



Project Refuge

Support Opportunities

c/o Somali Family Service
6035 University Ave., #6 San Diego, CA 92115
www.projectrefuge.org

ABOUT PROJECT REFUGE

Our mission is to facilitate a transition to social and financial independence for refugees from Somalia and East Africa who have suffered extreme violence, torture and persecution in their homelands; by providing safe, comfortable housing and centralized access to a network of supportive community services.

Project Refuge funds and maintains two, fully furnished, two-bedroom apartments, one each for four men and four women (no children). Clients can live in the apartments for up to three months while they establish themselves in the community and work towards self-sufficiency. The Project only accepts clients who have been granted political asylum. Referrals are made through immigration attorneys.

Your donation of any amount will help facilitate a journey to freedom and economic independence for Somali and East African refugees who have endured tremendous hardship and sacrificed everything for an opportunity to work and live without persecution.

Every Dollar Helps...

Following are examples of how your donation will benefit Project Refuge clients and programs:

- \$25 supports apartment maintenance fund, for minor repairs and enhancements**
- \$60 covers gas/electric utilities or TV/phone/internet for one apartment for one month**
- \$75 provides a one-month bus pass for a client to attend English class**
- \$100 provides a set of warm clothing for clients moving to cold climates**
- \$200 covers one month Case Manager stipend for two apartments**
- \$300 underwrites one client for one month of his/her stay at Project Refuge**
- \$900 underwrites one client for his/her 3 month stay at Project Refuge**
- \$1135 provides rent at one Project Refuge apartment for one month**

Project Refuge is made possible through the generosity of individuals, Rotary Clubs and organizations across San Diego and beyond. We are grateful to our supporters who have embraced our mission and helped build a framework for our clients' success.

"I have worked with this population for several years and listened to their stories, which are both heartbreaking and inspiring. I have witnessed their struggles to become independent and build a new life in the United States. I've seen their strong work ethic and their motivation to succeed. But they face daunting obstacles."

-Dory Beatrice, LCSW, Co-founder Project Refuge, dbeatrice@san.rr.com

A client expresses thanks: *"I love you all and pray for you every day. You are my family now. Without you we are nothing here. Thank you so much for everything. These are not tears of sadness -- they are tears of happiness."*

How to Donate

Online

Go to www.projectrefuge.org to donate online

Mail

Make your donation check payable to "Somali Family Service" and designate "Project Refuge" on the note line. Send to:

*Somali Family Service, Attn Project Refuge
6035 University Ave #6, San Diego CA 92115*

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