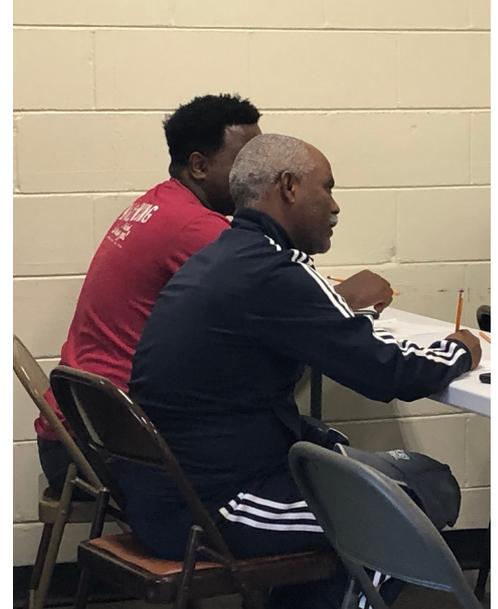


DECEMBER 2022

# BEYOND90

BRIDGING THE GAP TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY



## Welcome!

As this year comes to a close, we are in awe of what we have been able to accomplish. It's been exciting to see the ramping up of refugee resettlement again. That, along with the Afghan situation and Ukrainian conflict has stretched service providers, but we continue to humbly embrace all who come to our doors. We strive to be the hands and feet of Christ, because we know He has the answers, and we are committed to being a welcoming place.

To say that we are "WOWed" by all that has occurred this year would not even begin to express our gratitude for everyone that has played a part in our mission to serve the refugee community. It has truly been an amazing year of growth.

Thank you to all who have come along side us to serve the community. Your encouragement and support help make all this possible. We are grateful for each one of you. Together we are making a difference!



Barton and Lori Chelf  
Founders

2022  
Highlights

3,027  
FAMILIES

53  
COUNTRIES

6,267  
SERVICE  
VISITS

# Healing from Trauma

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Miriam was referred to Project For Healing because she was experiencing symptoms of depression with thoughts of wanting to end her life but no intention to act on it. Additionally, Miriam was also experiencing low confidence and low self-esteem. She had been physically abused by her husband in her home country and even though physical abuse stopped when they entered the United States the verbal abuse continued. This made her feel lost, hopeless, and fearful. Over the course of time, Miriam learned how to recognize the triggers to her thoughts early on before her emotions got too big. In addition to this, she learned how to recognize, challenge and shift her thoughts from negative to positive. Miriam then learned the skills to help her

increase her confidence and self-esteem. Now Miriam is working and is more confident in her decision making and no longer fearful. She is now hopeful and already setting goals that she wants to achieve for herself. Miriam completed one of her big goals of getting a medical assistant certificate and she no longer has suicidal thoughts. She now sees her life as meaningful and worth fighting for.

## Stories of Overcoming!

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### MARY FROM MYANMAR (BURMA)

When Mary came to the US, she was married but through some unfortunate circumstances the house where her family lived went into foreclosure and her husband left the family and returned to his home country. Mary found herself being a single mother of 3 children, one of which has a heart condition, and working at Tyson Chicken Factory to make ends meet. Things seem to be going well until her eldest son started hanging around with the wrong crowd at school and was arrested for stealing.

Devastated by these circumstances, Mary needed help to understand the legal process in her own language so she could make sure her son followed through with the instructions given. We provided transportation to the court and probation officer appointments as well as translation assistance for Mary. She never missed an appointment and remained attentive to her son's needs.

Today Mary's son is now enrolled in a special school that assists kids who have had issues with the law and her son will be graduating high school in 2024.



### SUSAN FROM MYANMAR (BURMA)

Susan is a married mother of a 2-year-old daughter who has severe allergies. These allergies are triggered by food and even air quality. Her daughter doesn't speak or make eye contact. The stress of taking care of a child with such a severe condition while not getting any support and even worse feeling judgment from her family in how she cared for her daughter resulted in Susan developing depression and even suicidal thoughts. In the midst of this Susan was also diagnosed with Hepatitis B and needed to be educated on the importance of taking her medicines. At one point Susan didn't want to take her Hepatitis B meds because she thought they were causing other health conditions. We were able to step in and advocate for her medically to have some tests run to allay these fears. In addition to helping Susan and her daughter with doctor appointments and medical advocacy, Susan received counseling at our office to help her overcome her depression and now she is able to work again.

# 3rd Annual Refugee Christmas



Words cannot express the joy that these families expressed during our 3rd Annual Refugee Christmas Party. One of the children said, "I will remember this day forever." There were families from thirteen countries laughing, having family pictures taken and truly enjoying time together. The community interaction exemplified the true spirit of this season. We at Beyond90 along with the refugee community extend our warmest and most heartfelt thank you for each sponsor, donor and volunteer who made this day truly amazing.

84

Families

13

Countries

208

Children



## Workforce Readiness Housing Program

In the current rental market, locating both safe and affordable housing for refugees has proven to be a monumental and difficult task. The need for more housing only increases as more refugees are resettled in Jacksonville and their entry level wages are pricing them out of the market. This only compounds the stress of acclimating to a new country by creating transportation barriers to necessary services and increases the time that resettlement agencies spend arranging transportation while scouring the city for the most affordable housing accommodations.

### Beyond90 has the solution!

Our own housing complex with onsite refugee-focused services to include:

- general support
- mental health
- employment readiness programs

By combining both housing and necessary services, transportation barriers are eliminated and resettlement agencies no longer need to scour the city for safe housing. It's a **WIN** for refugees, a **WIN** for resettlement agencies and a **WIN** for service providers.

*Exciting News*  
**\$108,000**  
Donation

This vision was birthed over 7 years ago and movement towards this goal is beginning. We are so excited to share that New Life Christian Fellowship collected a year-end extravagant offering for Beyond90 and the outpouring of love for our ministry has overwhelmed us. This offering is the catalyst to move our housing vision forward. Stay tuned for more information!

# Our Services

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Refugee families from all over Jacksonville are able to come to the service center seeking help in numerous areas, such as public assistance, referrals to community partners, re-employment, household management and more.

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY CLASSES

Beyond90 offers classes in Computer Literacy, Driver Readiness (permit test prep), Sewing and ESL, Civics and Citizenship.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Our Project for Healing Program offers refugees and immigrants living in NE FL individual and family counseling, case management, and specialized referrals as well as barrier reduction services. Our therapists are trained in refugee trauma and recovery.

## CRISIS MANAGEMENT

When crisis events occur in a refugee's life, Beyond90 is there to help. We develop a plan to access necessary resources, provide advocacy, transportation, financial support and more. Our dedicated team is committed to the client's success.

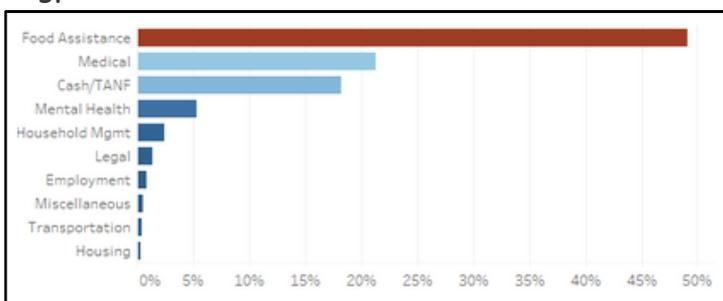
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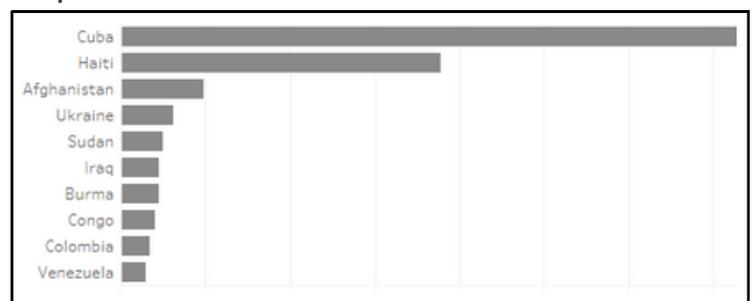
## Where Did Our Families Come From?



## Types of Service Provided



## Top 10 Countries Served



# What Are They Saying?

"I thank God for His assistance and you too for your help. I know my few words wrote here can't be enough thank all you done already for me as well as my family. Once again God bless you." - S from Congo

"My family appreciates the new me". I am able to manage my feelings which affects my behavior with my family members positively." - M from Iraq

"You guys are perfect supporter of the refugees. Words cannot express how grateful me and my family for your help. You were there for us when I needed it the most. Thank you for everything that you've done to help us." - H from Afghanistan

"Thank you mom. You saved my life." - R from Sudan (We provided support and managed all her cancer treatment appointments.)

"The skills that I learned in therapy were helpful but it was your heart that helped me heal"- J from Cuba

# The Difference YOU Can Make

## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HELPING REFUGEES?

If the answer is "yes" or if you know someone who has a heart for the vulnerable population groups in our community, please share Beyond90 with them. The most credible form of advertising comes straight from the people we know and trust. In fact, **83% of those asked say they trust the recommendations of friends and family.** It would be an honor to have your recommendation. They can connect with us on any of the social media platforms below or visit our website - [Beyond90.org](http://Beyond90.org).

## CONNECT WITH US AT:

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LinkedIn - [Linkedincom/in/Beyond90](https://Linkedincom/in/Beyond90)

As you contemplate your year-end giving, please consider our work for the vulnerable in our community.



*Thank You!*