Dec. 23, 2019

Dear Monroe County Dental Society,

Thank-you for your very generous $500 donation to help support Afghan, Iraqi and Kurdish wartime allies who arrive to Rochester with a suitcase and dreams of a peaceful life. Donations are a necessary part of our resettlement program that offers each family their first month’s rent and a security deposit, a fully-furnished apartment from community donations, food, clothing, and eventually a modest vehicle so they can get to work, leading to a successful resettlement outcome.

Donations like yours help people like Soran who had been a combat interpreter for U.S. troops in Iraq, and arrived with only a small suitcase, temporarily homeless. He stayed with one of our volunteers until we were able to move him into an apartment three days after his arrival. In addition to Soran, this month we welcomed the Chopar family of three, Tamim, another single SIV from Afghanistan. We are traveling to Boston on Saturday Dec. 28th, to bring “home” the Hossiny family of four arriving from Afghanistan at Logan International Airport (we could not get them directly to Rochester) – all of whom helped our military.

The 200+ volunteers of Keeping Our Promise Rochester have worked diligently over the last five years to create this program that creates a solid foundation in which our wartime allies can start their new lives, in a community that we can all be proud of what we have achieved working together, thanks to people like you!

From my heart, thank-you for your support.

Ellen Smith, Program Director
Keeping Our Promise Rochester

No goods or services were received in return for this donation.
Keeping Our Promise Rochester assists in resettling Afghan, Iraqi and Kurdish wartime allies who risked their lives working as interpreters and support personnel. It is an independent program of Refugees Helping Refugees.

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