

# REFUGEE HOPE INTL



## CARRIED BY LOVE: A NEWSLETTER OF COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY

### Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we look back over the past few months, we are filled with gratitude for the ways love and community have carried us—and the families we serve—through both everyday moments and unexpected challenges. At Refugee Hope International, our mission goes beyond resettlement. We walk with families on their journey toward stability, healing, and belonging. These are just a few glimpses of that journey, made possible through your continued support.

### GROWTH REPORT

Family served: 130

### DIVERSITY REPORT

Countries Represented: 14

Serving clients from:

Afghanistan, Congo, Eritrea,  
Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran Rwanda,  
South Sudan, Syria, Uganda,  
Ukraine,Venezuela, Somalia,  
Tanzania

**NEW: Sudan and Columbia**



### SUMMER JOY FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

When summer rolled in, many refugee children found themselves facing long, idle days. With schools closed and few structured activities available, their parents—often working multiple jobs—had little time or resources to plan anything for them. For children already navigating major life transitions, this lack of engagement could feel especially isolating.

But then, RHI stepped in. Recognizing the need, we helped connect a group of children to a summer camp designed just for them. For many, it was their very first time attending such a program. From the moment they stepped onto the campgrounds, their world changed. The air was filled with laughter, songs, and squeals of excitement as they played games, made crafts,

learned new skills, and most importantly—made friends.

One child said with a big grin, “I didn’t know camp could be like this. I want to come back every year!”

These few days may have seemed short, but the impact was deep. The children returned home with their eyes bright, their hearts light, and their spirits lifted. They didn’t just experience fun—they experienced joy, freedom, and a renewed sense of belonging. For those precious days, they weren’t “refugee kids”—they were just kids. And that made all the difference.

### CLOTHED WITH CONFIDENCE

As refugee children settle into school life, they often begin to long for the same things their classmates have: a favorite T-shirt, trendy sneakers, a jacket that feels “cool.”

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than a basic need—they become a way to express identity and feel included. Thanks to generous support from the Kiwanis Club and local donors, we’ve been able to provide clothing that fits, flatters, and excites. Children are choosing their own outfits—often in American styles they’ve come to admire—and leaving with wide smiles and a little extra bounce in their step. These aren’t just clothes. They are a sign of belonging and a boost of confidence. A reminder that they matter, just as they are.

A MIDNIGHT WALK AND A COMMUNITY’S RESPONSE

Not long ago, we visited a family whose young daughter had undergone emergency surgery for a burst appendix. Her pain struck suddenly in the middle of the night. With no transportation and unsure of how to navigate the emergency system—or whether they could afford it—the family did the only thing they could: they carried her. On foot. For over a mile. In the dark. They walked to the hospital in

GUIDING A FAMILY TOWARD A FRESH START

Earlier this year, a family of five found themselves needing to move to a more affordable apartment. But navigating leases, coordinating paperwork, and contacting employers was overwhelming—especially with language barriers and no car. Stress began to take its toll. They were losing hope. RHI helped. We met with them, offering transportation, translation support, and guidance through unfamiliar systems. What

silence and worry, hoping they weren’t too late. After the surgery, when we heard their story, we stepped in to bring her home and deliver groceries to help ease the burden of recovery. But more than food or transportation, we offered what they said they needed most: reassurance that they weren’t alone.

This moment reminded us that compassion often arrives not as a grand gesture but as a quiet presence—someone willing to show up, listen, and walk beside others in their time of need.

began as a logistical challenge became an opportunity for dignity to be restored. Their relief was visible. They smiled again. They felt seen.

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

Every story shared here is a testament to the power of community. Whether through a ride to the hospital, a bag of groceries, a fun-filled week at camp, or a pair of jeans that feels “just right”—your support helps transform lives in small but meaningful ways. Thank you for being part of this work. Thank you for walking with us. Thank you for carrying others in love.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
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