’VE HELPED REFUGEES SUCCEED!

- 693 received legal support...
- 420 completed English classes
- 371 found jobs or job upgrades
- 202 benefited from therapy
- 117 free dental visits
- 521 youth supported & empowered
- 113 became new citizens
- 693 including 76 asylum applicants
- 1,338 volunteers engaged
Nazar was awoken from his sleep by the cry of air raid sirens. He and his wife Natalia came to the same terrible realization: war had come to Ukraine. Soon, they realized there was no finding safety from the bombs falling across the country. The couple, with their three children and Nazar’s parents, fled first to Poland, then found a new home here in Chicagoland.

When RefugeeOne welcomed his family, Nazar, a civil engineer, made it clear that his number one goal was to find work. With help from our employment program to craft a resume and make connections, he secured a steady job with benefits. RefugeeOne helped enroll his children in school and introduced a volunteer mentor to help his parents practice English at home.

Natalia, now feeling settled, says, “We were so worried about how we would get all we needed to live here. But when we arrived, it was all provided by RefugeeOne.”

Emerging from the conflict in Syria, Fawaz stood strong as he sought a brighter future for his family. A devoted father of three, he faced unimaginable challenges escaping a civil war to find safety for his family, including his disabled eldest daughter, Jana. The opportunity to rebuild their lives in Chicago changed their trajectory.

RefugeeOne warmly welcomed the family with a co-sponsorship team who would walk alongside them as they adjusted to life here. We enrolled all three children in school, and connected Jana with various medical and behavioral resources. This support allowed the rest of the family to pursue their own goals – Fawaz finding a job, his wife Alaa attending English class, and their other kids attending our After-School Program.

Reflecting on his journey to Chicago, Fawaz says, “Things are hard, but what makes me strong is my responsibility towards my family, especially Jana. She’s my biggest motivation.”

GET INVOLVED!

Visit refugeeone.org to learn how you can help refugees feel at home!

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TOP FIVE EMPLOYER PARTNERS

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Full financials are available upon request by contacting our office. $1.3M surplus includes purpose/time-restricted funds including for capital campaign. Unrestricted surplus will be used to extend services to an increasing number of refugees arriving in FY24 and reduce debt on new headquarters.

This summary excludes capital campaign gifts.