



2021 Year in Review

# Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection



# Our Mission

CRIC's mission is to promote integration, economic self-sufficiency, and positive connections among refugees, immigrants, and the wider community through two-way education, improved access to existing resources, and development of new services.





# CRIC'S STORY





# Our Team

In 2021, we expanded programs to advance our mission with new staff, VISTA volunteers and student interns.



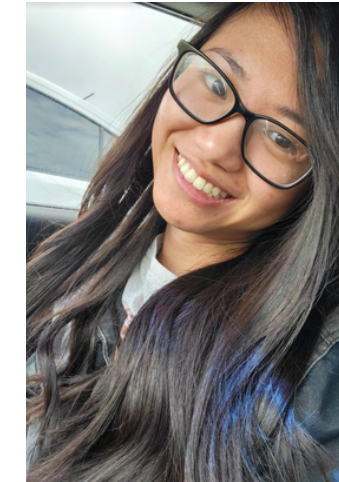
**Danny Beus**  
Executive Director



**Lorien Belton**  
Director of  
Finance & Operations



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Caseworker/Community  
Health Worker



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Intern



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AmeriCorps VISTA



**Noemy Mendoza**  
Caseworker/Community  
Health Worker



**Lurbin Moore**  
Financial Literacy  
Program Manager



**Rachel Schwartz**  
AmeriCorps VISTA



**Victoria Thompson**  
Masters of Social Work  
Intern

## Not pictured:

Veronica Smith, Director of Programs & Partnerships; Ivanna Fuentes and Selam Araya, part-time housing advocates; Peter Taylor and Claire Wever, part-time walk-in hours managers; and MacKenzie Bowcutt, former Executive Director.



# Our Programs





# Walk-In Hours

We were able to resume our in-person walk-in hours in June, after 16 months of remote-only assistance. Despite operating remotely for almost half the year, we provided support to more than **500** clients. Through this program, our staff members and volunteers helped clients apply for travel documents, find housing, secure jobs and much more.

# Learning Support

In 2021, CRIC was able to help numerous individuals access more opportunities through our **driver's license, citizenship and financial literacy classes**, through remote and in-person tutoring.





# Community Garden

10 different families, many from the Karen ethnic group, utilized the community garden this year. We were also able to give back to the community by donating excess produce to the food pantry in Logan.

With the help of our new landlords, Tony and Taya Florez, CRIC will expand our garden to more families and additional communities in future years.





# Supporting Afghan Resettlement

Due to political upheaval in Afghanistan, the United States brought ~ 65,000 Afghans to military bases across the United States after emergency evacuations.

To help meet the needs of these individuals, CRIC partnered with Church World Services to resettle some of them in Cache Valley.

After planning for housing and many other details, we welcomed the first Afghan family to Logan just days after the end of 2021, with plans to resettle a total of 20 people in 2022.





# Covid-19 Outreach

CRIC helped provide resources to address the ongoing pandemic, including:

- Three vaccine events, held in collaboration with the Bear River Health Department, lead to over 150 individuals getting fully vaccinated.
- We connected individuals to Association for Utah Community Health (AUCH) funding, which helped those who were impacted financially by COVID-19.
- Free masks and at-home COVID testing kits were made available to all our clients.





# More Highlights

## Governor Spencer J. Cox Visits CRIC



It was an honor to have the governor visit CRIC and voice his support of our mission and for the success of our clients.

## Space Expansion and World Refugee Day Open House



CRIC moved into a new space at **1115 North 200 East** in Logan. In June, we celebrated by hosting a World Refugee Day open house to mark the date we officially resumed in-person services again.

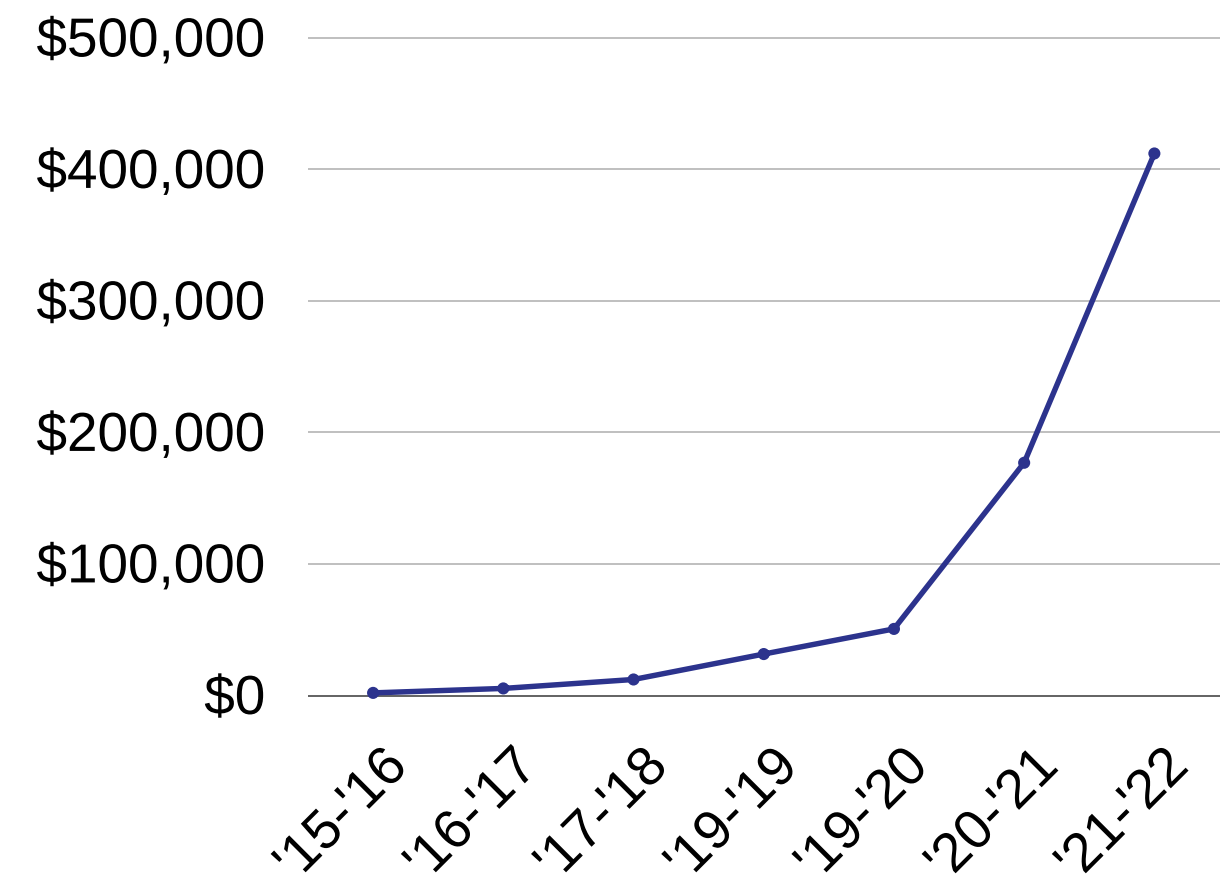


# Financial Growth

CRIC has grown tremendously in the past few years. Our budget has increased substantially each year since our founding in 2014.

- In April 2021, a substantial gift from JBS USA—CRIC's largest single donation ever—allowed us to launch a formal case management program, and subsequently to plan to resettle Afghan humanitarian parolees.
- We also began two federally-funded programs that build on existing relationships and efforts: a COVID-19 focused partnership with the Utah Department of Health, and a joint program with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) with Small Business Administration (SBA) funding to support small businesses owned by refugee and immigrant clients.

CRIC Annual Operating Budget





# Volunteers

CRIC would not be what it is without the help of our amazing volunteers.  
We are so grateful to have the community support that we do.  
Thank you!

**1,540 hours** were volunteered  
with CRIC throughout 2021.





**CRIC**



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