

Tennessee Office for Refugees

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

To: Representatives of local government
Chairperson, Budget Committee (of city council or county legislative body)
Chairpersons, House and Senate Committees on State and Local Government
Local Refugee Resettlement Program Directors

From: Holly Johnson, State Refugee Coordinator 

Date: October 27, 2016

Re: Quarterly report on refugee resettlement for the period 7.1.2016 – 9.30.2016

Herein, please find information on actual arrivals for the period of this report.

Tennessee remains a very strong and welcoming state for refugees fleeing persecution in their homelands. **Thank you** for your continued support and concern for the well-being of refugees in your community. Please contact me (hjohnson@cctenn.org or (615) 354.5700) or your local refugee resettlement agency(ies) if you have any questions. Local agency contact information is below.

Agency	Contact Person	Address	Phone	Email
Bridge Refugee Services - Chattanooga	Marina Peshterianu	4791/A Hal Drive Chattanooga, TN 37416	423-954-9288	marinapesh@aol.com
Bridge Refugee Services - Knoxville	Drocella Mugorewera	3839 Buffat Mill Road Knoxville, TN 37914	865-540-1311	dmugorewera@bridgerefugees.org
Catholic Charities - Nashville	Kellye Branson	2806 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214	615-259-3567	kbranson@cctenn.org
Nashville International Center for Empowerment	Gatluk Thach	417 Welshwood Drive Suite 100 Nashville, TN 37211	615-315-9681	gatluk@empowernashville.org
World Relief - Memphis	Steve Moses	3340 Poplar Avenue Suite 222 Memphis, TN 38111	901-341-0220	smoses@wr.org
World Relief - Nashville	Tim Patterson	411 W Thompson Lane Nashville, TN 37211	615-833-7735	tpatterson@wr.org

This report serves to meet the reporting requirements under the Refugee Absorptive Capacity Act (Public Chapter No. 316).



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Anticipated Arrivals:

The U.S. Department of State allocates refugees based on where the resettlement agency is located. In FFY (federal fiscal year) 2017, refugees have been (preliminarily) allocated to programs in the counties below. Actual arrivals may vary. The local refugee resettlement programs and the Tennessee Office for Refugees (TOR) have met with state and local officials and collectively believe that the programs and these counties have the capacity to successfully resettle refugees.

FFY 2017:

Davidson/Rutherford/Williamson	1,410
Hamilton	120
Knox	240
Shelby	245

Actual Arrivals:

For the period of this report, actual new arrivals to counties were as follows:

Bradley	2
Davidson	642
Hamilton	28
Knox	87
Rutherford	28
Shelby	139

Age Breakdown:

The age breakdown for these arrivals is as follows:

Minors	433
Employable adults	477
Seniors	16

Letters of Agreement:

The agreements for FFY 2017 are attached.

Information Requests:

For the period of this report, TOR received information/data requests from college students, media, and citizens who want to help resettle refugees (directed to the resettlement agencies as volunteers). We also received inquiries from League of Women Voters' network who wanted to know how they can support refugees.

No complaints were received.

FY 2017 Annual Consultations Conversation Summary

Resettlement Location (City/State): Chattanooga, TN
Resettlement Affiliate Name: Bridge Refugee Services
Contact Name: Marina Peshtarianu
Contact Phone Number: 423.954.1911
Contact Email: marinapesh@aol.com

State: Tennessee
State Refugee Coordinator Name: Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator Phone Number: 615.354.5700
State Refugee Coordinator Email: hjohnson@cctenn.org

Mode of conversation (email, phone in-person):

Total number of refugees for FY 2017 discussed: $\frac{65}{55} \frac{\text{U.S. Tie Capacity}}{\text{No U.S Tie Capacity}}$
120 Total Capacity (U.S. Tie and No U.S. Tie)

Primary Nationalities/Ethnicities projected to be resettled in FY 2017 include:

Colombia, Cuba, Iraq, Moldova, Russia,
Sudan, Syria, Ukraine

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M. Peshtarianu
Resettlement Agency Contact

H-22-16
Date

[Signature]
State Refugee Coordinator

4-11-16
Date

FY 2017 Annual Consultations Conversation Summary

Resettlement Location (City/State): Knoxville, TN
Resettlement Affiliate Name: Bridge Refugee Services
Contact Name: Drocella Mugorewera
Contact Phone Number: (865) 540.1311
Contact Email: dmugorewera@bridgerefugees.org

State: Tennessee
State Refugee Coordinator Name: Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator Phone Number: 615.354.5700
State Refugee Coordinator Email: hjohnson@cctenn.org

Mode of conversation (email, phone, in-person):

Total number of refugees for FY 2017 discussed: $\frac{155}{85} = 240$
U.S. Tie Capacity
No U.S Tie Capacity
Total Capacity (U.S. Tie and No U.S. Tie)

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[Signature]
Resettlement Agency Contact

04-12-2016
Date

[Signature]
State Refugee Coordinator

4.12.16
Date

FY 2017 Annual Consultations Conversation Summary

Resettlement Location (City/State): Nashville, TN
Resettlement Affiliate Name: Catholic Charities
Contact Name: Kellye Branson
Contact Phone Number: 615.760.2777
Contact Email: kbranson@cctenn.org

State: Tennessee
State Refugee Coordinator Name: Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator Phone Number: 615.354.5700
State Refugee Coordinator Email: hjohnson@cctenn.org

Mode of conversation (email, phone, in-person):

Total number of refugees for FY 2017 discussed: _____ U.S. Tie Capacity
_____ No U.S Tie Capacity
* 585 Total Capacity (U.S. Tie and No U.S. Tie)

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Kellye Branson
Resettlement Agency Contact

4-20-16
Date

Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator

4-12-16
Date

* 660 total capacity discussed and taken under advisement by SRE.
585 total capacity determined by SRC and reported to Kellye Branson.
Signature indicates acknowledgement of # proposed by SRC.

FY 2017 Annual Consultations Conversation Summary

Resettlement Location (City/State): Nashville, TN
Resettlement Affiliate Name: Nashville International Center for Empowerment
Contact Name: Cindy Cunningham
Contact Phone Number: 615.454.5172
Contact Email: cindy@empowernashville.org

State: Tennessee
State Refugee Coordinator Name: Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator Phone Number: 615.354.5700
State Refugee Coordinator Email: hjohnson@cctenn.org

Mode of conversation (email, phone, in-person):

Total number of refugees for FY 2017 discussed: $\frac{195}{45}$ U.S. Tie Capacity
 $\frac{240}{45}$ No U.S Tie Capacity
Total Capacity (U.S. Tie and No U.S. Tie)

Primary Nationalities/Ethnicities projected to be resettled in FY 2017 include:
Congolese, Burmese (both Malaysia & Thailand), Iraqi, Syrian (have handful of assurances),
Nepalese, Afghan, Somali

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C. C. C.
Resettlement Agency Contact

4-20-16
Date

H. J.
State Refugee Coordinator

4.12.16
Date

FY 2017 Annual Consultations Conversation Summary

Resettlement Location (City/State): Memphis, TN
Resettlement Affiliate Name: World Relief Memphis
Contact Name: Steve Moses
Contact Phone Number: (901) 341.0220
Contact Email: smoses@wr.org

State: Tennessee
State Refugee Coordinator Name: Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator Phone Number: 615.354.5700
State Refugee Coordinator Email: hjohnson@cctenn.org

Mode of conversation (email, phone, in-person):

Total number of refugees for FY 2017 discussed: $\frac{100}{145} \frac{245}{245}$ U.S. Tie Capacity
No U.S Tie Capacity
Total Capacity (U.S. Tie and No U.S. Tie)

Primary Nationalities/Ethnicities projected to be resettled in FY 2017 include:

Congo, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda

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[Signature]
Resettlement Agency Contact

4/21/16
Date

[Signature]
State Refugee Coordinator

4.12.16
Date

FY 2017 Annual Consultations Conversation Summary

Resettlement Location (City/State): Nashville, TN
Resettlement Affiliate Name: World Relief Nashville
Contact Name: Anna Beth Walters
Contact Phone Number: 615.833.7725, x 210
Contact Email: awalters@wr.org

State: Tennessee
State Refugee Coordinator Name: Holly Johnson
State Refugee Coordinator Phone Number: 615.354.5700
State Refugee Coordinator Email: hjohnson@cctenn.org

Mode of conversation (email, phone, in-person):

Total number of refugees for FY 2017 discussed: 350 U.S. Tie Capacity
235 No U.S Tie Capacity
585 Total Capacity (U.S. Tie and No U.S. Tie)

Primary Nationalities/Ethnicities projected to be resettled in FY 2017 include:
Burmese, Iraqis, Bhutanese, Congolese, Somalian, Iranian, Ukrainian,
Syrian, Colombian, Cuban, Afghani, Pakistani, Sudanese, South Sudanese

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AWalters
Resettlement Agency Contact

4/13/16
Date

HJohnson
State Refugee Coordinator

4.12.16
Date