

NEIGHBORS FOR REFUGEES

December 13, 2024

Dear Neighbors,

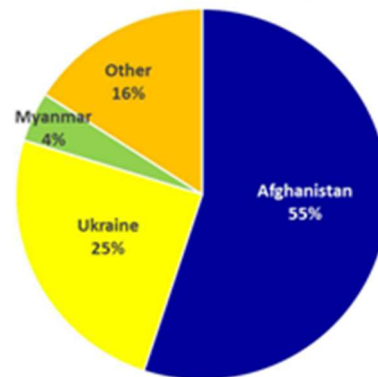
Over the past three years, [Neighbors for Refugees](#) has provided approximately **\$750,000 of assistance** to new refugee families and families who are already in the U.S through our resettlement program and grants. In total, we've **helped approximately 360 families (over 1,100 individuals)**.

Resettlements – [Neighbors](#) has welcomed 70 families (254 individuals) and helped them start their new life in the U.S. since January 2022. These new families have come **from a dozen countries with the most from Afghanistan and Ukraine**. Sixty percent are here on Humanitarian Parole, with the remainder split among refugees, asylum applicants, Temporary Protective Status, and other immigration categories. All of these immigration categories fall under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) definition of “refugee” (which is Neighbors definition).

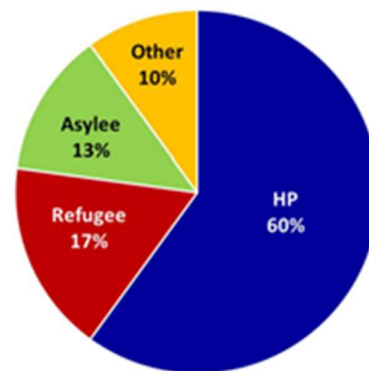
During this time, Neighbors has **invested approximately \$620,000** to resettle these new families. Our financial assistance includes some or all of: **finding and setting up an apartment, paying for rent, utilities, childcare, ESL classes, transportation, food, and other living expenses**.

In addition to financial support, our volunteers help new families **enroll their children in school, provide ESL tutoring and homework help, find needed medical treatment, enroll in social security,**

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Country of Origin

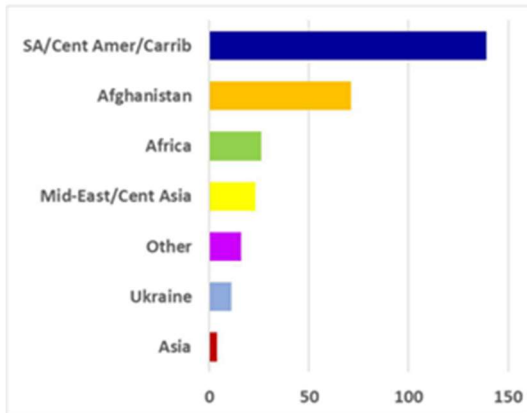


Family Status

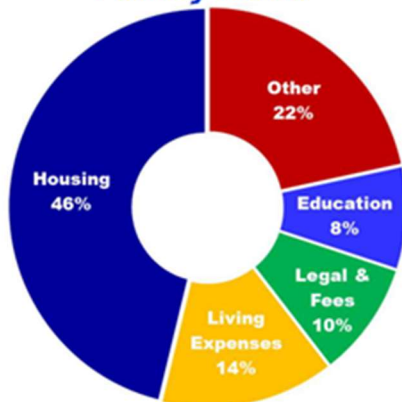


Medicaid and SNAP, and find employment.

GRANTS Region of Origin



Family Need



Grants – [Neighbors](#) provides grants to refugees already in the U.S. through our Road to Independence (R2I) grants, which **help families with food, housing, job training, medical care**, etc.; and our Food and Housing Insecurity grants. The majority of grants have gone to refugees from the Caribbean, Central and South America. The next largest group of recipients is from Afghanistan.

In the last three years, these two programs have **provided over \$125,000 to nearly 300 families (900 individuals)**. Most (60%) of the grants have gone to help families with rent and living expenses (mostly food).

We expect **grants for legal & fees to increase significantly in 2025**, driven by the new administration's deportation plans. While all of the refugee families that we support have at least temporary legal standing to live and work in the U.S., we anticipate their extensive and urgent need for legal assistance to assert and defend their rights as refugees.

We also expect to **increase grants to support English learning**. English proficiency is essential to broaden

employment opportunities, thereby enabling refugee families to earn the income necessary to afford to live in Westchester County.

The next four years will be far more challenging for refugees than have been the past four years. [Neighbors](#) remains committed to do all that we can to help as many refugees as possible find safety and a new life here in the U.S. This includes helping refugee families already here, to stay and thrive.

Please join us in our mission by giving generously and volunteering.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank D. Pierson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Frank" being the most prominent.

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