



Highland Afghan Resettlement Initiative Update 1-4-22: We Need Your Help

As you know, Highland has two families assigned to us: a single 21 year old woman (“Minna”) who is the niece of Mohammad, (an Afghan we helped resettle 18 years ago) and the “Abdul Sayyid” family. These are fictitious names to protect their identity. Abdul worked for the American Embassy in Kabul, translating and in the purchasing and logistics area. He is accompanied by his wife and three young children, ages 7, 3 and 8 months old. We have been busy getting them situated; however, we need more people to assist them! Some ways you could help are:

- Transportation
- Helping to navigate the job search process and job opportunities
- Tutoring in English (while Minna and Abdul both speak English they could use additional practice and Abdul’s wife does not speak any English)
- Homework help for the seven year old boy who begins second grade here on January 5
- Finding a house or apartment rental
- Obtaining driver’s licenses and purchasing used cars
- Other activities such as getting a library card, visiting local areas

More families would like to come to Lancaster and Highland would love to sponsor more, but we need more volunteers to make that a reality!

Please contact either Lynn Dawson (dawsonlynn@gmail.com) or Cyndi DeLong (cyndiandelong@yahoo.com) if you are interested in learning more.

Our donation center has been a great success by providing support to our Afghan families and many other refugees in the area. Tom and Gail Whitworth have been diligently running that center almost singlehanded. They really need your help. **If you could come in for a few hours on Tuesday or Thursday morning, please contact them at Tom8motk@yahoo.com** They have a calendar sign-up sheet.

Our center also has the following needs:

- Teapots for steeping and serving
- Mugs/cups for tea
- Flatware/silverware for everyday use
- Dutch ovens - 5 or 7 quarts
- Plastic storage containers with lids (various sizes)
- OTC Medications: Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen for adults and children, aspirin, cold medicine, Neosporin, cold medicine (day/night)
- Bandages
- Razors for men and women
- Shave cream
- Shampoo for adults and children/babies
- Hair dryers

Women

- Wool knit gloves

Men

- Pants: 34 waist or smaller with various lengths 29 - 34
- Shoes sizes 8-10 ***Critical Need***
- Shirts 14.5-16 or Small/Medium/Large
- T-shirts 30-34 or Small/Medium/Large
- Underwear 30-34
- Sweaters Small/Medium
- Winter coats size 40 or smaller or Small/Medium
- Winter gloves and stocking caps various sizes

Baby Needs

- Disposable diapers all sizes
- Clean infant blankets
- Toddler shoes various sizes

Children & Youth

- Boys shoes various sizes - mostly sneakers
- Coats: Children 4-6T and Youth sizes 10-14
- Gloves all sizes

Bedding

- Pillows - Standard size medium firm to firm
- Pillow protectors - Standard size
- Sheets - twin, double, queen sizes
- Mattress pads - twin, double, queen