Many former Afghan interpreters, security personnel, and their families will be arriving in the Twin Cities as refugees over the next few weeks. We are on standby as we anticipate arrival details from the U.S. State Department, but expect an estimated 35 individuals by the end of next month, and more than that in October and beyond.

Arrive Ministries will help provide apartments, jobs, and basic household items for these new arrivals.

We are grateful for recent shows of support and interest in the work we do with Afghans at Arrive Ministries.

Many have asked how to support Afghan families when they get here. Here's a full list:

- Form a Good Neighbor team - interested people should attend an interest meeting
- Be a host home or help us find apartments
- Donate to the Afghan Resettlement Fund

Q & A with Two Afghan Men Living in Minnesota

Zia and Sahil were resettled through the Special Immigrant Visa program (SIV) for Afghans who served with the U.S. Military. They both came to Minnesota six and seven years ago, respectively, with their wives and children. With the help of Arrive Ministries Immigration department, they are now U.S. citizens.

Our Communications Director interviewed them about the fall of Afghanistan, the future of their homeland, and the way Minnesotans can assist Afghan refugees. Read more.

UPDATE to the recently published Star Tribune article:

Zia's wife and three kids safely arrived home in Minnesota on Monday night (8/23), after a week of attempting to board a plane from Kabul!

Zia told us, "Thank God they have safely arrived."

Sahil (Left) - "My whole priority right now is how to secure my own family. My parents, brothers, and sisters still live in Afghanistan; I am the only one of my siblings in the U.S. They are lost, they don't know what's going to happen. It's not just about who has taken over the country – it's how they're going to treat our people."

More stories of our Afghan clients & resources about Afghan culture at the bottom of this email.
Last week we welcomed a family fleeing Burma (photo here of dad carrying young child after a 4AM arrival). We anticipate families arriving from Syria, Sudan, and possibly Guatemala within the next month.

We are rebuilding our capacity to welcome these new neighbors by increasing staffing and our network of affordable housing. Learn more.

Job Openings

Office Administrator/Executive Assistant

We’re looking for a part-time (24 hours per week) Office Administrator/Executive Assistant. This is a multi-faceted role, providing valuable support to volunteer management and overall office function. Some key responsibilities are processing new volunteers and interns, receiving and processing applications, background checks, reporting, and more.

Case Manager

We’re looking for a passionate and organized individual who wants to meaningfully “welcome the stranger” - beginning the moment a refugee’s flight lands at MSP! This full-time Case Manager works with a caseload of newly arrived refugees, connecting them to necessary services and helping them begin their new life in Minnesota.

Fall Internships

Immigration Legal Services (ILS) Intern

This internship will assist our ILS team as they work with our clients on a multitude of cases, including the Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) program which is used to bring families

Communications Intern

This internship will assist in telling the story of Arrive Ministries: the refugee and immigrant clients, church teams, and volunteers we serve. The primary duty is to develop and write content that will be used through

Special Volunteer Opportunity

Because of our growth, Arrive is migrating to Salesforce for much of our back office function and could use help! If you’re a Salesforce user/expert and would like to volunteer some time to help,
Upcoming Events

Volunteer Interest Meetings Online

September 22, 7-8 PM
October 19, 7-8 PM
November 17, 7-8 PM

Come and learn more about volunteering with Afghan refugees and other refugee populations we serve. This is a required first step before volunteering with Arrive Ministries. Register by clicking the specific date.

Sewing & Arts Exchange Open House

The SAE Studio
2601 12th Ave. S., Mpls
Tues. Sept. 14, 6-8PM

Are you a sewer who is interested in volunteering as a sewing teacher? Join us for the Sewing & Arts Exchange Open House to learn more about our upcoming fall season.

There will be food, music, socializing, and a display of completed sewing projects. Meet our team of sewers and teachers + ask questions!

More stories of our Afghan clients & students

Rahima’s Resilience and Strength

“It is so inspiring to see that many hard-working refugees have built business in America and are contributing toward the growth of our economy.”

Jawed’s Third Time Fleeing Afghanistan

“When I found out they knew my address, and my son’s name was on the hit list, that was the last of it.”

Haleema’s Naturalization Journey

“For Haleema it was challenging to find the right time and also difficult to stay focused because her children were home. However, together we persevered.”

Raheena’s Inspiration to Pursue an Education from an Afghan Female Warrior

“How am I going to stand up for my rights and for other women and girls’ rights, who don’t have access to education?”
The origin story of our Afghan Women’s ESL program (AWELL)

Afghan director Hassan Fazili captures his young family's harrowing trek across numerous borders shooting the entire thing using 3 cell phones over a few years.

Watch Midnight Traveler

An Insight into Afghan Culture, Hospitality, and Etiquette

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