

Refugee Assistance

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Cross From One Life to Another*

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Perhaps no one can sum up what is at the heart of RAMP better than our 11-year-old aspiring poet Lona who arrived here in 2016 after escaping the horrors of Aleppo, Syria, where her family suffered the unfathomable loss to war of one of her siblings: “We learned/ that America could be our next home/ In the hallway were/ the collage of old pictures I will always remember./ I am from those moments/ a huge tree/ trying to have a better and better life.”

Since its founding in 2016 RAMP is proud to have sponsored five refugee families, one from Syria and four from Afghanistan. Four of our five families have worked for the U.S. military and have arrived with Special Immigrant Visas that provide them with immediate Green Cards.

After suffering through years of war with its unimaginable daily torments, and years awaiting resettlement, our families are now thriving. Here are a few highlights. Our first two families have now graduated from RAMP and are fully self-supporting.

Our third family has two very small children. The mom is learning English and wishes to work at a pre-school. The dad is attending CCM at night and is busy juggling several jobs including work at a Whole Foods store, and occasional work as a translator. Their children are happy and healthy little Americans.

A young husband and wife, both of whom worked for the U.S. armed forces, arrived here in June 2019 as our fourth family. The husband has a degree in IT from India and has recently had very promising interviews. They are expecting their first child in January.

Our fifth “family” is a young, single man and close friend of our second family. The two men are water engineering specialists. The young man is settling in quickly since his late September arrival.

Despite recent draconian cuts in immigration, the International Rescue Committee, our current co-sponsor, assures us immigrants from the Middle East, including Kurds, will continue to arrive. RAMP will only be able to welcome new families with your financial help. Our refugee families arrive with nearly nothing besides the clothes they are wearing. RAMP provides housing and furniture, food and clothing for at least one year for our families. We are also fully committed to supporting our current families well into the next year and this requires additional funds.

Your financial support is vital to our continuing the work we do in providing hope and a new life for very deserving families whose past suffering has been catastrophic. Don't delay—give whatever you can so that you may take pride in knowing you have assisted a family in crossing from a life of turbulence and suffering to one of security and happiness.

Sincerely,

[Gerry Gannon, RAMP Coordinator](#)

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