

# REFUGEE HOPE INTL



## LIFTED TOGETHER BY GRACE

Dear **Friends**,

Each day at Refugee Hope International, we are reminded that serving others is not a burden—it is a blessing. The families who enter our lives bring with them stories of resilience, courage, and hope, and in walking beside them, we, too, are strengthened and blessed. What a joy it is to witness how compassion binds us together and creates new beginnings.

When you choose to support this ministry—whether by offering time, resources, or prayers—you become part of a beautiful exchange of grace. As we extend help to those rebuilding their lives, God continually pours back into our own. Again and again, we experience that the act of giving becomes a source of renewal, joy, and deep gratitude.

Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for sharing in this sacred work of lifting others. Your love makes room for healing, hope, and a future for every family we serve—and it enriches all of us in the process.

With sincere appreciation,  
**Karen Yang**  
 Director, Refugee Hope International



## A WINTER OF WARMTH: A Quiet Gift from an Anonymous Heart

As winter of 2025 arrived early and harsh in Michigan, Refugee Hope International and its partners responded swiftly to support refugee families facing the sudden chill.

In the midst of these efforts, one woman—who prefers to remain anonymous—heard about the urgent need and went straight to a local dollar store. Within hours she arrived at RHI with bags of children's socks and gloves.

As RHI team delivered the hats door-to-door—especially to the families who were unable to shop for winter clothing—parents held them gently and children's face lit up. They tried them on immediately, smiling with joy. Their eyes were bright, saying, "**Someone cared.**"

Someone they had never met thought of them, shopped for them, and wanted them warm. These moments remind us that kindness, even in small packages, carries enormous warmth. "**Together, we make winter a season of care.**"

*These simple acts of kindness transformed cold days into moments of warmth, dignity, and connection.*



## ANITA'S YEAR-LONG GIFT OF KINDNESS TO REFUGEE CHILDREN

Anita's journey started during the COVID shutdown, when she suddenly found herself with unexpected time and a desire to do something meaningful for others. She recalled, "Then I thought, 'I'm going to donate'. And this is something I can do for the community, which is in my control. And that's where it all started."

Through the year, she knitted patiently—switching colors when she felt inspired, trying new patterns when grew bored of old ones, and working through her favorite TV shows. Every stitch carried warmth. Every thread carried dignity. Every hat carried love.

Because of Anita's year-long labor of love, dozens of refugee children stepped into Michigan's early winter with warmth on their heads and comfort in their hearts. Her story reminds us that consistent kindness of a person can touch many lives.

At Refugee Hope International, we celebrate Anita and all the community members who help make this winter season a season of care, generosity and hope.

*"Seeing the photographs made me emotional. I could see that they're put to good use. Sometimes, you donate and you don't know where things are going, but this time I know. That encourages me to keep going."*

## FOURTH QUARTER IMPACT

### Children's Books

3 box full of reading materials distributed

### Clothing Assistance

Seasonal clothing provided to 28 families

### Community Resource Guidance

ESL classes, food pantry info, social events, and job opportunities shared with 12 families

### Diaper Support

25 families received diapers and baby essentials

### Distributed Furniture

7 families were provided furniture for their house

### Groceries Distributed

17 families received essential food support

### Transportation Aid

12 families assisted with rides to work, appointments, and essential services

## GROWTH REPORT

Family served: 137

## DIVERSITY REPORT

Countries Represented: 14 Serving clients from Afghanistan, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Rwanda, South Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela, Somalia, Tanzania

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