

# Refugee Resettlement Financial Overview (September 2024)

All figures are since inception of program

**Summary:**

**Revenue**

Donations	\$ 78,625
Reimbursements	\$ 15,841
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,466</b>

**Expenses**

Utility Support	\$ 6,578
Furniture & Moving Expenses	\$ 4,732
Rent	\$ 35,755
Legal Fees	\$ 6,968
Clothing, Food & Household Supplies	\$ 10,646
Transportation	\$ 337
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 65,015</b>

**Funds remaining \$ 29,451**



## STM Refugee Resettlement Project

Comfort  
and Supports  
for a  
New Life

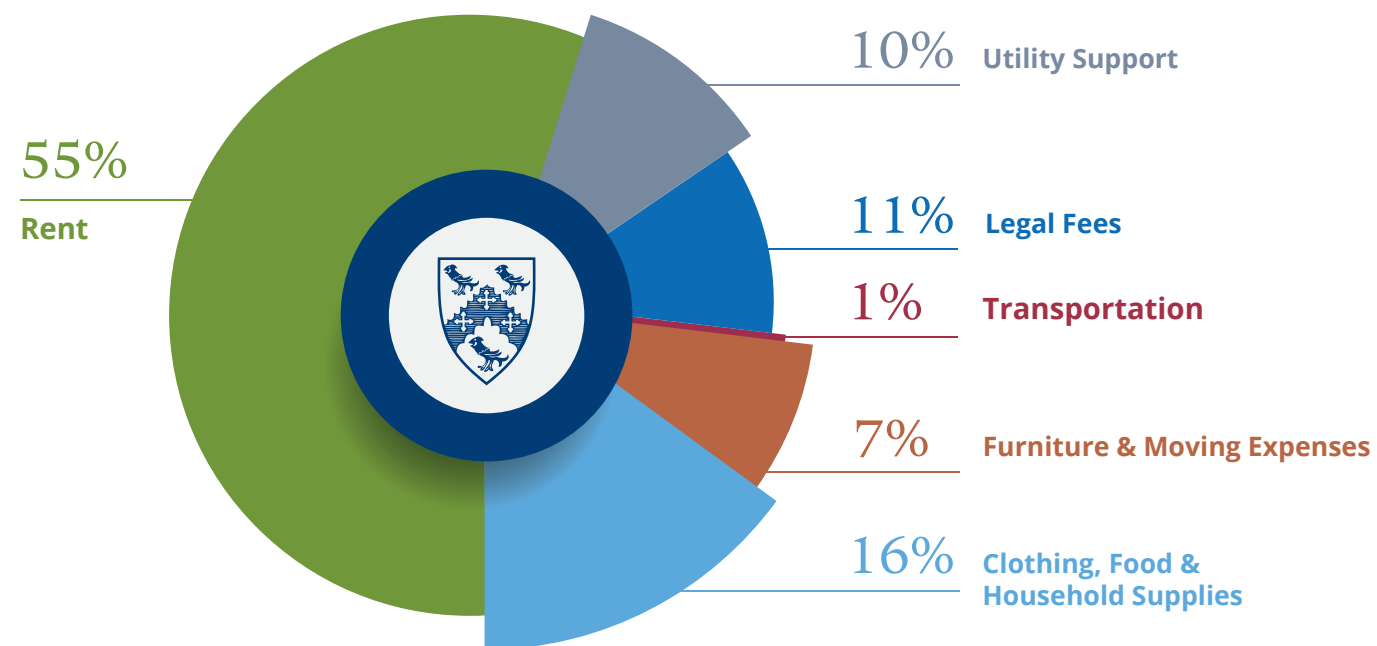


“I was  
a stranger  
and you  
welcomed  
me.”

Matthew 25:35

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## Expenses by Category



**The Saint Thomas More Refugee Resettlement project** demonstrates faith in action and reflects the Gospel values of love, compassion, and caring for others. Since its inception, we have provided assistance and support to three families. This would not be possible without the tireless work and dedication of our volunteers, and the generosity of our financial donors. We are pleased to share this report, which demonstrates the impact the program has had on each family and summarizes financial activities thus far.



The Al Hraaki family resettled from Daraa, Syria in 2016



**The Al Hrakki family**, STM's first refugee family, arrived in New Haven in July 2016 after fleeing Syria in 2012. The parents had grade school educations and no family in the United States. They arrived with their six children—three girls and three boys—and none of the family spoke any English. A baby daughter was born in 2019. Since 2017, the father has held two part-time positions totaling more than 40 hours per week. The children have all become fluent in English and are fully immersed in the educational system. The eldest son graduated from Common Ground High School in 2022 and entered UCONN Storrs with tuition and room and board fully covered by financial aid, including a New Haven Promise award. Since then, he has completed two years at UCONN and was married in 2024. The second son is on a similar path, having graduated from Common Ground and entered UCONN with tuition and room and board fully covered, also including a New Haven Promise award. The younger children attend Career High School and Edgewood Magnet School. They are progressing in reading comprehension and writing, and two children attend New Haven Reads for additional support. The family are now homeowners, having purchased a single-family home in New Haven in 2021. Finally, the mother and all the children became naturalized United States citizens in 2023.

*Pictured on the cover is Mohammad Al Hrakki, who has been employed in the Facilities Department at Saint Thomas More Chapel since his arrival from Syria in 2016.*



The Mohammad Amin Khan family resettled from Khost, Afghanistan in 2021



**The Mohammad Amin Khan family**, STM's second refugee family, fled Afghanistan following the U.S. military withdrawal. The father, a high school graduate, worked for the military, which allowed the family to be granted Humanitarian Parolee status. They were sent to El Paso, Texas, before arriving in New Haven in October 2021. The family has two nephews and a large Afghan community in West Haven, so they stayed with the nephews until STM arranged housing.

The family has six children and is renting a single-family home in West Haven. STM engaged a lawyer to help secure asylum status. The father was granted Special Immigrant Visa status in November 2023, while the other family members await green cards. A baby daughter was born in September 2022 and is a U.S. citizen. STM has also provided extensive support as the family addresses various health and dental issues.

Both the father and second son have Connecticut driver's licenses. The father is employed full-time, working the night shift, and the mother is an excellent seamstress.

Except for the eldest son and the new baby, the other children are all enrolled in school. The second son graduated from high school and is working full-time. The other children attend West Haven schools at each level: high school, middle school, and elementary school. The school-age children are proficient in spoken English but need support with schoolwork. The parents and eldest son do not speak English and require English as a Second Language instruction.

**The Noori family**, STM's third refugee family, arrived in New Haven in October 2023. The father, who worked for five years with the U.S. military in intelligence, was granted Special Immigrant Visa status. He is a university graduate with an engineering background and has an excellent command of English. The mother is also a university graduate with some proficiency in English. The family speaks Persian as their first language.

After a brief stay in temporary housing, STM arranged for the family to move into a three-bedroom apartment in Wooster Square. The father was unable to work due to health issues but obtained a Connecticut driver's license. The mother attended daily English classes at New Haven Adult Education. The children were enrolled in New Haven schools and made progress in reading and speaking English. STM provided support as the family addressed various health and dental issues.

In June 2024, the family moved to Sacramento, California, to be near the mother's parents and siblings. The father obtained a California driver's license, owns a car, and is working for Apple. The mother continues to attend English classes, has obtained her driving learner's permit, and is awaiting an appointment to get her driver's license. All the children are now enrolled in school in California.



The Noori family resettled from Kabul, Afghanistan in 2023