



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

OUR *Mission*

To help refugees build abundant new lives in America

OUR *Vision*

New Americans flourishing as our neighbors and friends



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How we helped in 2025

Due to rapidly evolving federal policies, 2025 brought significant challenges to the refugee community, particularly through disruptions to previously reliable social support benefits. In response, Friends provided temporary assistance to families we serve who were facing food and housing insecurity. At a time when many refugee organizations were forced to reduce staff and scale back services, we were grateful to remain fully staffed, maintain all of our programs, and expand support to families in need. This was made possible by the tireless dedication and generosity of our staff, volunteers, and donors across the city—thank you!



Friends of Refugees

Language & Literacy



Opening educational, social, and economic opportunities through literacy.

Learning English opens doors to education, relationships, and job opportunities that are essential for thriving in American life. Women and their young children build literacy skills, while refugee youth from elementary through high school grow their skills, confidence, and sense of community.

85

Youth served

229

Women and children served

100%

Of women improved English test scores over the year

*“Before, I did not read or talk much to my children. Now I **read** to my children and I **Talk** with them at home.”*

– Refugee Family Literacy client



Healthy Food Access



Enriching the lives of refugee families by providing a safe space to grow nutritious food and build genuine community.

Jolly Avenue Garden grows more than food. It is a welcoming space where New American families nourish their families and build relationships in a thriving green environment. It provides seven paid high school interns with leadership experience and prepares them for college and career success.

275 Families provided with food boxes

103 Families grew food in the garden

29 Languages spoken

Childbirth & Maternal Health



Guiding refugee women through the prenatal and postpartum experience.

Embrace provides wrap-around support and a caring community to New American women. In partnership with Ethnē Health, we launched our first easy-access prenatal clinic in Clarkston. Peace Project provides low-cost prenatal care to refugee mothers in their language and with cultural sensitivity.

121

Babies born

1,000+

Doctor appointments supported

114

Moms found community in Moms' Circles

*“Now, I have a **community**. I know how to go to the store. I have many friends who speak my language—and I have American friends!”*

– Embrace client



Employment & Entrepreneurship



Empowering refugees through employment opportunities, career development, and mentorship.

In response to community demand, we launched a job readiness class to create a supportive environment to help participants build confidence and foster community as they pursued job opportunities.

34 Workplace English participants

100% Improvement in pre/post assessment

12 Businesses launched through Start:ME

59% Of our staff is New American

Financials

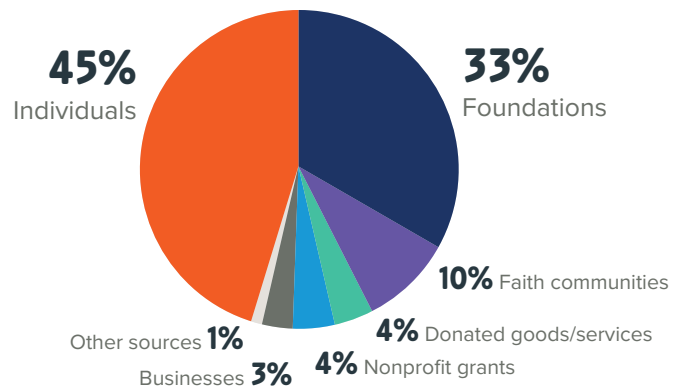
3,000+ Lives impacted

957 Volunteers

5,405 Volunteer hours

\$2.9 million

Total fiscal year revenue



The people you support

We are a faith-based non-profit in Clarkston, Georgia helping legally resettled refugees build abundant new lives in America.

We continue to walk alongside New American families after government-sponsored resettlement services end, providing a unique “wrap-around” approach that embraces each refugee family on the path to long-term success as American citizens.

Thank you!

We are deeply grateful to the partners, sponsors, and donors who made our work possible in 2025. Your generosity empowers refugees to flourish!

We are proud to highlight our top 25 supporters:

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