

# Rides **4** REFUGEES

## ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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SEPTEMBER 2023 - AUGUST 2024



Committed to helping Central Ohio refugees build a self-sufficient life by aiding in their transportation needs.

## A HAND UP ... NOT A HAND OUT

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Rides 4 Refugees is dedicated to empowering recently arrived Central Ohio refugees by providing essential support to help them become self-sufficient. Transportation is a critical need for these individuals, as the lack of a reliable vehicle often limits their access to job opportunities, medical appointments, and everyday errands.

After vetting our clients with Central Ohio resettlement agencies, we ensure they are financially stable and capable of supporting themselves before providing them a vehicle match grant. This includes being able to afford the ongoing costs of gas, insurance, maintenance, and unexpected repairs. Through our matching grant, we help refugees reach the “sweet spot” of the used car market faster, typically securing vehicles with 100,000 miles or more on the odometer.

By offering this support, Rides 4 Refugees is not just supporting the purchase of a car; we’re offering a pathway to independence, while ensuring that refugees have the mobility they need to build a better future for themselves and their families.



SOHEILA NOORI

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### NEW FEET TO BUILD LIFE IN U.S.

*“R4R gave me the two feet I needed to walk around and go where I needed and wanted to go. When it comes to resettling in the U.S., I discovered that not knowing how to drive and not having a reliable source of transportation limited my choices, starting from where to apply for a job and where to live to ensure I could reach my job, to daily activities such as grocery shopping, socializing with friends, attending events, and going to the gym. With R4R’s help, I was able to purchase a 2013 Acura TSX, and I can tell you, I do love my new feet!”*

### RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO FAMILY HEALTHCARE

*“Before receiving this car, I suffered from several problems. I had to wait for hours for the bus to go shopping, and to visit my daughter’s doctor. Fortunately, after receiving this car, I have no worries about being late for my daily appointments. And receiving the car has really made great changes in my life. Your organization’s dedication to helping those in need is inspiring and I feel blessed to be the recipient of your kindness.”*



GHULAM AKBARI

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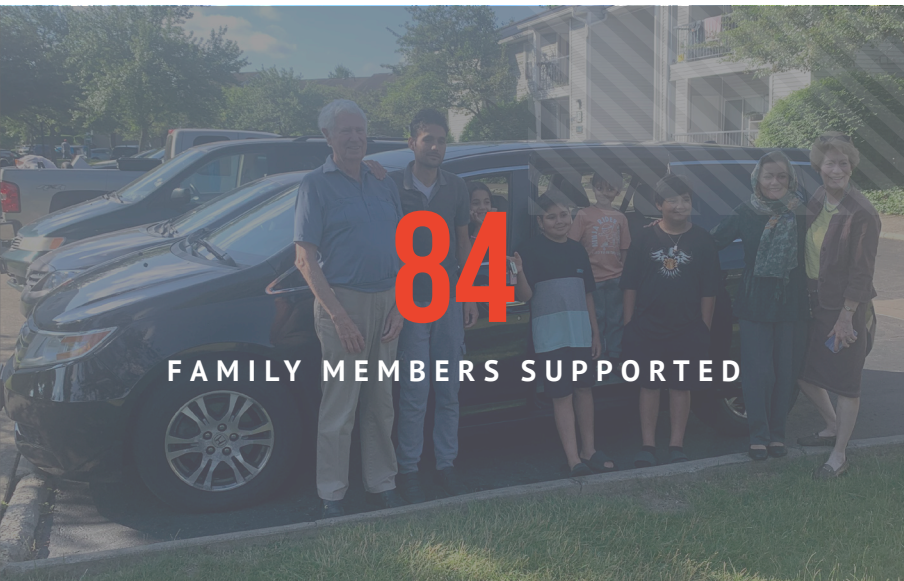
# IMPACT

Clients referred from Central Ohio resettlement agencies receive comprehensive services that support them from new driver training through to vehicle ownership. These services include financial aid through a match grant, assistance with vehicle and insurance shopping, and guidance during visits to the BMV. We also provide help with budgeting for vehicle ownership expenses and offer a 1-year warranty that includes an AAA plan for added peace of mind.

Additionally, we offer an advanced driver training class designed to strengthen driving skills. For existing clients, a loaner vehicle and repair assistance may also be available, ensuring they continue to have reliable transportation as they work toward greater independence.

# OUR MISSION

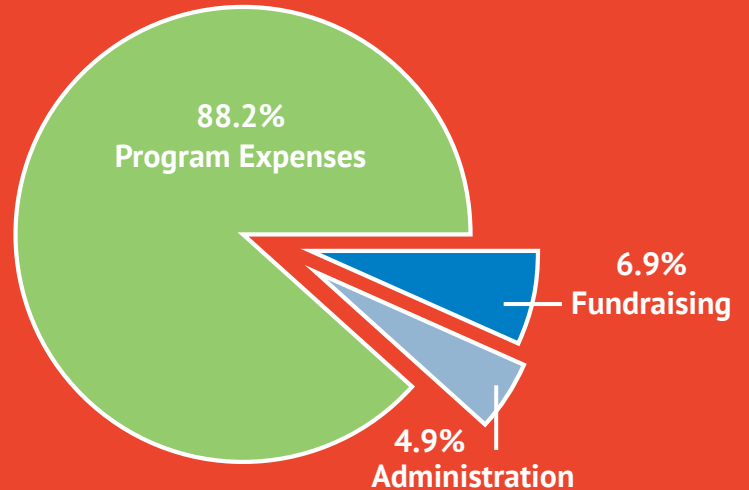
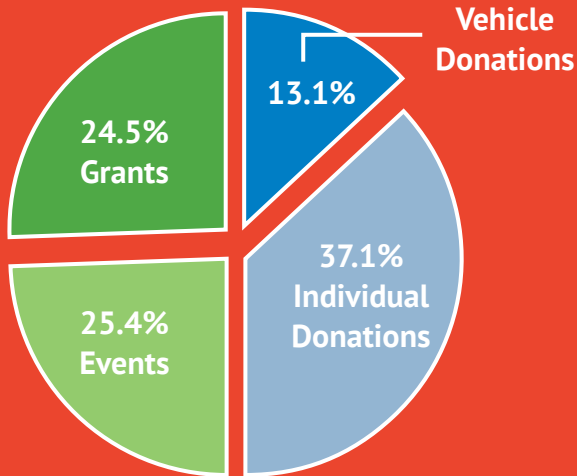
Our goal is to make the buying, ownership and maintenance process a little easier for our new neighbors. From purchase to driver's training to roadside assistance, we work closely with the refugees so they have the confidence they need to be successful vehicle owners.



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME **\$143,915**

EXPENSES **\$88,306**



Total Equity (August 1, 2024) of \$81,311 includes Vehicles & Cash Accounts less Warranty Reserve liability.



## FUNDING SECURED FOR 2024:

We will achieve our goal of 15 Match Grants.

## LEADERSHIP UPDATE:

New president - Kevin Thelen assumes the president position in September.

## NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Soheila Noori started as a paid Managing Director in August.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

We are incredibly grateful for the strong support we've received from individual donors, event participants (including the golf scramble, racing VIP experiences, and our Year-End Event), and corporate grants. Your generosity has made a tremendous impact on the lives of Central Ohio refugees.

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