

CACHE
REFUGEE &
IMMIGRANT
CONNECTION



ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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OUR MISSION

Our 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.



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year has been one of the most remarkable in CRIC history. As the Executive Director, I am immensely proud of our organization's achievements and the positive impact we have made in the lives of refugees and immigrants.

At the beginning of 2023, CRIC assumed a new role as Utah's third refugee resettlement agency, significantly expanding our scope and impact. Our dedicated team worked tirelessly to ensure that every refugee received the support they needed to start anew in our community.

Despite facing a housing crisis, we successfully secured permanent housing for all our refugees. This achievement was made possible by the incredible generosity of our community, which rallied to provide housing items for every refugee family.

Our commitment to empowering refugees and immigrants in Cache Valley remains unwavering. We continue to offer a range of core services, including case management, walk-in hours, citizenship tutoring, driver's license tutoring, and financial literacy programs. In 2024, we aim to expand these programs to reach even more people in our community.

I am grateful to our volunteers, staff, donors, and community partners for their unwavering support. Your contributions have made a real difference in the lives of those we serve, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued partnership.

Thank you for your constant support throughout the years. Thank you for helping us make Cache Valley a community for everyone.

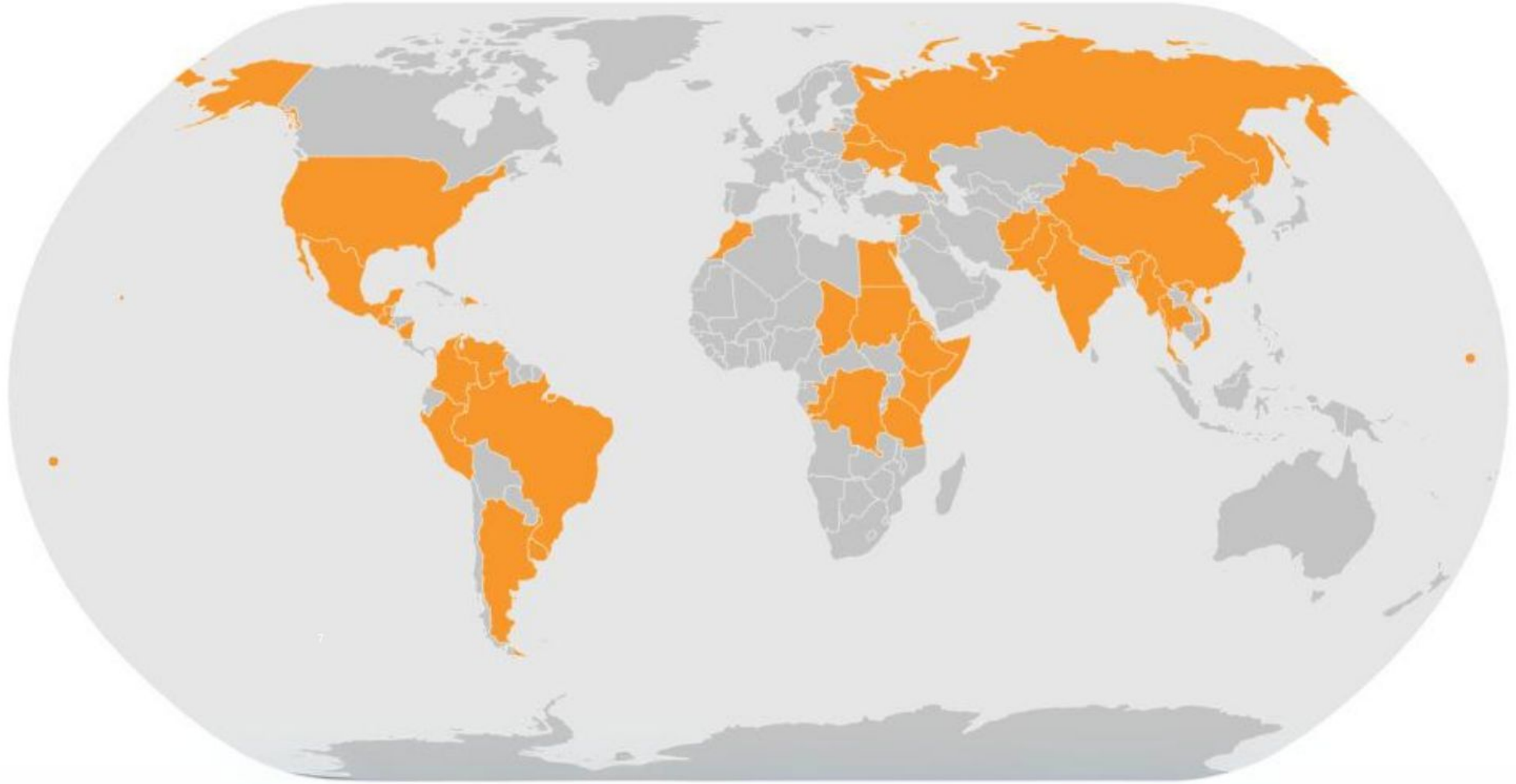
-Danny Beus
Executive Director



OUR VISION: COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE



WHO WE SERVE



35+ COUNTRIES

CRIC'S WORK IN 2023

Resettled
84
Refugees



From
10
Countries

24
Families
Resettled

39
Children
Resettled

1
Family
Reunified

 **40** Hours of Driver's License Tutoring

 **20** Hours of Citizenship Tutoring

 **82** Money Management Participants

 **33** Community Garden Plots



40
Homes found
for refugees
and immigrants



1301
Volunteer Hours
Equating to **\$41,371** of donated time

600+
Attendance at
World Refugee Day

\$92,250
Raised at Harvest Dinner



15,450
Hours Assisting Refugee and
Immigrant Communities

1580
Walk-In Hours Interactions

582
Total hours of offered
Walk-In Hours

A REFUGEE'S JOURNEY AT CRIC



Resettlement

1

Adjustment

2

Empowerment

3



1. RESETTLEMENT

When CRIC receives a notification of an incoming family, we prepare for their arrival. We find them appropriate housing, prepare the home with furniture and housing supplies, and supply a week's worth of groceries.

Next, we pick them up from the airport, provide their first meal, and introduce them to their new home.

In the following weeks, our case managers help take care of the family by arranging medical screenings and appointments, enrolling the children in school, applying for social services, and helping them find a job.

It's our hope that the family will be resettled and self-sufficient within 90 days of the arrival.

84
Resettled
Refugees

24
Resettled
Families

39
Resettled
Children

121
Newcomers
Served
(including Ukrainians
and Afghans)

HOUSING

This year we took an active role in finding housing as part of resettlement. With the help of kind landlords, we were able to help families find a place to call home.

40
Homes Found
for Our Clients



126
Individuals
Housed

RASHID FAMILY

When the Rashid family arrived to Cache Valley in July, they knew their lives were going to change. With mountains reminiscent of their home in Afghanistan, they began a new chapter in their lives.

With the assistance of dedicated caseworkers, their children were enrolled in school, they were connected to employment services, and the family received necessary support to navigate their new lives.

Today, the Rashid family has found a safe haven to call home. Their daughters now dare to dream of becoming doctors, a possibility only achievable in their new home.

After being separated from their oldest son for two years, they hope to reunite with him in 2024.



"The true impact of our work is hard to measure. Every refugee who has the chance to start a safe, new life full of opportunity will impact countless others along their journey. Refugee resettlement is like a spark - it's just the beginning of a series of chain reactions that will go on to change our communities for the better and eventually the world."

Carol Baum *Director of Resettlement*

2. ADJUSTMENT

This phase of resettlement transitions from immediate needs to long-term goals and self-sufficiency.

After the initial 90 days of resettlement, clients are transitioned to caseworkers focused on helping them achieve self-sufficiency and independence.

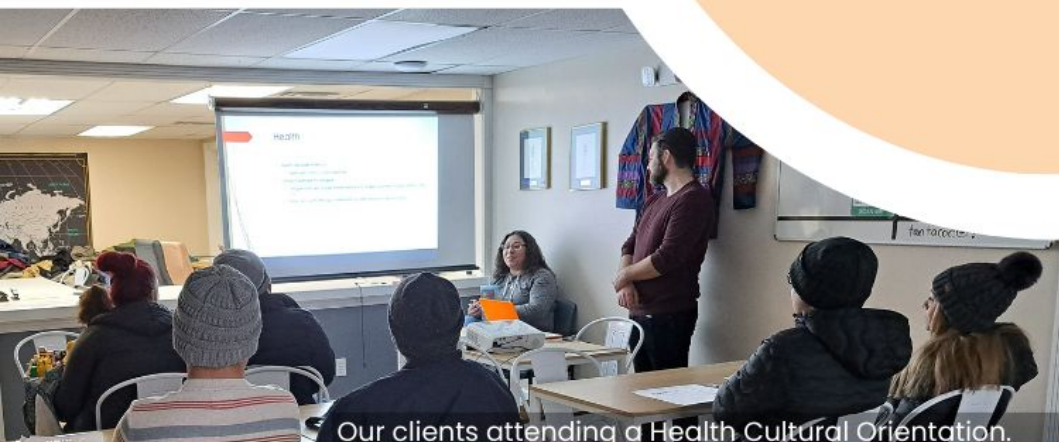
This includes helping clients focus on **career goals**, such as finding a job that better fits their needs and interests, or connecting them to resources to validate licenses or degrees from their home country. This enables them to continue their chosen career paths in the US.

It's important for us to connect clients with **community resources** depending on their needs. This may include mental health resources, financial resources, finding daycare, managing benefits, or teaching them how to schedule medical and dental appointments.



Most of our Afghan and Ukrainian friends arrived outside of the resettlement process. At CRIC, we have case managers dedicated to each demographic to provide custom care for each situation. This year, we served **34 Afghans** and **23 Ukrainians**.

Another part of a client's adjustment phase is **health orientation**. When initially resettled, new refugees must have a health screening which we help coordinate. Afterwards, our caseworkers help them figure out any concerns that may arise. A CRIC community health worker teaches orientation classes for New Americans, making sure our clients are healthy and understand the US health system.



Our clients attending a Health Cultural Orientation.

3. EMPOWERMENT

Since CRIC's beginnings, our programs have been designed to empower refugees and immigrants. By providing resources and support, CRIC enables individuals to thrive and contribute positively to society.



Walk-In Hours

This program embodies the essence of CRIC—a welcoming and resourceful hub for anyone seeking assistance. Whether it's a form, job application, or help with interpreting mail, our dedicated case managers and volunteers strive to find solutions.



Money Management Class

With the support of our partners at Comcast and Cache Valley Bank, we offer a 6-week course teaching New Americans about bank accounts, credit, fraud protection, and budgeting, empowering participants with essential financial skills.



Community Garden

Partnering with the Flores Family Community Garden, refugees and immigrants were able to care for and cultivate a plot of land. This program promoted both self-sufficiency and a sense of community as participants gathered together.

Citizenship Tutoring

Individuals seeking official citizenship status are paired with dedicated CRIC volunteers. Together, they study U.S. history and civics, preparing participants to successfully pass the U.S. citizenship exam.



Small Business Management

In this program's final year, we saw our clients succeed in their business adventures. We had clients involved with the Cache Valley Gardener's Market selling their food. CRIC even organized a Pop-Up Food Market with food from all over the world.



Driver's License Tutoring

This program helps immigrants and refugees prepare for the written Utah driver's license exam. Participants are matched with a volunteer who helps them study effectively. With the help of diverse volunteers, we've been able to help across multiple languages.



Partnership Referrals

We are fortunate to have amazing partners in the valley that we can refer clients to. We believe in not reinventing the wheel when someone else is already doing an excellent job. Thanks to all our community partners for their work and support.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY



Additional Highlights of 2023



Cultural Events:

We organized a Ukraine-specific event that gathered new Ukrainian arrivals, sponsor families, long-time Cache Valley Ukrainians, and others with ties to Ukraine. The evening was spent connecting while enjoying authentic Ukrainian cuisine. Additionally, we hosted an Afghan summer picnic to unite our recently arrived Afghan families.



Pop-Up Food Market

Building on the success of our Small Business Management program, which included CRIC clients in the Cache Valley Gardener's Market, we organized a Pop-Up Food Market for other immigrant-run food booths. The event attracted an unprecedented crowd, with community members eager to sample cuisine from Syria, Kuwait, Morocco, China, Ethiopia, and Mexico.



Award:

CRIC received the 2023 Service Award from the Cache Chamber of Commerce.



Donation Drives:

This year, our community rallied together to help make houses into homes for resettling refugee families. Through the generous donation of household items, furniture, and mattresses, we provided these families with the essentials for a fresh start. We were particularly touched by the overwhelming response in gathering coats for the winter. We are so grateful for the community's generosity and support.



Harvest Dinner:

At our annual fundraising event, we saw the community support in a record-breaking way. Through ticket sales, auction donations, and corporate sponsorships, the community raised an impressive **\$92,250** for refugees and immigrants in our community. Special to this year, items donated by local refugees and immigrants were auctioned off. The event also featured captivating performances by members of the refugee and immigrant communities. We are grateful for all those who made it such a special event.



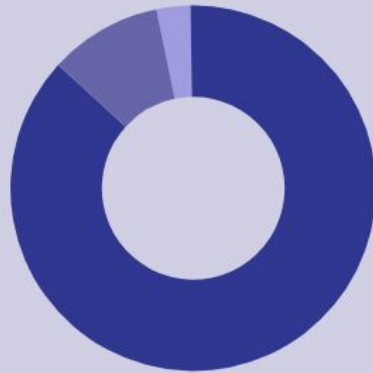
Financial Report

For our 2022-2023 fiscal year, we continued our growth as an organization, especially through the addition of resettlement and associated programs that assist with health screenings, extended case management services and more. As a result, contracts and grants made up a large portion of our revenue during the fiscal year.

Operating Expenses

Total Expenses: \$798,938*

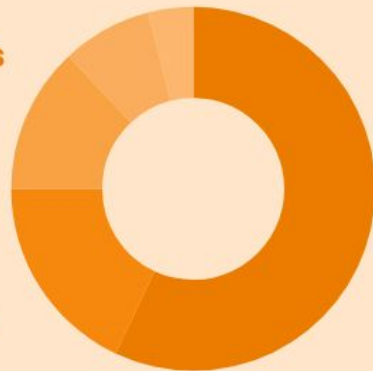
- Program Services**
87% | \$697,376
- Management and General**
10% | \$80,021
- Fundraising**
3% | \$21,540



Operating Revenues

Total Revenue: \$762,306*

- Government Grants/Contracts**
57%
- Private Foundations**
18%
- Individual Contributions**
13%
- Events, Including Sponsorship**
8%
- Corporate Gifts and Grants**
4%



How You Can Help



Donate

Online: cacherefugees.org
By Mail: PO Box 4413
Logan, UT 84323

Gather

Host your own donation drive and help collect needed items.

Volunteer

Join in our efforts by becoming a volunteer.

Fundraise

Start your own fundraising campaign to support CRIC. For more information visit our website.

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Visit Our Website to Get Started



Thank You!

Mahadsanid

Somali

ДЯКУЄМО

Ukrainian

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Tigrinya

Gracias

Spanish

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