

Refugee Assistance

RAMP

Morris Partners

*A Bridge to Assist People to
Cross From One Life to Another*

Newsletter

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New family arrives!



In early February, an energetic volunteer team from the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship led by Joan Belz welcomed our eighth family as they moved into nice housing in Boonton. This Afghan family consists of mother and father Mohammad and Freshta, grandfather Mohammad and two young daughters. The youngest, just over one year old, had heart surgery at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. She is home now. Volunteer RAMP drivers are taking her and her mom to many follow-up doctor appointments and physical therapy. For this family we are again working with Church World Service, the resettlement agency we worked with when we first started in 2016. CWS and International Rescue Committee are working in a close partnership since the influx of the latest Afghan refugees.

Our other Afghan family, who came to us last November courtesy of the International Rescue Committee, also lives in Boonton and is doing well thanks to family coordinator Jackie Bay and her great team of volunteers.

RAMP is leaving the nest!

Since our founding in 2016, we have been operating under the fiscal sponsorship of Community Foundation of New Jersey (CFNJ), which grants us coverage under their 501(c)3 status. We thank them for their fine support over the past six years. The normal course of events is for small groups like RAMP to eventually move on and stand on their own. That time has come for RAMP. Accordingly, the steering committee has voted that we will take steps to incorporate as a New Jersey non-profit and file for our own 501(c)3 status. This process will take several months.

During this period of reorganization, the steering committee decided to pause our intake of new refugees until we are reestablished. As of April 1, Dave Sullivan will retire as our leader and he will be replaced on an interim basis by Carol Graham, Noel Robinson and Mary Gannon. Dave will continue to be involved with RAMP in some other capacity.

Can you help?

As part of the process of becoming a registered non-profit, we will need to create a new leadership structure comprised of a president of the board of trustees, a vice president, secretary and treasurer. We will also need several additional trustees to fill out the board. Finally,

the steering committee will create a paid, part-time position to handle day-to-day administrative details. All of these steps are being taken to assure RAMP can sustain itself well into the future. If you are interested in any of these positions, or know someone who might be, contact [Dave Sullivan](#).

RAMP General Meeting
- in person only and open to the public -

Thursday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 70 Maple Ave. Morristown, NJ
In the Parish Hall, the large building behind the church.

MASKS REQUIRED!

Join us for our first in-person meeting in three years.
Hear about our latest families.
Learn about our reorganization and our plans for the future.



Refugee Assistance Morris Partners is comprised of volunteers representing churches, synagogues, and mosques, who co-sponsor families with the International Rescue Committee, and operate under the financial auspices of the Community Foundation of New Jersey. RAMP assists Middle Eastern and other refugee families to transition to a productive and safe future in the Morris County region.

Donate here.

Volunteer to support our families.

Contact us.