



# 2025 Impact Report

An Overview of FY24 and FY25

holding fast to  
a shared vision:  
*a world where everyone  
has food, voice and a  
safe place to call home*

## Message from the Director

Dear Friends,

The past few years have felt like a two-part story, full of both highs and lows. Through it all, your unwavering support has kept our mission alive: bringing refugees and immigrants to safety and welcoming them with open arms and open hearts.

Our story starts off in 2021 when we welcomed individuals and families to Winchester through Operation Allies Rescue. Our incredible volunteers made our vision a reality. Between May 2022 and December 2025, CWS Winchester worked with the U.S. State Department, CWS volunteers and several integral community partners to resettle and integrate 376 new neighbors. There was a concerted effort across the country to rebuild the refugee resettlement program and to uphold the long-running, bipartisan tradition of welcoming the most vulnerable refugees, which has been a key aspect of American humanitarian leadership. Because of these efforts, the United States welcomed 100,000 refugees between October 2023 and September 2024, the largest resettlement number in 30 years. Many were family members of people already here, Afghan allies, and others who had waited for decades for their chance to arrive. In Winchester, the refugee and immigrant families seeking safety and a fresh start not only found shelter and stability, but also a welcoming community filled with compassion.

Things took a dark turn in January. Federal funding was frozen. The United States Refugee Admissions Program was paused. Contracts were canceled. In early February, a cash flow crisis was created that forced us to furlough two-thirds of our beloved team. Organization wide, CWS was not reimbursed for the work CWS had done as far back as December. Despite all the challenges, CWS Winchester forged ahead. We showed up for our refugee and immigrant families and **YOU** showed up for us. You held our hand when we needed support, you gave us hope when things looked bleak, you provided strength when we felt exhausted. Your quick and generous gifts ensured that our new neighbors stayed fed, housed, and able to work. You helped us create something beautiful in dark times. With your help, we were able to create programming that nurtured and fortified family bonds and empowered women and children.

Even though, the cash flow crisis has passed, impending changes will impact the funding landscape and the larger social service sector drastically. Refugees who once qualified for food stamps are no longer eligible—with a loss of Medicaid to follow in October 2026. Funding for legal help has been cut. There is real fear across immigrant communities.

These months have been heavy. But I am inspired—by the courage of immigrants and by the kindness of neighbors like you. Your everyday acts of endurance, advocacy, hospitality, and generosity hold fast to a shared vision: a world where every person has food, voice and a safe place to call home.

With gratitude and hope,

Samar Jafri  
CWS Winchester Office Director

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Donations

**209**  
resettled  
refugees

**75%**  
women  
& children

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-  CWS VA Legal Team filed **770 immigration applications** including green card, citizenship, asylum, and family reunification petitions
-  Served **132 children & youth** through our School Success Program.
-  Provided individual & group mental health therapy to **35 individuals**

-  Assisted with **82 job placements**
-  Provided intensive case management to **25 vulnerable refugees**
-  Provided employment readiness and skills trainings to **117 female and 91 male clients**. Trainings included Digital Literacy, GED Prep, ESL, Behind the Wheel and Commercial Driving.

**\$16.75**  
avg starting  
wage

-  **\$249,416** was provided in time-limited direct assistance to newly arrived refugees and immigrants
-  **\$99,459** was provided in rental and utilities assistance to vulnerable families
-  **56** refugee children and youth participated in STEAM, Sports and Art camps



*Thank you* for helping to create a welcoming and safe home!

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