BUILDING PEACEFUL BRIDGES

IMPACT REPORT 2025

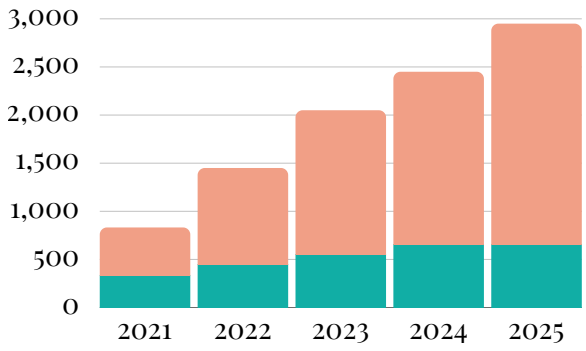




George Bernard Shaw once said,
"Some people see things as they are and say 'why ?'
I dream things that never were and say why not?"
We are working to reimagine refugee resettlement.
Please join us.

Lori C. Lucchetti
President & Co-Founder

Ahlam Al-Jebory Mahmood
Board Member & Co-Founder



People Educated on Newcomer Issues

2,300

Newcomers Served

662

$42,600+

BRIDGE TO BELONGINGS

In-Kind Donations Received and Distributed

Volunteer Hours

13,000+



BPB families came from the Middle East, Central Africa, and South America.



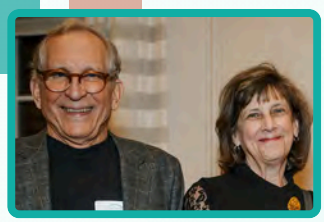
On a snowy day in 2022, Safa* stopped a stranger on the sidewalk and asked for help. Just months earlier, she had been airlifted from Afghanistan in the chaos of the U.S. withdrawal, clutching her baby, Kiran*, and 9-year-old nephew, Ali*. In the panicked crowd at the airport, Safa was separated from her husband and Ali was separated from his parents and siblings.

Marilyn said yes. She, her husband, Andy, and friend Sheila enlisted help from a local church and Building Peaceful Bridges. Over the last 3 years, we have provided mentoring and sponsorship support. Safa has a steady job and is learning English. The kids are in school and finding friends and support in their new community. We hope one day they can be reunited with their family members. (*Names changed for protection.)

Building Peaceful Bridges is a 501(c)(3) organization. EIN: 83-2282738.

MENTORING & SPONSORSHIP

Two of our 2025 Bridge Builder Award recipients



Through their mentorship of Safa and her family, Marilyn and Andy have learned "how amazing it is that so many people have come forward to help" because of "how much it takes, even in a country that has all the resources, to get one family on the ground and going."

EDUCATION

Journeys of Hope: Personal Narratives from Newcomers in partnership with the Glenview Public Library



"I would like Americans to know that immigrants coming here are not just seeking refuge. They are bringing resilience, skills and aspirations that can enrich this country. Small acts of kindness and inclusion can make a world of difference for newcomers."

— Rahmat, Advisory Board Member & Program Graduate

ADVOCACY

Together, we advocated for:

#AFGHAN EVAC

The State Department to maintain the project "Enduring Welcome" which was the only remaining U.S. government effort to relocate and resettle Afghan allies. While pressure is still needed, we have seen bipartisan support of maintaining parts of the program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

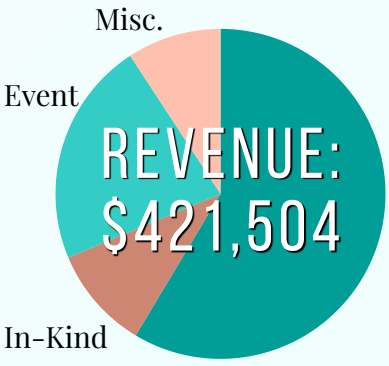
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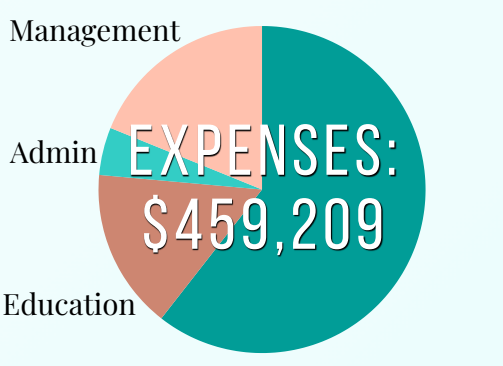
TEAM

Case Work, Maria Lopez
Communications, Kevin Harvey
Family Support, Debby Fosdick
DevOps, Laila Qureshi
Volunteers, Lexy Gore

2025 FINANCIALS

Year ending December 31, 2025





FY2025 operating loss was funded through our existing liquidity, which was $239,000 at 12/31/2025.