# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



DURHAM



WRD staff, November 2022

### ABOUT WORLD RELIEF DURHAM

World Relief Durham's purpose as a faith-based humanitarian nonprofit is to see refugees and other vulnerable immigrants thrive in the Triangle with the help of churches, immigrants themselves, and the wider community working together. We specialize in empowering new refugee families arriving through the U.S. resettlement system, immigrant youth in the public schools, and immigrants seeking the protections and benefits of immigration legal services.

By mobilizing the church and wider community to work in tandem with and for our newest such neighbors, we catalyze a more welcoming Triangle that embodies some of our community's best values, true Southern hospitality, and God's call to followers of Jesus Christ in scripture to work for justice and welcome the stranger.



# **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Looking back 2022. on sometimes I can't believe my eyes when I look out my office door. We have so many new faces on our team who we have been introducing to you in our newsletters; new ways we are able to support and empower immigrant neighbors in employment, through our new Health and Wellness services, youth services in the public schools, growing advocacy work here in the Triangle and



blossoming into Eastern NC for pro-immigrant policies, new outreach bringing our immigration legal services to broader circles, and so much more.

Thanks in many ways to your financial support and a supportive posture from our federal partners, we have welcomed and served new families from Afghanistan, the DRC, Syria, Burma, Eritrea, Iran, Central African Republic, and more.

Together we are mobilizing the church and the community to live into our calling. Together we are advocating for change and equity for immigrants in all parts of the Triangle and beyond.

#### ADAM CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORLD RELIEF DURHAM

## **2022 IMPACT**

1600 refugees and other immigrants were served directly (500) and indirectly (1100) across all programs





**300** volunteers served for **3700+** hours this year



Mobilized volunteer teams from 11 different churches, totaling 50 active church partners



220 individuals resettled from 10 countries



179 persons supported with employment services

Immigration Legal Services team worked on 192 open cases and conducted 110 consultations for immigrants and their families





**1000** hours of academic tutoring, support sessions, and other activities held for **143** immigrant and refugee youth and their families



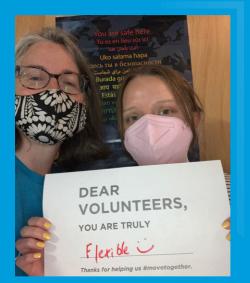
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### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

World Relief Durham could not have had such sustained impact this year without the love and generosity of our local churches, organizations, and community members. Volunteers served as the hands and feet of our mission by welcoming newcomer families at the airport, opening their homes as temporary housing, providing rides to medical appointments, offering homework help and English language tutoring, transforming empty apartments into welcoming homes, building friendship, and so much more!



Duke-UNICEF Club donation drive, February 2022



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Volunteer appreciation, April 2022

Private donors and foundation grants have allowed us to grow WRD programs above and beyond what would be possible with state and federal funding alone. Special gifts this year have covered needs such as a specialized car seat for a child with disabilities, food assistance, and emergency rental assistance. And our friends, pastors, and congregations joined us in raising awareness and speaking out to elected officials for common-sense immigration policy reform to support our most vulnerable neighbors.



Reimagine Welcome, September 2022



Home set-up, November 2022

### **VOLUNTEER STORY**

#### By Nathan Spencer

How we answer God's command to welcome the stranger varies from person to person. For Tim and Gretchen Foley, it meant opening the doors of their home on a literal and spiritual level.

What led you to decide on hosting families as your primary way to serve? Tim: Shortly after we signed up to volunteer, it became clear temporary housing was one of the best ways that we could serve, and that there was a



need. We had plenty of space in our house for people who needed a spot for a week or two until World Relief could find them permanent housing.

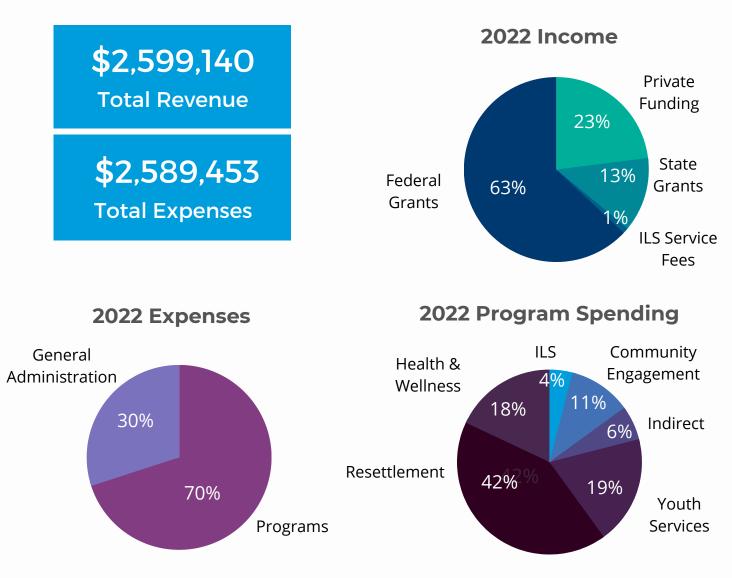
#### As parents of young children, what would you say your hope, or vision, for the world is, and how is partnering with World Relief helping you create that vision?

**Tim:** It's connecting [our children] with the broader world around them in an authentic way. Allowing my kids to learn about the world for themselves and meet new people and learn about new cultures is an important piece of that. This also helps them learn about themselves. Through those relationships, they learn who they are, and who they are in God.

**Gretchen:** I think there are so many levels to that question. At the first level, it's just them as kids getting used to being around people who sound and look different from them, and not feeling uncomfortable around that. They are getting to learn about people from people directly rather than a history book, or a news article where somebody else is telling another's story.

Read the full Q&A on our blog: <u>http://bit.ly/3WYuOBJ</u>

# YOUR GENEROSITY IN 2022



#### Thank You!

Our work is made possible by the generosity of many individuals, churches, foundations, community organizations, and businesses. The growth of private revenue allows World Relief Durham to continue expanding and creating programs to holistically serve our refugee and other immigrant neighbors.

Thank you for your partnership. Your compassionate financial gifts, donations of material goods, and hours spent volunteering allow our program participants to thrive in welcoming communities. We are humbled by how God has blessed this work in the past year, and look forward – together – to the year ahead.



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