

Immigration Action Coalition Annual Report 2021-22

The Immigration Action Coalition had a bit of a lull after the 2021 Annual Meeting, which in retrospect was great preparation for the intense few months we have had! In December of 2021, Jewish Family Services approached several local religious communities asking for help with resettling refugees, especially Afghan refugees. We jumped into action and took on the effort head on. We were ultimately matched with a family from Guatemala that we felt much more equipped to assist. They arrived in March and will be in our care for one year. Here is some of the work that we have done so far!

- Training and vetting of over 30 volunteers who serve on nine specialized teams
- Finding, securing, and furnishing housing for mom and her four children.
- Scheduling, transporting, and accompanying the family to much needed healthcare appointments.
- Apply for social security cards, state I.D.s, public benefits, internet assistance, and food assistance.
- Assisting mom with setting up a bank account, establishing a budget, and working on financial literacy.
- Getting the kids enrolled in school (and summer school!) and transporting them their first few days!
- Teaching the family to use the bus system.
- Shopping/thrifted for much needed clothing.
- Weekly grocery drop-offs.
- Setting mom up with a full-time job nearby.
- AND MUCH MORE! Please consider making a financial contribution to Immigration Action Coalition to support this work.

Finally, Immigration Action Coalition paid the security deposit on an apartment for two Crimean Ukrainian young men who entered the U.S. through the Southern Border after fleeing Crimea. The men were permitted to enter the U.S. to seek asylum and will be staying in Florida for a few months until they get settled.

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