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: Louisa Saratora, State Refugee Coordinator

Re: Quarterly report on refugee resettlement for the period October 1, 2023 – December 30, 2023

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 (lsaratora@cctenn.org or 615-354-6287) or your local refugee resettlement agency(ies) if you have any questions. Local agency contact information is below.

Agency	Contact Person	Address	Phone	Email
Bethany Christian Services	Amy Scott	200 East Parkway N, Ste 236 Memphis, TN 38112	(901) 818-9996	ascott@bethany.org
Bridge Refugee Services – Chattanooga	Marina Peshterianu	4791/A Hal Drive Chattanooga, TN 37416	423-954-9288	Mpeshterianu@bridgerefugees.org
Bridge Refugee Services – Knoxville	Stephanie Livigni	4420 Whittle Springs Road Knoxville, TN 37917	865-540-1311	slivigni@bridgerefugees.org
Catholic Charities – Nashville	Heather Mencke	2806 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214	615-259-3567	hmencke@cctenn.org
Inspiritus	Rebecca Butcher	3354 Perimeter Hill Drive, Ste 118 Nashville, TN 37211	404-875-0201	rebecca.butcher@weinspirit.org
Nashville International Center for Empowerment	Gatluak Thach	417 Welshwood Drive Suite 100 Nashville, TN 37211	615-315-9681	gatluak@empowernashville.org
World Relief – Memphis	PJ Moore	5340 Quince Road Suite A Memphis, TN 38119	901-341-0220	pjmoore@wr.org

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Arrival data for the period October 1, 2023 – December 30, 2023

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

Davidson	201
Hamilton	50
Knox	82
Rutherford	61
Shelby	122
Sumner	7
Wilson	6

Age Breakdown:
The age breakdown for these arrivals is as follows:

Minors	235
Employable adults	283
Seniors	11

Information Requests:
Requests for information this quarter came from students and from media outlets.

No complaints were received.