



2022

YEAR IN REVIEW

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WESTERN WASHINGTON

FRIENDS,

As I am writing you, I am reminded of these words: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Around this time last year, I became World Relief Western Washington's new Executive Director. A transition that happened as our community was working hard to welcome and support our new neighbors coming in numbers out of Afghanistan. A month later, Ukraine was invaded by Russia and we have witnessed a mass displacement that our world has seen in generations. What a time for a leadership transition!

As a Western Washington community, we rallied behind a mission and vision that is far greater than our individual needs and aspiration. Because of your trust and unconditional generosity, World Relief Western Washington welcomed 1,231 new neighbors and served thousands more across our programs.

You opened up your homes to host countless people – young, elderly, youth and families. You took newly arrived neighbors to experience pumpkin patches for the first time in their lives. You invited many families who have left everything behind to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with you in your homes. Together, we made our new neighbors feel welcomed, rooted, and empowered for community.

As we prove to the rest of the world that we are a welcoming community where rebuilding and thriving is possible, we also proved to the Department of State that we are ready to welcome more neighbors in 2023 and beyond.

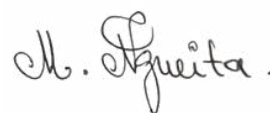
The Federal Government approved the opening of a third branch of World Relief Western Washington in Thurston County. This is the community that I am humbled to be a part of. This is why I had no doubt stepping into this role last year.

We are a thriving community where those whose hopes have been dashed by evil and greed can hope again. A community, where people whose freedom has been unjustly taken, can feel free again. A community where people who lived in constant fear can feel safe.

We are a community that stands firmly in the gap and lays down the foundation bricks. I am grateful to be part of this community that has contributed to the beautiful stories of our resilient refugee and immigrant neighbors as they settle in Western Washington.

2023 is a year filled with hope and expectation. With our expansion, we are expecting 1,450 individuals and we count on your continuous support and partnership to walk alongside them as they get resettled.

Sincerely,



Medard Ngueita
Executive Director



2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Thousands of refugees, asylees, and other immigrants in vulnerable situations come to the United States every year seeking a place to rebuild their lives. In 2022 we received 596 Refugees or individuals with Special Immigrant Visas, and more than 635 individuals through the Afghan Placement & Assistance program.

1,231

Individuals Resettled in 2022

450

Individuals in
Host Homes

391

Adult ESL Students

264

New Job
Placements

233

Individuals in
Youth & Family
Programs

39

Refugees and
Immigrants with
Garden plots

54

Green Card
Applications Submitted



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EMPOWERED TO WELCOME



World Relief has been deeply engaged in welcoming and assisting Ukrainians for decades. We remain committed to serving Ukrainians in our communities. We will continue to do so for years to come.

One truly amazing story of Ukrainians in our neighborhood is the story of Val Khlevnoy. Now the President of Harper Engineering in Renton, Val came to Western Washington in 1995 after he was forced to leave Ukraine. When he first arrived, he did not speak any English. However, World Relief resettled Val and connected him with a job at Harper Engineering. After 23 years of persistence and dedication, Val became President of what used to be only an 80-person company! "Harper Engineering is a community, and we value our multi-cultural identity," Val told us. Harper purposely employs newcomers from all over the world; currently, over a quarter of its employees are first-generation Americans.

Further solidifying his dedication to providing opportunities to new immigrants, and refugees, Val recently hired Dmytro Stetsenko. Dmytro is a current World Relief participant who was initially enrolled in English and job classes at our Kent office. Through our employment team, Dmytro was connected with Harper Engineering, where he now experiences Val's commitment firsthand. Val takes the time to translate his company documents from English to Ukrainian, among his other responsibilities.

We value these efforts as our Employment Team constantly seeks invested employment partners like Val. Partners who not only personally understand the refugee experience, but who excel in cultivating community with our new neighbors.

Proactively looking for ways to be involved, Val's passion extends beyond the office. His family is currently hosting some distant relatives who fled Ukraine last year. As people continue fleeing the war in Ukraine and crises around the world, Val is eager to continue partnering with World Relief to offer a safe, dignified place of employment with a warm welcome.

This is the work World Relief believes in and nurtures. We welcome and empower those new to our area, so they become integrated community members who, in turn, welcome others.



PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES

Since 1979 our programs have been adapting to meet the needs of newly arrived individuals and families. Our robust and extensive case offerings create a sense of home and belonging for our new neighbors.



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT



YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



ENGLISH CLASSES



IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES



HEALTH AND WELLNE



DETENTION CENTER MINISTRY



RESILIENCY SERVICES



OUR STAFF

In October of 2021, we had a team of 51, one year later we added 36 new employees and are continuing to grow! Our team is comprised of 18 nationalities and 24 languages spoken. These diverse demographics enable us to serve participants with empathy and awareness.

2022 FINANCIALS

World Relief Western Washington is in King County, Whatcom County, and now in 2023, in Thurston County. This growth has given us access to additional income through government grants - from 53% in 2021 to 75% in 2022. We also allocate a significant portion of our overall expenses to refugees and immigrants through Direct Financial Assistance.

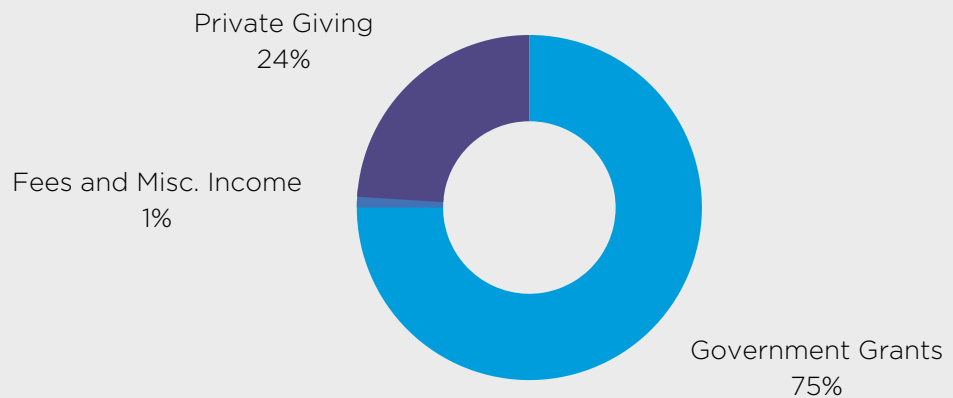
We are committed to prayerful, efficient, and thoughtful stewardship of every donation. Thank you for your partnership - you are creating lasting change!

*2022 Fiscal Year: October 2021- September 2022

INCOME

\$12.9M

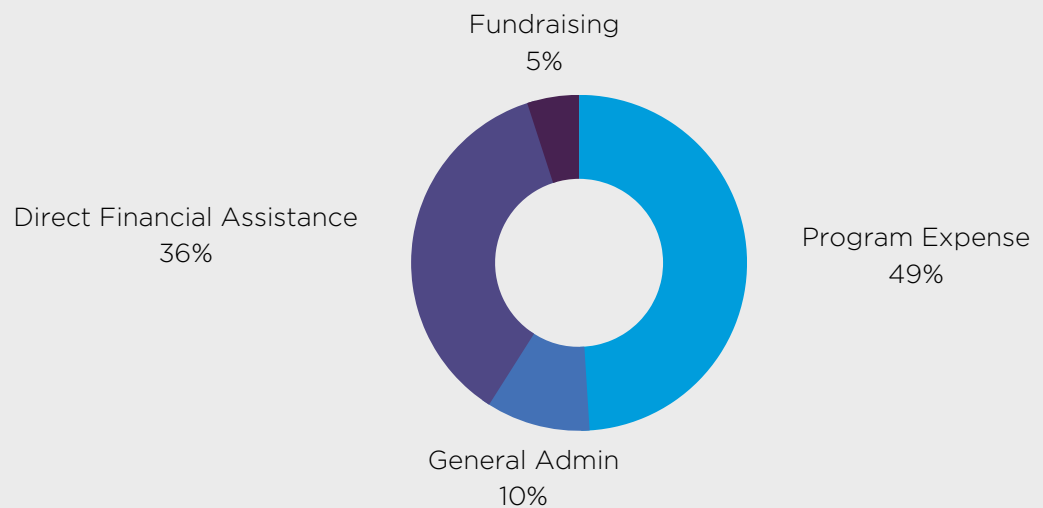
Total income



EXPENSES

\$12.4M

Total operating budget





THANK YOU!

We couldn't do it without you! Thank you to our volunteers, community partners, and committed churches!



425

Volunteers gave their time and resources as cultural companions, tutors, and Good Neighbor Teams, amongst other roles.

214

Active church partners engaged their congregations.

50

Host Homes offered welcoming spaces for families before they secured housing.





THANK YOU

for moving with us in 2022

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