



Keeping Our Promise Inc.

You Gave Bahar A Home!



Her family fled the Taliban after her father's service to the United States. You gave them a home and new life in Rochester, NY

Bahar, her sister and brothers will grow up free from the Taliban and ISIL. They will play outside, enjoy their garden, and sleep safely at night, because of you.

Not only have you helped Bahar and her family, but since December you have helped 10 Afghan families reach the safety net of **Keeping Our Promise** in Rochester, NY. A total of 42 men, women and children have been resettled in Rochester in the last six months because of you.

The first week of this month is busy! We have a family arriving the afternoon of July 4, as well as a single SIV. Another family arrives July 11 - a total of 10 individuals in seven days. Thanks to help from our partner organization Miles4Migrants, and your frequent flyer miles, we have been able to get them out of Afghanistan and to Rochester. Thank you for giving these families a new life, and helping with an apartment, initial rent assistance, furniture, food, and a phone!

Thank-you for giving these families a new life free from the Taliban.

SIV Assistance Program



"Hello dear. My name is Abdul. I worked as translator for the US army in Afghanistan. I applied for the SIV. My case has been denied. And I appealed. It's denied for tiny problem. Please I need your help as you know the situation getting worse in here. Please help. I am father of three kids. Thanks."

Keeping Our Promise and [Hearts & Homes for Refugees](#) are partnering on a special SIV Assistance project focusing on visa advocacy. You can help a visa applicant in need of assistance from the comfort of your home. **Special Immigrant Visas** are granted to Afghan or Iraqi men and women who supported our troops (as translators, drivers, engineers, mechanics, etc) and whose lives, as a

result, were in danger. The Iraqi SIV program has been closed, leaving thousands of our allies at risk.

To help more Afghans reach safety here in the U.S., especially as the U.S. withdraws its troops, we are looking for volunteers to support the processing of SIV requests/applications for visas. This requires a commitment of a couple of hours to get onboarded, and then 1-3 hours per month thereafter. Volunteers must be willing to set up a dedicated email address for corresponding with the SIV applicant and be internet savvy enough to do searches for former employers on Google, LinkedIn, Facebook, etcetera.

If you are interested, please send an email to:

helping@heartsandhomesforrefugees.org indicating "SIV Assistance" in the subject line.

Run For Their Lives



THANK YOU
for your support!

5 generous sponsors



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11 individual campaigns raised more than **\$16K**

68 race participants



GRAND TOTAL: \$29.8K

Our virtual race fundraiser "Run for Their Lives" race wrapped up on June 23, 2021 which coincided with World Refugee Day, and we are

thrilled to share the results of much hard work and generosity!

With your help, we raised almost \$30,000 to support SIV resettlement in Rochester.

A special thank you to our fundraising committee for the countless hours they gave to make this a success, and also to our peer fundraisers whose combined effort raised more than \$16,000 for the organization.

Thank you for showing up for our refugee friends who make our community vibrant and beautiful! As the U.S. pulls out of Afghanistan we continue the urgent effort of bringing SIVs and their families to safety. We are committed to keeping our promise.

Thank you also to our sponsors:



The Housing Crisis



There are fewer homes available for rent or sale in this country than at any time in the last 30 years. (Source: CNN Business)

Housing Crisis in Rochester: What it Means for SIV Families

There is a housing crisis across the country, and the Rochester region is not immune. Because of you, we are able to offer a modest subsidy of (\$50 to \$100 a month when we can't find a suitable apartment for a family.

There are numerous studies showing poor housing is associated with feelings of helplessness, and how a modest subsidy leads to long-term stability for the entire family, and better educational outcomes for the children. The social and emotional impact of this simple gift of quality housing has been documented by numerous studies by the **Urban Institute**. Housing quality lays the foundation for a family's mental health, lessening anxiety, and depression.

This is just one of the ways your support makes a big impact on the lives of our SIV families.

Support KOP while doing your laundry!

Tru Earth, maker of earth-friendly laundry strip detergent, is helping our families and the KOP community to reduce our "eco footprint" and support our SIV resettlement program in Rochester.

Tru Earth has given **Keeping Our Promise** a grant so that each new SIV family has laundry detergent for a year!

In addition, each sale of their earth-friendly products from our website, newsletter and link helps to support our resettlement program. You can shop now using the link below. **Tru Earth** donates 20% of each sale to **Keeping Our Promise** to support our resettlement program.



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