The Story

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, AS THE PRIMARY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AGENCY FOR OKLAHOMA, has been asked by the US State Department to receive approximately 1,850 Afghan citizens. MOST ALL HAVE ASSISTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT in some way, thus endangering their safety if they were to remain in their home country.

WHY HELP? Every human being has dignity and we recognize that while these Afghan families will need assistance for a short period of time, we are confident that they will make our community much stronger in the future.

An operation this large cannot be done alone. We are pleased to be partnering with countless community and faith organizations, businesses, foundations and members of state and local government. THIS IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT!

Stay up to date! WE'RE POSTING REGULAR UPDATES ON:

OUR WEBSITE
cceok.org/refugees

FACEBOOK
facebook.com/catholiccharitieseasternok

LINKEDIN
linkedin.com/company/catholic-charities-of-eastern-oklahoma/

Services Provided

Catholic Charities, in partnership with other organizations and faith groups, provides each refugee with the following services during their first few months in Tulsa:

- Airport welcome and transportation to temporary housing
- Hot meal upon arrival
- Translation services
- Temporary and then long-term housing arrangements
- Transportation to appointments
- Hot meals while in temporary housing
- Clothing
- Furnishing apartments with all necessities
- Case management
- Assistance with job search
- Assistance with legal aid
- School enrollment
- Cultural orientation classes
- English classes
- Assistance with other programs

Needs & Volunteer Opportunities

- Affordable housing
- Donations of household items from our registry
- We are organizing a plan for clothing but are not accepting clothing at this time.
- You may sign up to help, see our donation registry, or make a financial gift at cceok.org/refugees
Afghan Refugee FACT SHEET
cceok.org/refugees

Culture

DARÍ AND PASHTO
are the national languages.

AFGHAN
Term for the people and things from Afghanistan

AFGHANI
Term used for their currency

AFGHANS WILL NATURALLY SEPARATE BY GENDER while socializing outside the home. Men do not touch women or shake their hand and will avoid direct eye contact.

HALAL
Describes behaviors, food, and actions that are permissible and clean according to Islamic law.

HARAM
Describes behaviors, food, and actions that are impermissible and unclean under Islamic law, for example:
- Pork Products
- Gelatin
- Alcohol

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MUSLIMS MUST PRAY 5 TIMES A DAY. Most will wait to eat lunch and dinner until after noon and after sunset respectively.

It is polite in their culture to refuse something at least once; therefore, it is appropriate to offer things multiple times.

They point using an open palm, not a finger.

Legal, Health & Safety Matters

LEGAL STATUS: Afghans coming to the U.S. are considered refugees or evacuees and are admitted at port of entry due to urgent humanitarian concern. Afghans and their immediate family members who were targeted for their alliance to the United States government were evacuated due to the crisis nature of the situation and their vulnerability to harm. For more information, please visit the Department of State website.

The U.S. government requires THOROUGH SECURITY SCREENINGS FOR ALL AFGHANS. All have been vetted at least three times through eight agencies, including biometrics, background checks, and interviews before arriving on U.S. soil.

ALL AFGHANS undergo a medical screening in the United States that include age-appropriate vaccinations and tuberculosis testing.

Funding & Support Matters

Afghans are given a limited, one-time stipend for initial resettlement expenses.

FUNDING MOSTLY COMES FROM DONATIONS
from individuals, businesses, and foundations

Any GOVERNMENT FUNDING received by Catholic Charities for Refugee Resettlement MAY ONLY BE USED TO PROVIDE NECESSITIES FOR THE REFUGEES and we are required to track and report these expenses in order to be reimbursed for them.

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To donate or volunteer, visit:
cceok.org/refugees