

Brief Description of RAMP (Elevator Speech)

The wars in Syria and Afghanistan have created the worst humanitarian crisis of our time. Almost nine million Syrians and Afghans have been forced to seek safety outside their country. In spring of 2016 a group of Christians, Jews and Muslims came together in Morris County to find a way to help some of these thoroughly vetted refugee families find a safe haven here. This volunteer group is called RAMP, for Refugee Assistance Morris Partners. We are partnering with Church World Service and the Community Foundation of New Jersey. RAMP welcomes the families to Morris County and helps with housing, transportation, food, medical services, employment opportunities, etc. for the first few months. The objective is gradual independence for the resettled families.

As of 2019 we have welcomed and supported two families from Afghanistan and one from Syria, a total of a dozen people. We are glad to have volunteers and donations to help in this urgent effort.