

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: November 2, 2018

Re: Quarterly report on refugee resettlement for the period 7.1.2018 – 9.30.2018

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 |
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| Bridge Refugee Services - Chattanooga | Marina Peshterlanu | 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 | Gatluck Thach | 417 Welshwood Drive Suite 100 Nashville, TN 37211 | 615-315-9681 | gatluck@empowernashville.org |
| World Relief - Memphis | PJ Moore | 3340 Poplar Avenue Suite 222 Memphis, TN 38111 | 901-341-0220 | pjmoore@wr.org |

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Anticipated Arrivals:

Although President Trump set the maximum number of refugee arrivals nationally for FY 2019 at 30,000, the number expected in Tennessee has not yet been determined. The US Department of State is currently in the process of making decisions about where refugees will be placed. I hope to have this information by next quarter and will include those numbers in the next report.

Actual Arrivals:

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

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| Davidson | 98 |
| Hamilton | 4 |
| Knox | 48 |
| Rutherford | 5 |
| Shelby | 3 |

Age Breakdown:

The age breakdown for these arrivals is as follows:

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| Minors | 79 |
| Employable adults | 75 |
| Seniors | 4 |

Information Requests:

For the period of this report, TOR received information requests from the media and from students.

No complaints were received.