



Two Years Later: The Refugee Resettlement Team pauses and takes note:

Two years ago this month Kabul fell to the Taliban and our military was scurrying to evacuate Afghan families. Their herculean efforts enabled 75,000 of our Afghan Allies to escape and eventually resettle in the United States.

At this same time, concerned lay folks and clergy in the diocese began to meet and discuss what could be done to help these new refugees resettle in our country. The Commission for Intercultural Ministries Refugee Resettlement Team grew out of these conversations and quickly became focused on welcoming our new neighbors to our communities. In these two years, resettlement teams in the diocese have lovingly opened their arms and hearts to 20 Refugee families, totaling over a hundred individuals - fathers, mothers, young children, and sisters and brothers - and enabled them to restart their lives in a safe place.

New Refugee families, Afghan and Ukrainian, are still arriving in Northern California and being welcomed by our resettlement teams and our resettlement agency partners, [IRC](#) and [World Relief](#). If you would like to help these existing teams or start your own team, please contact me - Bob Wohlsen - bob.wohlsen@gmail.com