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# 2021 Annual Report



*Bahar when she arrived in the U.S. with her family*

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# Mission

To provide comprehensive resettlement assistance to endangered wartime allies who served U.S. interests in conflict and war zones.



## What We Do



**Keeping Our Promise Inc.** offers a comprehensive resettlement support program for Afghan, Iraqi and Kurds in the greater Rochester, NY region who served the United States interests in Afghanistan and Iraq.

## KOP Program Criteria: Who We Assist

- Afghans or Iraqis who were interpreters or support personnel for the U.S. military or Embassy for 1 year or more.
- Afghans who work/worked on a full-time basis as contractors, Locally Engaged Staff (LES), or interpreters/translators for the U.S. Government, USFOR-A, ISAF, or Resolute Support.
- Afghans who worked for a U.S. government-funded program or project in Afghanistan supported through a U.S. government grant or cooperative agreement.
- Afghans who are/were employed in Afghanistan by a U.S.-based media organization or nongovernmental organization, who are referred to the U.S. government by an American senior employee of these organizations or referred to the U.S. government by the Embassy.

**Over the last 8 years we have been able to assist over 600 Pashtuns, Uzbeks, Tajiks, Hazara, Turkmen and Nuristanis from Afghanistan, Sunni and Shia Iraqis, as well as Kurdish allies who now call Rochester, NY home.**

# A Message From Our Director

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Ellen Smith  
Executive Director

Dear friends and supporters,

It has been a hard year, but you helped 74 Afghan families totaling 219 individuals resettle in the greater Rochester, NY area. The majority – 195 individuals – arrived since July 4. A record for our program. A year ago I wrote that our goal was to resettle 15-20 families, and we helped 54 families more than planned.

Admittedly, it has been absolutely exhausting for the volunteers and staff of our program, stretching us beyond our capacity. Supporters helped with financial resources to pay for rent, security and food for our allies who escaped the Taliban. Those of you here helped with setting up apartments – 66 apartments in all. You made sure that every family had furniture, a complete kitchen setup, food, hygiene essentials, and you made sure children had toys and picture books.

To give you a perspective of the enormity of the evacuation of Afghans who helped us: In August, **Keeping Our Promise** had the names of 2,330 individuals seeking to be evacuated. We were instructed to create lists that the government would use for consideration of who to evacuate, with a focus on “high profile” targets. There were tough, heart-breaking decisions on who to recommend with a laser-focus on those with complete document packages and passports in hand. Recommendations were forwarded to Congressman Morelle’s office on an hourly basis. None of us seemed to be able to type fast enough. We had to include photos of each family and descriptions of what they were wearing to assist “retrieval.” As we watched the Taliban take over Kabul our hearts were breaking and sleep was impossible. The photos haunt me. So many did not make it out.

The majority of our Afghan allies in Rochester who arrived after August were admitted to the U.S. under the “Humanitarian Parole” program. While vital, this program only protects our Afghan friends from deportation **for two years**. Families must continue with their Special Immigrant paperwork or file for asylum by August 2022 - a mere six months from now. Questions remain on how the government will process the onslaught of paperwork.

The alternative to this humanitarian crisis is for Congress to pass a bill called the **Afghan Adjustment Act**, modeled after the Cuban Adjustment Act. This would allow our Afghan families to file for Legal Permanent Residence after being paroled for one year. It is the bare minimum we can do for those who worked along side of us.

It is hard to place into words my gratitude for our volunteers, financial donors, SIVs and community partners who have formed bonds of friendship and commitment to make this all work. You are all doing tremendous good, and changing the world for the better as we are all work together as neighbors and as a country to keep our promise to those Afghans who supported us against the Taliban and ISIL.

Thank you for joining together in dedication to this mission and **Keeping Our Promise**.

A handwritten signature of Ellen Smith in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

February 9, 2022



## Our Staff

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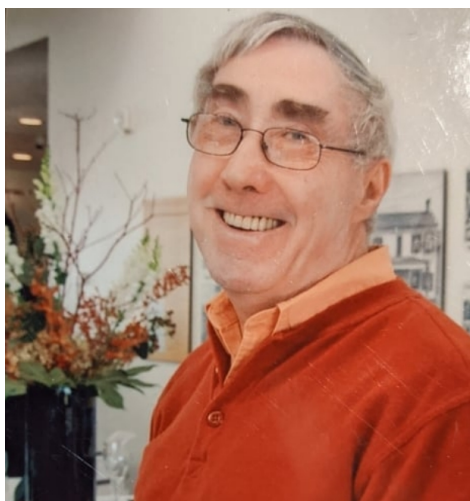
**Laurel Prothero** serves as the Assistant Executive Director at Keeping Our Promise, and joins us after working at the University of Rochester for the past nine years in the roles of Research Coordinator and Psych Specialist. She is currently finishing her Master of Social Work degree at SUNY Brockport, and has maintained interest in international social work. Laurel also has a double Bachelor of Psychology and International Studies degree with minors in Anthropology and Sociology from Rochester Institute of Technology.



**Chandee Searcy** began volunteering for Keeping Our Promise in 2019 and quickly became an indispensable member of our volunteer force. She is KOP's liaison with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, frequently participates in greeting late night arrivals at the airport. She helps maintain KOPs social media platform, and works on the fundraising committee. In 2021, Chandee transitioned to a part-time position with KOP focusing on Community & Volunteer Engagement.

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## In Honor of Gordon Metz



It is with sadness that we share news of the passing of our dear friend and Computer Coordinator Gordon Metz. Since 2016, Gordon cheerfully shared his expertise and talents, spending countless hours collecting, repairing, and setting up computers for every family. Our SIV families were impacted by his quiet generosity, enabling them to seek and obtain employment with the computers he provided, and his service was key to a successful resettlement. We are so grateful for Gordon's influence, and will honor him by continuing the great work he so graciously supported.

# 2021 Program Highlights



**74 Afghan families totaling 219 individuals** were resettled in the greater Rochester, NY area. The majority – 195 individuals – arrived since July 4. A record for our program, and straining our volunteer capacity.

## 18 Emergency Flights

Thanks to those who donated frequent flyer miles to our partner **Miles4Migrants**, we were able to secure emergency flights for 18 individuals who were in immediate danger of Taliban or ISIL reprisal. Each ticket out of Kabul required 45,000 donated “miles.” A total of 810,000 miles were donated to help!



## 66 Apartments Furnished

Volunteers fully furnish all apartments for each family for free thanks to donations from the local community. We furnished 66 apartments and houses for our allies. Saints Place furnished eight apartments when we were stretched for manpower and beds! We were also able to purchase 50 new beds below cost from Saints Place.

## 20 Food Baskets Every Month

Asbury Methodist Church provided 20 food baskets for our most vulnerable families who have no benefits when they first arrive.



## Eight Car Grants

Our Wheels-for-Work car grant program requires each family to log 100 hours of community service, have their NYS driver's license and be ready for work or have employment to qualify for a vehicle. We have helped over 100 families since 2015 with cars. All tell us that a vehicle changed their life for the better.



**We are grateful to the Summers Foundation Inc. for supporting our car grant program in 2021.**



**Our car grants in 2021 included a wheelchair accessible van for a couple where the husband was left a quadriplegic by a suicide bomber. A grant from the first Unitarian Church will help with driving lessons.**

**FACT:** Families with cars are twice as likely to find a job and four times as likely to stay employed, a finding that's consistent with another common reality for the low-income: Unreliable transportation is one of the primary reasons why they lose their jobs. Many employers will not hire someone without a car. <sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> See: Washington Post, "Why the poor need better access to cars"

## Monroe County Executive Adam Bello Announces Veteran Recognition for SIVs



On Sept. 7, 2021, **Monroe County Executive Adam Bello** directed the Monroe County Veterans Service Agency to recognize our SIVs who served the U.S. as “veterans” qualifying them for benefits and other public assistance. Many of our SIVs were in attendance telling their stories to the press of the situation in Afghanistan, and the hardships they face coming to our community when their work history is not understood.



*Nick Stefanovic,  
Director of Monroe  
County's Veteran  
Service Agency*

### **Nick Stefanovic, Director of Monroe County's Veteran Service Agency**

and a veteran who served multiple tours in Afghanistan told the Sept. 7 audience, “To me these SIVs are our brothers and sisters, and I am glad we are opening a new door today and recognizing them. I hope companies and the rest of the community recognizes the service they gave to this country and the threats that their families are under right now.”

When talking previously about the evacuation and fall of the country to the Taliban, Stefanovic said, “It’s been like my heart gets ripped out....We stopped the public executions, we stopped the enslavement of women, we allowed girls to go to school again.... Those people lived free after we liberated them.”<sup>2</sup>

It was also announced Sept 7 that the Rochester Education and Opportunity Center would open its doors to Afghans evacuees who previously had to wait a year to attend the trade school due to NYS residency requirements. This requirement shut out many SIVs from pursuing certification for their careers they held in Afghanistan to the detriment of being able to support their family, and to the detriment of our employers looking for skilled labor. There is still a residency requirement for SUNY colleges, and we are working to change this requirement.

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local/its-been-like-my-heart-gets-ripped-out-local-veteran-leaders-react-to-afghanistan-pullout/>



**DON'T JUST STAND THERE**  
run . walk . bike . wheel . ride



**JUNE 14-20, 2021**

**THANK YOU**  
for your support!

**5** generous sponsors   
Keeping Our Promise Inc.

11 individual campaigns raised more than **\$15K**

**68** race participants 

**GRAND TOTAL: \$28.4K**

**Our virtual “Run for Their Lives” fundraiser wrapped up on June 20<sup>th</sup>. With our sponsors and your help we raised more than \$28,000 to support SIV resettlement in Rochester.**



## Starting A New Life in Rochester



Rabia and her friend Firoza worked as coaches for Free to Run in Afghanistan. They are now attending practice sessions with Rochester Wheels wheelchair basket ball group.

***“This is the best moment of my life.  
Thank you for always supporting me.” Rabia***



Peter Lucier is a Marine veteran (2008-2013) who deployed to Afghanistan in 2011. He is a third year law student at Saint Louis University School of Law, and is the partnership lead for **Team America Relief**, helping facilitate safe passage for those impacted by the crisis in Afghanistan. Peter raised funds through a **Go Fund Me** to resettle three families in Rochester.



Omid arrived only weeks before the Taliban overtook his home city of Herat. Miles4Migrants booked his flight to the U.S. Donors paid for his family’s apartment, phone and first food. He logged 100 volunteer hours, received his car grant thanks to the Summers Foundation, and now works for Lifetime Assistance in Rochester.





Susan Jay continued her work of love by hand-making "Honor Quilts" for each new family.



The Owego, NY area youth of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the Rochester Christian School donated hand- tied fleece blankets as gifts for the Afghan children in our program.



The Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project at Monroe Community College collected over 200 school supply items for the Afghan children.



Jaida Halligan and her mom Chodie conducted a summer fundraiser and paid for a family's first month's rent.



The Rochester Christian Reformed Church sponsored a family of six, and became their caring circle. Volunteers from the church rehabbed their house owned by Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services so the family could have safe, affordable housing near other Afghan friends. Parishioners also assist with donation coordination.



*RCRC members Jim Smith , Ann Michele Bouwmeester, (Ellen Smith - KOP Director), Ken Page, Kathrine Page, Alice Harris*



*RCRC members painted and refurbished an affordable house offered by Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services for a KOP family.*

Ella Frick, of BSA Troop 1920 in Penfield, based her Eagle Project on collecting items for our Welcome Supplies baskets. Pictured with Duly Lecour, she collaborated with Wayne Central High School and Wayne Central Middle School, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and Holy Trinity Church to collect over 300 supplies that we used right away!



## **14,434 Volunteer Hours Logged!**

The commitment of our volunteers in **Keeping Our Promise Inc.** is what makes our resettlement program so successful. We have 774 registered volunteers who help from time-to-time with active on any given month. We have 466 volunteers registered on our **Caring Circle and Volunteer Face Book Page**, who may assist with rides, or finding items for apartments and families. What is very special is that parents are encouraging their children to participate, and share in this community endeavor. Julie Cataldo tracks volunteer hours on a monthly basis.



# Keeping Our Promise Inc. Team Members

**Board Chairman:** Irwin Solomon  
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Abdullah Dindost  
 Rashead Gulzar

## Keeping Our Promise Inc. 2021 Income and Expenses for SIV Support Number assisted with resettlement: 219

*Program note: Keeping Our Promise does not receive government funding.*

### INCOME

Donations . . . . . 803,546.14  
 Fundraising Event Donations . . . . . 223,879.50  
 No One Left Behind Grants . . . . . 45,000.00  
 Summers Foundation Grant . . . . . 14,000.00  
 Greenovation Commissions . . . . . 4,115.98  
 Other Income . . . . . 3,742.65  
 Restricted Donations . . . . . 1,900.00  
 Dividend Income . . . . . 81.51  
**TOTAL INCOME . . . . . 1,096,184.27**

### EXPENSES

Bank Charges & Donation Fees . . . . . 567.06  
 Employee Expenses . . . . . 11.87  
 Employee Fringe Benefits . . . . . 0  
 Staff Development . . . . . 89.00  
 Exec Director Payroll Taxes . . . . . 12,201.98  
 Executive Director Wages . . . . . 40,379.93  
 Payroll Company Expenses . . . . . 1,004.20  
 Staff Payroll Taxes . . . . . 1,961.58  
 Staff Wages . . . . . 6,177.75  
 Fundraising Events . . . . . 3,194.89  
 Insurance . . . . . 2,647.28  
 Items Donated . . . . . 100.00  
 KOP Operations . . . . . 1,675.78  
 KOP Phone . . . . . 1,259.54

Office Equipment . . . . . 802.09  
 Office Supplies & Software . . . . . 2,851.06  
 Postage . . . . . 656.71  
 KOP Vehicle Expenses . . . . . 1,117.70  
 Auto Insurance for KOP van . . . . . 1,976.00  
 Gas for KOP van . . . . . 1,338.66  
 Maintenance Costs for KOP van . . . . . 624.50  
 Moving Truck Rental Costs . . . . . 1,080.19  
 Legal & Professional Services . . . . . 1,000.00  
 Marketing . . . . . 1,799.84  
 Other Business Expenses . . . . . 206.51  
 Staff Travel . . . . . 71.25  
 Mileage . . . . . 513.56  
 Parking & Tolls . . . . . 87.71  
 Storage Unit Expenses . . . . . 1,818.32  
 Volunteer Expenses . . . . . 783.58  
 SIV Car Grants . . . . . 38,950.51  
 SIV Expenses . . . . . 3,924.75  
 SIV Apt essentials . . . . . 15,246.97  
 SIV Apt Rehab / appliances . . . . . 1,744.41  
 SIV Food/Groceries . . . . . 42,295.99  
 SIV Apt. Insurance . . . . . 370.00  
 SIV Rent . . . . . 103,397.75  
 SIV Phones . . . . . 8,547.28  
 SIV Utilities . . . . . 1,484.57  
 SIV Programs . . . . . 895.00  
  
 Total Expenses . . . . . 304,713.27

## KOP Nonprofit Ratios for 2021:

Program Expense Ratio: **.88**  
 Personnel Expense Ratio: **0.05**  
 Administrative Expense Ratio: **.15**

**Change in future Expenses for 2022:** Given the evacuations and number of incoming, KOP added two staff members to support our mission of resettling wartime allies. KOP also recently purchased a used box truck for moving, instead of relying on our van and landscape trailer or renting a truck. In partnership with Greenovation Inc., Keeping Our Promise is given office space in return for operating Greenovation on Saturdays, and does not pay rent for its office space.

## 2022 Budget

**INCOME**

Donations . . . . .	350,000.00
Fundraising Event Donations . . . . .	50,000.00
In-Kind Donations . . . . .	500.00
First Unitarian Driving Program . . . . .	21,700.00
Summers Foundation Grant . . . . .	20,000.00
Greenovation Commissions . . . . .	2,000.00
Total Income . . . . .	\$ 444,200.00

**EXPENSES**

Bank Charges & Donation Fees . . . . .	350.00
Employees Health Insurance . . . . .	14,450.00
Retirement Plan Matching . . . . .	4,000.00
Staff Development . . . . .	250.00
Exec Director Payroll Taxes . . . . .	5,791.50
Executive Director Wages . . . . .	51,480.00
Payroll Company Expense . . . . .	1,050.00
Staff Payroll Taxes . . . . .	12,447.00
Staff Wages . . . . .	72,280.00
Fundraising Events . . . . .	8,500.00
Insurance . . . . .	2,270.00
KOP Phone . . . . .	900.00

Office Equipment . . . . .	800.00
Office Supplies & Software . . . . .	2,850.00
Postage . . . . .	400.00
KOP Box Truck Purchase . . . . .	10,000.00
KOP Auto Insurance . . . . .	4,000.00
KOP Truck Gas & Maintenance . . . . .	9,000.00
Legal & Professional Services . . . . .	1,500.00
Marketing . . . . .	3,500.00
Other Business Expenses . . . . .	500.00
Staff Mileage . . . . .	500.00
Staff Parking & Tolls . . . . .	500.00
Storage Unit Expenses . . . . .	5,000.00
Volunteer Expenses . . . . .	500.00
SIV Vehicle Cost . . . . .	292,500.00
SIV Vehicle Insurance . . . . .	21,500.00
SIV Vehicle Registration . . . . .	28,000.00
SIV Vehicle Repairs . . . . .	14,000.00
SIV Apt essentials . . . . .	25,000.00
SIV Apt Rehab . . . . .	5,000.00
SIV Food/Groceries . . . . .	42,000.00
SIV Rents . . . . .	235,000.00
SIV Phones . . . . .	10,000.00



*I'm writing to say thank you for your partnership with IRAP over the last year. In 2021, you referred 10 individuals or families to IRAP. We reached out to each of them.*

*We were able to provide 9 of them with legal counseling and/or legal representation (in the tenth, it turned out there was already a US attorney involved, and we provided materials to the attorney instead).*

*It's a remarkable track record that we hope has been helpful to you and to your community. We're grateful for your work, your partnership, and the opportunity to help these individuals because of your referrals.*

*Again--thanks for your partnership, and IRAP looks forward to continuing working together.*

*All the best,  
Betsy Fisher  
Director Of Strategy IRAP*



*Judy Weiner is our visa advocacy specialist, and screens cases for referral to IRAP.*

## 2021 Donors, Partners, Coordinators

We would like to thank the following 1,884 donors for your support of our wartime allies resettlement program in Rochester!

Note: If you do not see your name on the list, it is because you indicated on your donation or checked a box that you wished to remain anonymous.



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Setup Coordinator*



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Setup Coordinator*

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R-Community Bikes offers each wartime ally family free bicycles, and low cost helmets and locks. [www.RCommunityBikes.org](http://www.RCommunityBikes.org)

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) donates funds for food and toiletries for new families, and gives us access to Bishop's StoreHouse for in-kind items. They also cover some gas costs for pickup of donations.  
[www.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org)

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The First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls runs our "Linen Brigade" collecting blankets, sheets, towels, small throw rugs/ bath mats, table cloths, napkins and new pillows to distribute. They have also donated funds to pay rent for our new families.

[www.firstpresbyterianhoneoyefalls.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianhoneoyefalls.org)

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The Kade Project sponsors a Toys for Tots drive every December, and SIV families are invited to pick out Christmas toys for their children.

[www.TheKadeProject.org](http://www.TheKadeProject.org)

Temple B'rith Kodesh hosts our annual Spring Dinner (\*postponed because of covid) and is an instrumental partner in building bridges between our interfaith communities and wartime allies. Many members are also part of caring circles and volunteers. [www.tbk.org](http://www.tbk.org)

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Hearts and Homes for Refugees has been instrumental in helping make the connections for donated cars, and spearheading our visa advocacy project. While their primary focus is on Westchester County, NY, they have extended support to KOP in Rochester as partners in resettlement.

[www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org](http://www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org)



Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services offers our families affordable housing, and assists with job placement opportunities.

[www.RochesterRefugeeservices.org](http://www.RochesterRefugeeservices.org)

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Asbury First United Methodist Church provides monthly food baskets to our KOP families and offers clothing through Asbury Storehouse. The congregation has also "adopted" KOP as partner in their outreach ministry. [www.Asburyfirst.org](http://www.Asburyfirst.org)



Rochester Museum and Science Center offers free museum passes to KOP families, and to the volunteers who drive them for visits. [www.RSMC.org](http://www.RSMC.org)

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Sew Green of Rochester offers sewing machines to our KOP families.



Rochester Greenovation is our donation partner, and offers our program office space and storage in exchange for running the thrift store on Saturdays.

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**No One Left Behind** has given KOP two grants to assist with resettlement and operations.



Catholic Family Center ensures that our “walk-in” families can get registered for refugee benefits and provides services for DSS paperwork.

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Saints Place provides clothing when families first arrive, and helped furnish some of the apartments during the months following the Afghan evacuation.



Canandaigua Driving School is providing discounted driving lessons with a focus on KOP families who have never driven in their home countries. Focus is learning the road rules in Dari and Pashto, as well as English and to create the safest driving experiences for our newly arrived families.

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## Meet Our Newest Board Members!



**Tom Rusling** joined in the summer of 2021 as evacuations were starting for our Afghan friends. As a local philanthropist, Tom was instrumental in launching a very

successful challenge grant to help our resettlement program pay for food and housing in 2021.



**Danielle Moskowitz, Esq.** recently joined our board. As a former senior executive of Goodwill Hawaii, as well as an attorney, Danielle has

passion for good. She brings a wealth of experience to our organization to help us plan and implement strategies for a successful resettlement program.

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## It's easy to make a difference.

**This is what eight years of SIV resettlement has shown us.**



We don't mean "easy" as in "no work." The work load is tremendous, but we do know what's needed to make an enormous difference in the resettlement of our wartime allies:

- A warm welcome at the airport
- Clean and decent housing
- Caring Circles
  - Food security
  - A phone to communicate
- A computer to help find employment and improve English
  - A car to get to work, school and appointments

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**We can do this. You can help.**  
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