



**Keeping Our Promise Inc.**

## Brothers Reunited

### Hassan and Hussain Ameeni

Three years ago, Hussain Ameeni arrived in Rochester with his wife Hangama, daughter Kawser and son Tanzil leaving their home in Kunduz

Province, Afghanistan. However, his twin brother, Hassan, who served the United States for eight years, was left behind with his wife Najiba, daughters Marwa, Samira, Safa, and son Abdullah.

We are happy to announce the Ameeni brothers have been reunited! Joining for this happy reunion is Hassan and Najiba's 10 week old baby boy Belal!



### You made this possible

On Nov. 21 we asked for help from our partner organization **Miles4Migrants** to get this family out of Afghanistan as quickly as possible. The Ameenis had been waiting for their visa approval since 2016. The situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating quickly with the release of 7,000 Taliban, and withdrawal of U.S. troops.

**Thanks to those who donated frequent flyer miles to Miles4Migrants, we were able to get this family out of Afghanistan and to Rochester within 14 days!**

We had no where for the Ameeni family to live. Housing rules demanded a four bedroom apartment. After seeing a Facebook post asking for help to secure housing, Sue and Stephen Krauss offered a home to in Honeoye Falls Village at an affordable rent. Our partner

organization, the **First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls**, is helping to cover a month of rent for this family, and some of their utility bills. Adair Jensen offered an apartment full of furniture and a moving van. Rochester SIVs helped move donated furniture from Greenovation to the Ameenī's new home.

**We thank everyone for helping the Ameenī family reunite, and start their new lives where they can finally know peace.**

### **Greenovation Partnership: Thank-you!**

Did you know that **Greenovation**, located at **1199 E. Main St.** in Rochester, is our donation partner? **Greenovation** sells



many second-hand items, such as books, knick-knacks, dishes, lamps, kitchenware, LPS, CDs, DVDS, videos, furniture, artwork and architectural salvage. It offers **Keeping Our Promise** a large dedicated donation space, and in return KOP volunteers run the **Greenovation** store on Saturdays. This partnership also allows us to accept donations we could not previously accept in the past -- such as large furniture pieces that can not fit up narrow staircases, or appliances -- and consign those donations in the **Greenovation** store to help support our program. This partnership is overseen by our Executive Director, Ellen Smith, with help from the Rochester SIV community who is responsible for overseeing the donation management. Store hours are: Mon - Thurs: 10 AM - 6 PM, Friday: 11 AM - 7 PM and Saturday 11 AM - 3 PM. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturdays, please contact: [Ellen@KeepingOurPromise.org](mailto:Ellen@KeepingOurPromise.org).



### **Wheels for Work: Abdul**

Abdul has been working on collecting furniture donations since August! He has logged over 100 hours of volunteer time, and now has been



### **Wheels for Work: Sami**

If you have donated furniture, you have no doubt spoken with Sami! He has been coordinating furniture donation pickups with Abdul, and now

gifted this van through our Wheels for Work program.

has his Wheels for Work so he can support his family.



## Shopping on Amazon

For all of your shopping on Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#), and 0.5% of your purchase goes to our organization when you select **Keeping Our Promise, Inc.!** You

can still use your Prime benefits, but you will be helping to support our mission of providing comprehensive resettlement services to our wartime allies.

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## Seeking Matching Donors!

This has been a year of struggle for so many, but Keeping Our Promise has continued with its work to support our wartime allies. Please do not forget that many employers have **matching** gift programs. You only have to submit a **request** to their employers. If the **donor's** gift and your organization qualify, the company will send you a check for the same amount (or larger depending on the corporation's **matching** gift program)

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