

# 2021 Annual Report

Friends  
of Refugees



11

countries are represented among our staff

Connected with  
**1846**  
individuals through our programs

Connected with  
**463**  
volunteers moving forward together into 2022

**125,000**  
Refugees expected to arrive in U.S. in 2022

32

staff from Immigrant and Refugee backgrounds last year.

**10x**  
MORE than 2021



## EXCITING TIMES FOR EMBRACE

"My mother birthed me once, but Embrace has birthed me anew again," shared one of the 80 moms we worked with this year. Emory Decatur Hospital featured Embrace in a scientific article, reporting a 48% lower chance of labor induction.

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

Last fall, Friends of Refugees far surpassed our campaign goal and raised more than \$650,000 for our work in welcoming New Americans. In light of the dramatically increased Refugee cap (10x more Refugees may be resettled compared to 2020), we wanted to scale up our capacity to welcome many New Americans. We are proud to report that with your support, we are able to do just that!

## AFGHANISTAN DEVELOPMENTS

The ongoing situation in Afghanistan has been heartbreaking for so many within our community and beyond. Thanks to the dedication of our partners and advocates, we leapt into action supporting Afghan colleagues, community members, and new arrivals as they seek to reestablish daily life.

## JOLLY AVENUE GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

Our Jolly Avenue Garden continued to thrive even with the changes 2021 brought along! Uplifted by our garden staff and over 150 volunteers, we continued to offer safe and consistent programs to all. We had field trips, cooking demonstrations, and 60+ weekly professional development sessions and meetings. "The garden welcomes everyone," said a Growing Leader who graduated this year.



## FAMILY LITERACY IN-PERSON AGAIN

After a year and a half of virtual classes, we were thrilled to welcome students back to RFL! With COVID safeguards continued, our classrooms were filled with mothers and children engaging in interactive lessons. Over 230 students from 22 countries had ESOL/citizenship and early childhood classes feeling as vibrant and joyful as ever!



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of refugees flourishing through relationship, empowerment, and stewardship

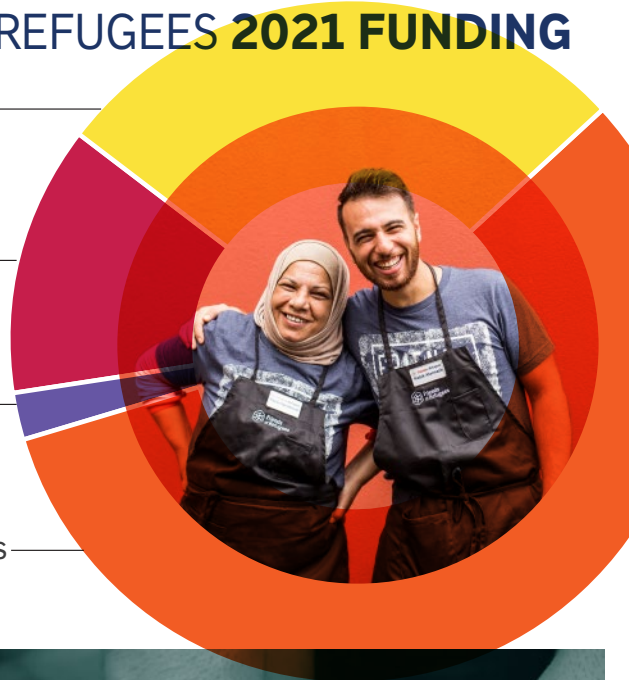
## FRIENDS OF REFUGEES 2021 FUNDING

Foundation —  
28%

Churches/NPOs —  
12.7%

Board Members —  
3%

Individual Donations —  
57%



## Meet Jeff Teas



With some of the actions and rhetoric encountered by Refugees, Jeff

could not simply stand by and watch. Since becoming a volunteer and donor with us, he has impacted dozens of lives while also feeling transformed himself. "I have connected with people vastly different from me just by being present and human. I am a lot more humble and grateful now." We are grateful for you, Jeff!

## 2021 SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

All Souls Fellowship  
 Apostolic Christian Church - Indiana  
 Atlanta Botanical Garden  
 Atlanta Foundation  
 Betty and Davis Fitzgerald Foundation  
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 Campbell Foundation  
 CDC Foundation  
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 Clarkston Community Center  
 Community Foundation  
 Creature Comforts  
 Decatur Rotary Foundation  
 Dekalb County Board of Education  
 Dollar General Literacy Foundation  
 Emory - Dekalb Hospital  
 Emory University  
 Ethne Health  
 Food Well Alliance  
 Georgia Department of Public Health  
 Georgia Power Company  
 Georgia State University  
 Global Growers Network

Global Philanthropy Partnership  
 Goizueta Foundation  
 Goizueta School of Business  
 Grace Jones Richardson Trust  
 Indian Creek Elementary School  
 International Rescue Committee  
 Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta  
 Kairos Church  
 Latino Community Fund  
 MASCO Corporation  
 McKendree United Methodist Church  
 McMaster-Carr Supply Company  
 Memorial Drive Ministries  
 North Point Ministries  
 Perimeter Church  
 Price Gilbert Jr Charitable Fund  
 Purisolve  
 Refugee Women's Alliance  
 Rollins School of Public Health  
 Route 78 Coffee Co.  
 Scott Hudgens Family Foundation, Inc  
 Smoke Rise Baptist Church  
 The Imlay Foundation  
 three  
 United Way Worldwide  
 Wells Fargo Foundation



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