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## GOOD NEWS

Third Family Arrives September 27!

Dear Members, Friends and Donors,

Wonderful news from RAMP! You will be happy to learn that on September 27th our third family will be arriving at Newark Airport after a long and difficult trip from Afghanistan. The family consists of a young couple with a baby on the way in November.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of excitement and activity going on at RAMP in preparation for our new family. It was only at the beginning of last week that we were told of their expected arrival, giving us about two weeks to prepare. We were extremely fortunate to locate an apartment in Boonton on Friday through a contact made at the Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center in Boonton. Unfortunately, there will be a delay between the day they arrive and the day that the apartment will be available. If necessary, we will have to put them up in a local motel.

Now, all the hard work begins! During the next two weeks we are going to start the task of preparing for the family. In order to do that, we will need the efforts of many volunteers in the following areas:

Locate furnishings for the apartment

Have physically strong people to assist in moving the furniture

Locate someone who could provide a small truck to move the furniture

Locate available space to store the furniture for up to two weeks

Prepare the apartment with curtains, amenities etc.

Locate clothing, bedding, towels etc.

Stock the pantry with necessary items.

Assist the family in adjusting to their new home and neighborhood

Prepare an appropriately ethnic dinner for their arrival to their new home.

We hope that you will all help in this effort. This is the time when we all can be personally involved in a hands-on way to help a family.

If you can assist in any of the areas listed above, please contact:

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Thank you,

Gerry Gannon, Coordinator