

REFUGEE CARE NEWSLETTER

StoneBridge Church Community

CORE TEAM

Team meets once weekly to discuss these topics and to serve our Afghan refugees (Masoma and Ashi). The team coordinates transportation and childcare when needed, ongoing mentoring, financial and basic need support assistance, Visa application process, and now the road to working since she has received her TPS status.

Erin Pak, Bev Burrell, Laura Corbello, Sue Rankin, Janet Martin, and Laura Clark. Joined recently by Bobbi Hammack to help Masoma with budgeting.

Also supported by 6+ transportation helpers

SIGN UP TO CARE

Financial donation:

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No consistent childcare at this time.

TO JOIN US

[Interest Form Link](#)

Thank you:

Thank you to all the transportation providers who helped until Masoma received her car donation!

Thanks to the deacons for their assistance in the car donation!

UPDATES

Since our last update, there has been fear, prayers, and rejoicing. Masoma landed a job which required a massive collaboration with the extended team to provide transportation and childcare once again but at an even greater occurrence with Masoma needing childcare 7 hours a day to be able to work. God answered prayer for interim transportation and childcare and then provided a CAR and Alongside Family support as well as additional Friday childcare for the month of December. It has been amazing to see God answer prayer! Ashi is on a waitlist for a child care facility that takes subsidy – please pray for acceptance soon.

For the first time since coming into our care, Masoma has been able to drive herself and Ashi where they need to go. This is such a huge step forward in her independence. She is loving working and getting time out of the house to improve her work skills but it is challenging as a single parent of a toddler to manage the day-to-day chores and working on her own.

Since this will probably be the last newsletter of the year, please consider sharing the prayer requests and reaching out to any friends or family that **may be able to assist with housing**. We will need to move our Afghan family by February to a new home.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Housing: Masoma and Ashi need a new host family or apartment (very low to no cost while she continues to work and eventually take classes to increase her income as a single mom).

Childcare: Pray for Ashi to make the top of the waitlist for the childcare facility. Prayer for subsidy to come through quickly for childcare so it is affordable.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL NEEDS

Once a childcare opening occurs, there could be up to 8 weeks of childcare expense before the subsidy is approved so the childcare is affordable.

Masoma is working in retail currently around 30 hours a week until she is able to get subsidized childcare. Once she has met the requirements, she is able to retain her subsidy with a combination of school and work so she would like to return to school part time to develop her skills in IT and improve her earning potential.

Size 6 diapers, wipes, gift cards to Walmart for personal care items.