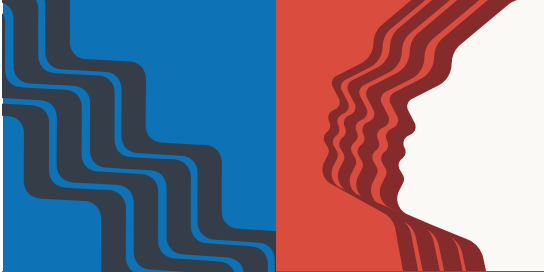


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Refugees.org

Our Mission:

To protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide and support their transition to a dignified life

What We Do:

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), established in 1911, is a nongovernmental, not-for-profit international organization dedicated to addressing the needs and rights of refugees and immigrants. USCRI, working with nearly 200 affiliates, provides legal, social, and health services to refugees, unaccompanied migrating children, trafficking survivors, and other immigrants in all 50 states, El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, and Mexico. USCRI advocates for the rights of refugees and immigrants both nationally and globally, helping to drive humanitarian policies, practices, and law.

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Message from Our CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are living in unprecedented and challenging times. Today we are witnessing war and suffering all over the world, with more than 100 million refugees and internally displaced people—historic displacement we have never seen before. Since USCRI's inception 113 years ago, we have advocated for equality, dignity, and justice for all refugees and displaced people regardless of their country of origin.

Unfortunately, we are seeing globally the normalization of injustice, apathy, and selective outrage. Against this backdrop, USCRI is focused on serving and advocating for all refugees and immigrants without prejudice.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) reached over 74,000 clients in all fifty states, El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, and Mexico. That includes over 20,000 unaccompanied children, 1,500 survivors of human trafficking, and 18,000 refugees.

As you will see in this report, USCRI continues to grow our services and advocacy internationally, particularly in our work with children and youth. This year, our Children's Services program expanded to provide home studies and post-release services to 20,000 unaccompanied children (up from 12,000 last year). We started our Aspire program, which serves foreign national child survivors of trafficking by providing comprehensive case management services. Our Policy and Advocacy team conducted international field visits, such as to Kakuma and Dadaab, the largest refugee camps in Africa. This visit to Kenya inspired our Keep Girls Dreaming initiative, which was planned at the end of FY 2023 and executed in FY 2024. Through this initiative, USCRI purchased, delivered, and distributed over half a million sanitary pads to Kakuma and Dadaab to support 5,000 girls for one year.

We invite you to follow our work this year on our website (refugees.org) and social media. Your support and commitment to USCRI have directly and positively impacted the lives of refugees, unaccompanied children, trafficking survivors, and other immigrants, and we truly appreciate your dedication.

With much gratitude,

Eskinder Negash
President & CEO

Board members

USCRI is governed by a volunteer, unpaid Board of Directors.

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TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED: 74,000+

Children's Services

USCRI provides home assessments and case management services to unaccompanied migrating children.

Cases served **20,273**

(1,548 Home Studies and 18,725 Post-Release Services)

Residential Care

USCRI's shelters, in Florida and California, provide a safe and welcoming temporary home to girls who have arrived in the U.S. unaccompanied by their parents and without immigration status.

909 girls served at Rinconcito del Sol

(top countries: Guatemala - 472, Honduras - 179, Mexico - 62)

Refugee Programs

USCRI and its national affiliates assist newcomers in achieving self-sufficiency.

Reception and Placement: **9,094 resettled**

Employment Program: **3,503 clients**

Intensive Case Management: **5,986 clients**

Trafficking Services

USCRI serves foreign national adult and child victims of human trafficking, providing comprehensive case management to these populations through a nationwide network of service providers.

1,094 adult and **458** minor survivors served

Legal Services

USCRI provides low-cost and pro bono legal services to low-income refugees and immigrants across the U.S., including programs for Afghans, Ukrainians, unaccompanied children, and trafficking survivors.

4,392 cases entered into representation

Refugee Health Services

USCRI supports and develops health and wellness initiatives for refugees.

27,478 clients served
(23,992 were Cuban or Haitian Entrants)

Policy and Advocacy

USCRI assesses federal laws and international instruments, develops policy positions, and advocates for humanitarian practices to protect the rights of refugees and immigrants both nationally and globally.

- **Field visits to:** Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh; migrant shelters in Tijuana, Mexico; the U.S.-Mexico border in El Paso, TX; Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps and Kalobeyei Settlement in Kenya; and asylum processing centers in Greece
- Released two in-depth policy reports and 23 standalone statements, published 25 Policy and Advocacy Reports, submitted multiple comments on federal regulations
- Unaccompanied Children Retrospective final report released in April 2023

International

USCRI has offices in El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, and Mexico.

- **Mexico:** 2,836 Title 42 crossings facilitated, 358 clients given legal orientation, 18 Know Your Rights presentations, 9 clients represented before Mexican immigration authorities
- **El Salvador:** 116 youth assisted through the Livelihoods Program (professional training, labor market insertion, case referrals for complementary reintegration services)





Rinconcito del Sol

Rinconcito del Sol is one of USCRI's residential shelters that provides a safe and welcoming temporary home to girls who have arrived in the U.S. unaccompanied by their parents and without immigration status.

Stephany* arrived at Rinconcito del Sol with the hope of reuniting with a family member. Over the span of four months, she embarked on a profound journey of self-discovery and personal growth, under the compassionate guidance of the staff and her peers, other unaccompanied girls.

Upon Stephany's arrival, staff at Rinconcito del Sol became aware of her vision difficulties. Following several medical assessments, including consultations with a low vision specialist, she was diagnosed with Best Maculopathy, an inherited form of macular dystrophy. To enhance her quality of life and ensure clear vision, Stephany required a specialized type of eyewear known as a Bioptic telescopic system. These special glasses, which are added to regular eyeglasses, work like small binoculars.

However, obtaining these glasses proved to be a process, requiring an extended stay for Stephany at Rinconcito del Sol while she awaited their arrival. After a two-month wait, Stephany finally received her glasses. The moment was filled with joy and anticipation as she prepared to view the world how she had never seen it before.

Throughout her stay, Stephany encountered numerous challenges, yet with unwavering determination and resilience, she conquered each obstacle that crossed her path. With the aid of counseling, support and assistance from our dedicated medical coordinator department, educational resources, personalized case management, and a range of therapeutic activities offered at Rinconcito del Sol, she acquired invaluable life skills and emotional resiliency.

Stephany's journey demonstrates the transformative impact of Rinconcito del Sol, where dedication and compassion converge to empower girls to overcome obstacles and realize their full potential.

**Name has been changed for anonymity*



Legal

USCRI's Legal Services program offers low-cost and pro bono professional legal representation to low-income refugees and immigrants and their families with family- and humanitarian-based immigration matters, offering a variety of legal services across the U.S.

There were only two staff in the Dallas office when the first local client was welcomed in November 2022. The furniture was assembled, the printer installed, and business cards had been delivered, but the Dallas office didn't feel official until Mohammad stepped off the elevator and greeted the staff with a smile.

Mohammad was led to a conference room and began to tell his story:

I worked with the U.S. military for 11 years. When I got the job, I was very happy because about 200 people had applied, and only about 60 of us were chosen. At that time, I had no money, and all my family's responsibility was on me, so when I got that job, I was very happy.

Because I worked with the U.S. military, the Taliban targeted me and my family. In the village where I lived, I was the only one who worked for the U.S. government, so I knew I was the target of all the attacks.

Many times, I nearly got hit by an exploding IED. The last explosion was when I was returning home from work. Another time, the Taliban appeared on motorcycles and started shooting at me. I stayed in my car, and that is how I stayed safe.

The day that the [Afghan] government fell, I was exhausted. I was working nonstop and hadn't slept for seven days. We were wondering what was going to happen, and no one could think well. We didn't know if the Taliban was going to take over Afghanistan, and we had many jobs to do. When one job was finished there was always more to do. Our supervisor told us that the next morning we would be transported to the Kabul Airport and then to America. We did not even have time to call our family to tell them we were leaving. About a week after we left Afghanistan, I was able to call my family and tell them that I was safe in Abu Dhabi.

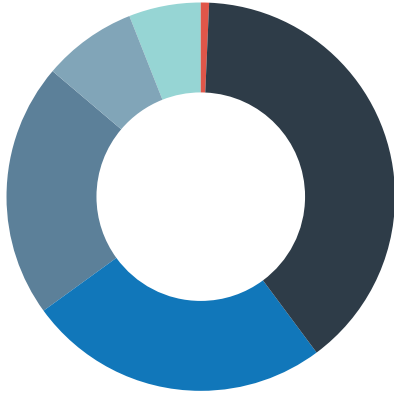
After I left, the Taliban harassed my family asking them where I was. The Taliban even kidnapped my brother and tortured him. He ended up in the hospital, and he still has not fully recovered. He isn't safe even now and has to move around from house to house of various relatives to hide.

Mohammad's harrowing tale amounted to a compelling case for asylum. Approximately one year after USCRI filed an asylum application, Mohammad received notice that the U.S. had granted him asylum. His wife and young daughter are still in Afghanistan, and USCRI continues to assist him until they can be reunited. Mohammad's daughter was born after he was evacuated, and he has never met her. All of us at USCRI look forward to the time when we can see our clients reunited with their families.

Financials

Major Programs Expenses

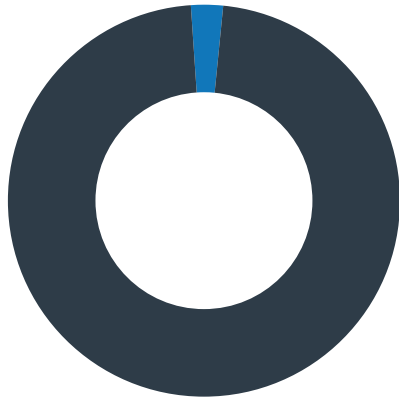
- **Refugee Health**
\$111,379,289
- **Refugee Programs**
\$70,862,126
- **Children's Services**
\$59,813,665
- **US Field Offices**
\$21,645,442
- **Legal Services**
\$16,236,012
- **Other**
\$410,695



Total Program Services
\$280,347,229

Supporting Services

- **Management and general**
\$9,819,997
- **Fundraising**
\$895,512



Total Supporting Services
\$10,715,509

Total Expenses: \$291,062,738

Revenue
and Support

**Federal and State
Grants and Contracts**

\$283,885,942

**Foundations and Individual
Contributions**

\$2,195,643

**In-kind Goods
and Services**

\$594,014

Investments

\$530,758

Other Income

\$5,193,833

Total Revenue

\$292,400,190

**Net
Assets**

**Net assets
in FY22**

\$24,328,913

**Net assets
in FY23**

\$25,666,365

**Net Change
in Net Assets**

\$1,337,452



Donors



\$100,000+

- Oak Foundation
- Ohio Access to Justice Foundation
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc.
- Rosewood Foundation

\$50,000+

- Latter-day Saints Charities
- The Williams Family Foundation

\$10,000+

- Building Hope in the City
- Capital District Transportation Authority
- Community West Foundation
- Luca Conte
- Natalie and Paul Cooper
- Paul Deaton
- Exxon Mobil Corporation - Max Schulz
- Floris United Methodist Church
- Global Cleveland
- Hannaford Supermarket
- Paul Janicke
- Phyllis and Larry Lepke
- Christian H. Pfister
- Kathryn and Keith Pomeroy
- Bernard F. and Mary A. Powell Foundation
- Elaina and Matthew Roberts
- Philip and Elizabeth Rosenberry
- Robert and Lauren Sinacore
- Sunflower Fund
- Rachel Theilheimer
- Vermont Community Foundation
- Pamela Will
- Wormser Giving Fund

\$5,000+

Arab American & Chaldean Council
(ACC)
John Barker
Douglas and Samara Braunstein
Vikram and Vandana Chalana
Katharine Crost
Dee Zee Inc.
Elliqua Fund of The Oregon Community
Foundation
Erie Community Foundation
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Fund

MENTOR Vermont
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Allen and Mary Riordan
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Rotary Club of West Raleigh
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Ramesh Shah
Albert and Candace Staton
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St. Paul Episcopal Church
Carol P. Tresolini
Kathy Yoakum

\$2,000+

Andersen Windows and Doors
Shalini Bafna
Leonard and Joy Baxt
Anne Howsare Boyens
Cathedral Preparatory High School
Catherine Cavanaugh
The Catholic Church of St. Peter
The Catholic Community of St. Francis
of Assisi
Causey and Ye Law Group PLLC
Church of St. Peter
Christopher Crofts
Community West Foundation
Connecting Hands
Barbara Dangman
Nancy Davis
Dentons Davis Brown PC
Susan DuBois
Alexander Durtka Jr.
Sandra Enman
Fairview Elementary
First Christian Church
Zelko Francic
Hana Franco
Michael and Jessamyn Herbert
Ryan Allan Garcia

GreenState Credit Union
Growald Climate Fund
Jeffrey and Ellen Kelley
Paul Kendall
Alice Klagge
Robert Kloos
Denise Laux
Aida and Robert Luce
Mascoma Bank
Regis McDonald
Patricia McLaughlin
Sarah and Robert Meredith
Jeffrey Metzger and Stephanie Stahr
Debra and Thomas Milinovich
Gerrish Milliken
National Christian Foundation Orlando
Ngun Bik Family
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There are several ways to
get involved with USCRI



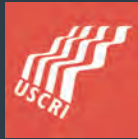
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