

NEIGHBORS FOR REFUGEES

January 2024

[Neighbors for Refugees](#) is proud to be recognized and honored by the by the Town of Mamaroneck and the Larchmont Mamaroneck Human Rights Committee at its 36th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration. Each year, the Human Rights Committee **honors individuals or organizations whose work is a reflection of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Also honored at this year's celebration was the Westchester Jewish Coalition on Immigration, with whom Neighbors has frequently collaborated. Past honorees include Kate Bialo (for the Furniture Sharehouse), Student Aid Fund, Community Resource Center, Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Larchmont Mamaroneck Food Pantry and the Interfaith Council for Affordable Residence.

The Human Rights Committee recognized Neighbors for its, **"seven years of outstanding and untiring service resettling refugees from over 40 countries in Westchester and beyond."**

This is a wonderful testament to the work and support of hundreds of volunteers and donors since 2017, who have enabled the **resettlement and hands-on and financial support to well over 2,500 refugees.**

Neighbors President Mike Reichgott with Larchmont Mamaroneck Human Rights Committee Co-chairs Nancy Pierson and Nicole Alifante.



Larchmont Mamaroneck Human Rights Committee

Recognizes and Honors

Neighbors for Refugees

For seven years of outstanding and untiring service resettling refugees from over 40 countries in Westchester and beyond. For the support-- including new homes and new jobs as well as financial, educational, emotional and medical support given generously by Neighbors' many community volunteers. For the advocacy done on behalf of refugees at the local, state and federal level. For the education offered to our communities about the global refugee crisis.

January 17, 2024
On this date

Nicole Alipate
Anany Pierson
Co-chairs Human Rights Committee

Proclamation by the Town of Mamaroneck, recognizing Neighbors for Refugees.

PROCLAMATION
Neighbors for Refugees

- WHEREAS: The non-profit Neighbors for Refugees' mission is to advocate for the rights of refugees and work directly with refugee families to provide necessary services, resources, and community support to help them achieve self-sufficiency and thrive in their new homes; and
WHEREAS: Established in November 2016 by eight local women who wanted to find a way to welcome refugee families to our communities, the group numbered 200 within two months and was approved by two resettlement agencies, and the first refugee arrived from Pakistan in March 2017; and
WHEREAS: As of this past September, Neighbors for Refugees has provided resettlement services to 18 families, 14 in Westchester County, and they have provided rental support, household furnishings and clothing for hundreds of other families all over New York; and
WHEREAS: Neighbors for Refugees volunteers orient the refugees to their new community by setting up their apartments, helping to enroll children in school and adults into ESL classes, assisting in locating jobs and supporting them in navigating a new culture and language, vastly improving their lives and making a world of difference to these families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jaime Elkind Eney, Supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck, and the Town Board members congratulate Neighbors for Refugees on being honored by the Larchmont Mamaroneck Human Rights Committee at their Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration as this non-profit exemplifies the work of Dr. King in his advocacy for equality, justice and human rights for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mamaroneck to be affixed this 17th day of January 2024.

Jaime Elkind Eney, Supervisor
Sabrina Fiddelman, Councilwoman
Robin Nichinsky, Councilwoman
Jeffery L. King, Councilwoman
Ahant Nambiar, Councilman
Allison May, Town Clerk



Neighbors board members and volunteers join in the 36th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Event.



Our heartfelt thank you to the Larchmont Mamaroneck Human Rights Committee and the Town of Mamaroneck!
