

Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Our Community Need Your support.

During this season celebrating peace and love, please consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation to the Ipswich Refugee Program. Giving to the IRP during the holidays is a meaningful way to honor friends or family members who share your concern about the ongoing global refugee crisis.

With your support in 2019, we welcomed and helped settle our resident Iraqi family's newly arrived mother and sister. Blind since the age of 12, Saif Ahmed's 27-year-old sister Maryam has made amazing progress in a few short months, working with a tutor to learn English and use a Brailer to write. Your generosity also helped us assist a local Afghan refugee with his citizenship application, seek housing for an Iranian family with a disabled son, and provide a English tutor and locate low-cost dental treatment for a Moroccan woman.

We are moving forward into 2020 with an ambitious agenda, energized by the involvement and generosity of a community that embraces our mission of helping immigrants and refugees settle in Ipswich and integrate into American culture and society. We are excited to announce plans to acquire a multi-family property in Ipswich. In a town where affordable housing is scarce, IRP ownership of dedicated rental units will give us more flexibility to serve refugee families at different levels of stability and integration and help them flourish in our town. We are currently working with the town to make this happen! Watch for more about the launch of this Campaign in 2020.

The International Rescue Committee estimates there are 70 million refugees and displaced people around the world. The scale of this crisis is daunting and the solutions far beyond the efforts of a caring community in a small New England town. But to each of the displaced families the IRP has welcomed to Ipswich from across the globe—and others we have yet to meet—your support is life-changing.

If you want to help, fill out the form below and mail to: <u>PO Box 285, Ipswich MA 01938</u> or visit our Facebook page or website: <u>www.ipswichrefugeeprogram.org</u>