



Thank you for your continued partnership in welcoming New Vermonters to our state. This letter heralds an exciting moment for Central Vermont Refugee Action Network: *Our First Fall Fundraiser!*

As you know, CVRAN was created almost a decade ago with the mission:

To welcome and provide support to refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and migrant workers living in, working in, and visiting Central Vermont.

For the first eight years our small group operated on an all volunteer basis. This year, through strategic planning, we realized it is time for the organization to reflect the growth and change we've experienced. The biggest development is that we are in the process of hiring an executive director! CVRAN will always be grounded in community volunteerism, but it is time to have a professional leader assisting at the helm.

Our Goal for this First Fall Fundraiser is to raise \$100,000.

Consider mailing us a check with the coupon below so we can receive every penny of your donation! If you prefer, donations can be made at our website, CVRAN.ORG, where you can also learn more about our organization.

We thank you for your support on behalf of the refugees and asylum seekers in our area and the ones waiting to come.

Make checks payable to: Central Vermont Refugee Action Network ★ Send to: CVRAN, Inc. P.O. Box 910 Montpelier, VT 05601

\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

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“When I was no longer safe in my country, it was like I lost my roots. I had to leave but because of CVRAN, I found people who helped me grow new roots, grow new leaves. Because of CVRAN, I survived. CVRAN does not offer only material and financial support, they offer emotional and mental support. Today I feel safe. I have a home. I am part of a community. Without their support, I could not have done it. Nobody can remake a life without support.”

Ghazi Jendoubi

CVRAN's Recent Milestones:

- ★ We are currently supporting 15 refugees and asylum seekers.
- ★ We are collaborating on developing a 4 unit building after helping to purchase 2 houses as affordable rentals for large families.
- ★ Three asylum seekers have been granted asylum in the past 5 years.
- ★ We co-hosted the Mobile Mexican consulate that served 165 Mexican farmworkers.
- ★ We co-hosted the New American Symposium reaching 400 persons around the state interested in asylum seeker services.
- ★ We won a Statewide Asylum Seekers Assistance Program Grant shared with other state consortium groups which helps support asylum seekers desiring to work in our state.
- ★ Our pro bono lawyer, Seth Lipschutz won the Vermont Bar Association Pro Bono Award.
- ★ This spring the first one of our New Vermonter partners joined our CVRAN Board of Directors.
- ★ CVRAN has 69 members, 190 volunteers, 1,000 plus donors, 741 Facebook followers, 350 email recipients, and 16,345 website visitors.

