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Front Cover: Civil society supporting Ukrainian refugees in Isaccea, Romania, on the bank of the Danube. (Marco Giarracca)
Page 2 Top: Festival of Encounter, hosted by JRS Jordan, brought together the local refugee community in Amman to celebrate the diversity of one another. (Rajiv Raman) Page 2 Bottom: Ukrainian refugees participating in one of the stress-relief activities provided by JRS and partners. The dance instructor, Dorian, is himself a refugee from Cameroon who set up the class to help newcomers relax and socialize. (Gabriel Ilias Photography)



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

WAR HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES, **NOT OUR SPIRIT.**

As we look back on 2022, we recognize that the world's biggest stories led to some of the most tragic statistics. According to the United Nations, in 2022:

- · More than 7.8 million Ukrainians fled their homes after Russia's invasion.
- 750,000 Ethiopians sought refuge from the continued armed conflict in the Tigray region.
- · 325,000 Yemenis were similarly displaced by fighting between government factions.
- Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees escaped violent religious persecution in Myanmar.

The UN concludes 100 million people around the world-more than 1.2 percent of the global population-were forced to flee their homes last year. These families typically do not know their next destination; they simply know peace lies elsewhere.

War may have changed their lives but not their spirit. In the footsteps of the prophet Isaiah, JRS/ USA works to bind the brokenhearted and repair the shattered lives of our refugee brothers and sisters. Our enclosed 2022 Annual Report features inspiring stories of JRS colleagues who have mobilized where needed, building new programs this year to serve and accompany those who are displaced.

Each of us is a part of the solution. Together-by sharing our care and compassion, contributing our energy and efforts, and acting with



generosity of spirit-we help refugee families become whole again.

Thank you for helping make a brighter future come into focus.

With warmest gratitude,

Joan Rosenhauer

Joan Rosenhauer Jesuit Refugee Service/USA President

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JRS/USA 2022 IMPACT





1.5M

people served through JRS programs

512,790





129,493

135,018





226,351

emergency assistance

- 187,985
mental health & psychosocial support





99,242

95,023





98,630 advocacy

28,593

pastoral care



OUR **PEOPLE**

Diana Heidemak

Legal Counselor JRS Romania

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, Diana immediately began providing legal and other services for Ukrainian refugees who fled to Romania. "Many people thought the war would only last a couple of weeks, then they would be able to return to Ukraine," Diana said.

Distressingly, this is not the case. A multi-degreed scholar of international law, Diana has dedicated her efforts for nearly 18 months to addressing pressing matters concerning immediate and long-term assistance to Ukrainian refugees. Moreover, she has been actively involved in endeavors focused on activities involving a secure and inclusive educational environment for children and adolescents coming from Ukraine.

During February 2023, Diana joined JRS' Welcome and Protect



Daniel Restrepo MuñozEducation Technician, JRS LAC

"Working at JRS has been one of the most important opportunities in my life," says Daniel Restrepo, who initially joined JRS Columbia in 2019 as a volunteer. Daniel proved so committed that he was hired as the office's advocacy coordinator, accompanying migrants from Venezuela and identifying where they needed assistance that the government couldn't provide. In 2021, Daniel moved to JRS Latin America and the Caribbean, assisting with education and advocacy planning

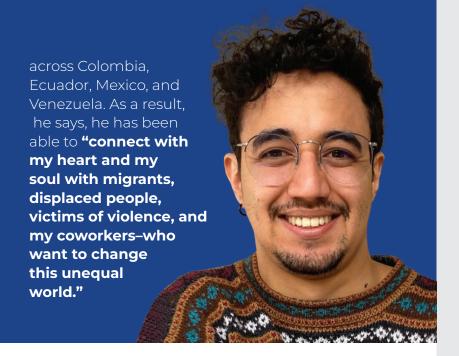


Esther Ngemba John Carroll University Student and JRS/USA Advocate

Esther Ngemba and her family fled unrest and war in her homeland of the Democratic Republic of Congo. "I have seen war and I hate war," she says, recalling the night that rebels stormed their

Prae Ontira Amatavivat
Accountability and Learning
Specialist, JRS
International Office

A native of Thailand, Prae has been working with JRS since 2015 where she started as a regional program officer in the Asia Pacific. She now serves as an Accountability and Learning Specialist in Programs and Innovation, in JRS' International Offices. Prae makes sure JRS programs



house, throwing her to the ground so hard that her elbow broke.

Her family escaped to Uganda and five years later was able to resettle in Cleveland, Ohio. Esther now is a university student double-majoring in Communications and Peace/Justice and Human Rights. She works with JRS /USA as a public speaker helping to change people's perceptions of refugees.

My pain is power. Something that won't let me give up on this hard fight for justice.

and procedures meet international humanitarian standards, and that we are accountable to the people we serve.

While attaining her Master's Degree in Law and Diplomacy, Prae studied international negotiation and conflict resolution–as well as human security and UN foreign policy–combining that insight to better serve refugee families worldwide.

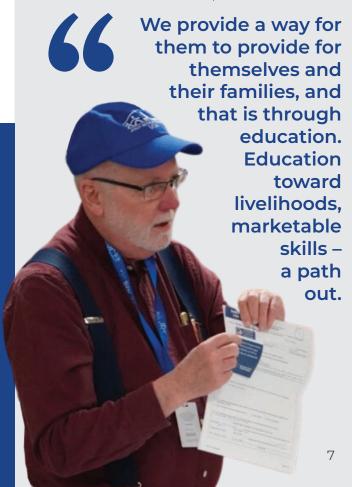
"The great thing about my role with JRS is that I am strengthening my training with JRS staff surrounding Community Participation.

Through this, we have an ability to cultivate relationships between staff and those we serve who have been displaced and are in need of assistance."

Fr. Mike Gallagher, S.J.

Father Mike Gallagher entered the Jesuits in 1967 after graduation from high school, and has lived a life of service ever since, building upon his law degree and other advanced degrees to make the world a better place for the most vulnerable. Since 1994, he has been working with and for refugee families, first as an attorney with Las Americas Refugee Program, then at JRS Southern Africa. He also served for ten years as the JRS Representative to the Offices of the United Nations, then as JRS Deputy International Director.

Today, Fr. Gallagher is head of legal services for JRS/USA, overseeing JRS/USA's Border Project to assist refugees and displaced persons who are waiting for the US government to process their asylum cases. He says he loves working with refugees, finding them the most interesting and grateful clients he has ever had—and he, in turn, believes in helping them toward a more hopeful future.



OUR PROGRAMS

EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOODS

JRS recognizes the resilience and resourcefulness of refugees who want to be independent and self-reliant. We advocate for refugees' right to work, and help them build new skills, by providing language courses, resume review and development, and vocational training. Equally as important, we provide hope for the future.

"The situation for these families is hard. It's complex. But it's not impossible," says Ximena Moreno, Shelter Director at JRS Ecuador. "It's amazing to see how they never stop fighting." Ximena makes sure that the families have time to manage the initial and ongoing pain of leaving everything behind, and then helps them look toward the future; she makes sure the children go to school, and encourages the parents to enroll in livelihoods classes that teach entrepreneurial skills in businesses such as hairdressing, jewelry making, dressmaking, and baking.

Worldwide, JRS helps refugees develop their assets by distributing seeds and tools for agriculture, for instance, and helping them access grants, loans, and other resources. JRS also helps them rebuild their networks, thereby facilitating their access to markets, economic and social capital.

JRS Kenya helped 25-year-old Yadam, who fled violence in Sudan in 2012, in search of safety, a better life, and a place where he could continue his studies. Through JRS' social entrepreneurship program, Yadam learned business accounting, and his instructor showed him how to start-up a small business. With a few employees he now runs a small retail shop much like a convenience store, selling household items in the Kakuma Refugee Camp.

Similarly, JRS Jordan assisted Amal, a former student of medical technology, after her family fled violence in Iraq. Because she is an asylum-seeker, Amal can work at an eye center only as an assistant, not a full-fledged employee. Amal has enrolled in JRS' online English classes to continue to read and learn all about updates in the ophthalmology field. Her English teacher, she says, encouraged her to never give up. Today, Amal continually provides hope to other refugees working toward a better future:

"Don't give up," she says. "You have to keep on trying."



Beneficiaries from JRS Ecuador taking part in a Livelihoods training. (Andreina Sevillano)

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RECONCILIATION

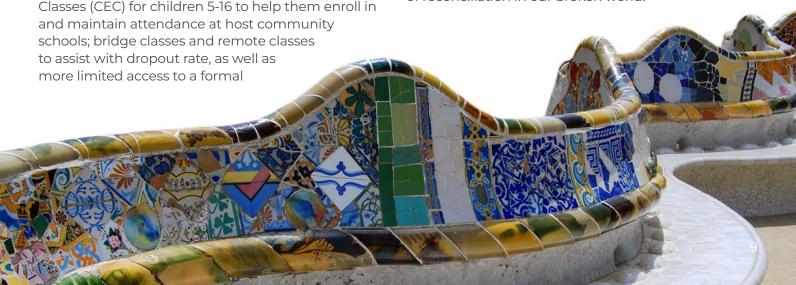
Refugees face varying degrees of hostility on their journey and safety and upon arrival in host countries. The lack of welcome may differ from one place to another—for example, political movements that feed on cultural and economic anxieties; policies that reflect a shift away from solidarity, justice, and human rights; and a climate marked by growing xenophobia. JRS' mission of reconciliation focuses on building bridges through education, and on creating spaces of hospitality and welcome. We help refugee and host communities build their capacity to continue to work toward reconciliation and social cohesion.

In September 2022, a new JRS program in India was awarded a three-year grant by the Department of State: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) supporting reconciliation projects for the vulnerable Burmese population in the Indian states of Manipur and Mizoram.

The projects will include Complimentary Education Classes (CEC) for children 5-16 to help them enroll in education; community outreach including recreational activities; and teacher training and awareness workshops for JRS and host community teachers.

Additionally, grant funding will improve refugees' access to social support through psychosocial aid, reconciliation services, and networking assistance. JRS will convene meetings of local governments and leaders, humanitarian organizations, and partner agencies. We will organize peace and reconciliation sessions between refugees and their host community—as well as psychosocial support sessions for youth, counseling for caregivers, and referrals for identified severe cases. We also will emphasize menstrual health awareness for adolescent girls.

The overall aim is to elevate the refugees' cognitive and emotional wellbeing during this difficult time for them. The steps may look different for each individual, and JRS will continue to accompany, serve, and advocate for them, according to their individual needs and reflecting JRS' emphasis on reconciliation and justice, described as "the call to share God's work of reconciliation in our broken world."



OUR **PROGRAMS**

ADVOCACY

Amid protracted and emerging humanitarian crises and unprecedented levels of forced displacement, speaking out on behalf of refugees is more important than ever. Around the world, JRS supports refugees in their efforts to claim and exercise their rights, lobbying governments and institutions for better and just responses to refugees and situations of forced displacement. JRS also aims to enhance the public perception of refugees, countering xenophobia and indifference while promoting integration and social cohesion.

JRS's Annual Advocacy Day 2022 reflected on not only the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also refugees' forced displacement resulting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and growing climate emergencies. Nearly 125 participants from Jesuit universities, high schools, and faith and education-focused nonprofits joined online to promote critical protections in US policy on refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons.

To help them prepare, JRS/USA scheduled virtual meetings with members of Congress, prepared discussion materials on policy issues, and hosted a webinar to review the issues in detail, discuss logistics, and answer any questions. On Advocacy Day itself, participants joined online--from Egypt to California—representing a total of 24 US states and the District of Columbia. Advocates were divided into groups based on representatives and met with more than 90 Congressional offices. Together, they addressed restoring asylum, passing the Afghan Adjustment Act, and increasing support for refugee education.

Mina, a student at Arizona State University and an Advocacy Day participant, described her tense, rushed evacuation from Afghanistan during the summer of 2021. Since then, she has passionately worked for reform surrounding refugee resettlement and for the rights of Afghan women. "It is a success for me that people are listening to my story and refugees are being heard," she said, excitedly.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Forced displacement often disrupts relationships and practices that foster resilience and healing in individuals, families, and communities. JRS recognizes the importance of providing refugee families with psychological and social support as they heal from the trauma of displacement and adapt to new, unexpected circumstances, so we integrate mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) into all of our programs.

At a JRS Romania shelter, for instance, Dorian Leugoue Tchanga Alain—a dance instructor and former refugee—has shown women and children how dancing can bring them unexpected joy. First, he hosted a charity dance competition, raising \$200 in funds for the shelter. Then he began leading weekly dance classes for the women and children staying there.

"I want them to feel joy because I know how it is to be in their place... it's very hard, it was very hard for me too," he explains. One mother told him the class brings her stress relief, brief moments of peace amid the trauma they have endured.

At the US southern border near El Paso, Texas, JRS MPHSS programs focus on playtime for the children. After ensuring access to food, JRS mental health specialist Georgina Sánchez works on breathing exercises before heading into 'play mode' with the kids. "When they arrive," she says, "they're shaking and not only because they're cold. They're shaking because their nervous systems are completely dysregulated." She has learned that even playing a simple game of tag can help a child start to regulate their nervous systems—the therapy most effective for them is basic games with other children.

"They're not 'survivors', they're thrivers. But they are suffering," she says, empathetically, adding that she makes sure to tell the children's parents how proud she is, for what they're doing for their family. "They come only to give their children a better life. They come knowing the stigma they themselves may face being a migrant... the parents are so brave."



JRS/USA consultant Georgina Sanchez during a mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) session with migrants through the JRS/USA border program, Caminar Contigo. (JRS/USA)

MIGRANT ACCOMPANIMENT NETWORK

JRS/USA's newest initiative—its Migrant
Accompaniment Network—launched in 2022 as
part of JRS' Caminar Contigo program providing
legal assistance and mental health and psychosocial
support services (MHPSS) at the US-Mexico border.
The volunteer-based Migrant Accompaniment
Network welcomes asylum seekers once they
have entered the United States, providing legal
representation, housing and rental assistance, and
connections to community resources.

Jovana Nieto, the JRS/USA Community Coordinator, has described the hope and determination that these families bring. In El Paso, Texas, she met a family with ten-year-old twins who suffered from a disability that limited their mobility; the parents

carried the two children all the way from Colombia to the border in El Paso. Another family was able to relocate to North Carolina—and sent photos showing the family celebrating their son's birthday with a joyous group of parishioners.

Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND, a Migrant Accompaniment Network volunteer in El Paso, has reflected on her experience, saying, "what came to me clearly in prayer was the image of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus – so little in the face of his crucifixion and yet so profound that the story is still told today. I was called to trust that little things matter, that gestures of kindness and compassion make a difference, that being present and witnessing their suffering matters."

The Migrant Accompaniment Network is present in 29 states, and JRS is working to expand it to the entire country, so that wherever an individual or family relocates, there are volunteers ready to welcome them.





Left: Maria Torres, JRS/USA Director of Domestic Programs, creates spaces of warmth and compassion for all incoming migrants.

Right: Chalk drawings from children who receive holistic psychosocial support in the form of play.





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MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE SERVED IN 58 COUNTRIES

Washington,

Bogota,

Colombia

Brussels, Belgium

Rome

Yaoundé,

NORTH AMERICA

JRS/USA Funding: \$5,295,798

Countries where JRS serves: United States of America, Canada

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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WESTERN AFRICA

JRS/USA Funding: \$5,353,875

Countries where JRS serves: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria

EASTERN AFRICA

JRS/USA Funding: \$3,803,833

Countries where JRS serves: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda

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GENEROUS FRIENDS

"Without friends," said philosopher and statesman Francis Bacon, "the world is but a wilderness." Thanks to the partnership of such generous friends as the Loyola Foundation, JRS is able to help our refugee sisters and brothers brave the wilderness of the everyday world, as they strive to seek a happier life for themselves and their families.

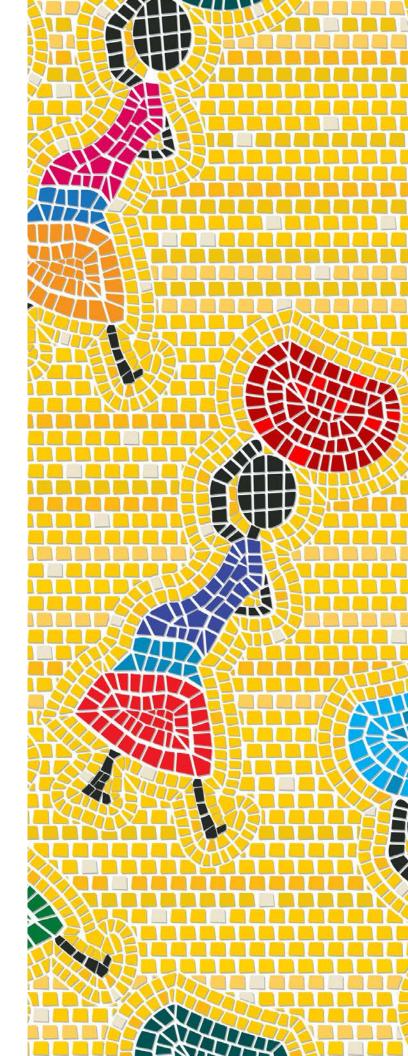
When businessman Albert G. McCarthy, Jr., passed away in 1975, he bequeathed half of his estate to create the Loyola Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to support overseas Catholic mission needs—primarily vehicles, construction and equipment to serve people in less developed countries. Since 2006, the Foundation has awarded 25 grants to JRS/USA programs, providing more than \$350,000 to help refugees and displaced persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia Pacific, East Africa, South Africa, and the Middle East/North African regions.

The Foundation's grant funding, for instance, enabled JRS to purchase a vehicle that helped the overstretched mental health and psychosocial services (MPHSS) team in Iraq serve refugees more efficiently. Loyola Foundation funds also were used to construct a school science laboratory in the Adjumani District of Uganda, to increase students' access to quality education.

We can't say thank you enough for the Loyola Foundation's generosity and friendship.



A truck purchased for JRS with Funds provided by the Loyola Foundation





DONOR SPOTLIGHT/ ANNE DAMMARELL

Anne says her life "presents itself as little bumps in the road" turning points that have changed her trajectory. Fortunately for JRS and the families we serve, life bumped her into our work!

When she graduated from school, her gift for connecting with others resulted in a job with a consumer products company. Life handed her the first "bump" when she attended her sister's wedding in Europe and learned how much she enjoyed being overseas.

The next "bump" was a note from her sister, encouraging her to "do something meaningful" with her life. So Anne moved to Washington, DC-and while eating dinner one night struck up a conversation with a stranger who mentioned her office was looking for an assistant. Anne applied for the job, and thus began her long (and meaningful!) career with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). She was particularly proud of her work, knowing she was helping women in need access education, healthcare, and jobs. Because she knew how to speak French, USAID asked her to move to its office in Beirut, Lebanon, where she worked closely with aid workers at other organizations, including the local Jesuits.

Years later they would reconnect, but only after another, tragic, "bump" on April 18, 1983: Anne

had been having lunch in the cafeteria at the Beirut Embassy, and briefly walked to the back of the room to talk with a colleague. A suicide bomber attacked the embassy, killing 63 people-including everyone in the room except for Anne and her colleague.

After she retired from USAID, a longtime friend–a priest–asked her to help start-up an English program in Egypt. She moved to Egypt the following week, eventually staying for three years. Upon her return, Anne approached Fr. Leo to ask for his help arranging a scholarship for a young seminarian from Egypt to study at Georgetown University. Anne was moved by Fr. Leo's willingness to help. When she later heard that Fr. Leo was in charge of a nearby JRS fundraiser, she decided to attend, and learned that many of JRS' priorities were similar to those of USAID.

"When I heard about the children who were separated from their parents at the border," Anne recalls. "I wanted someone to pick up the babies and reunite them with their mommies.... I just wanted to do something to help." She was strongly impressed by JRS' focus on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) at the US/Mexico Southern border program, Caminar Contigo.



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"JRS is paying attention to human beings, and they can feel that," she explained. "That's what's important."

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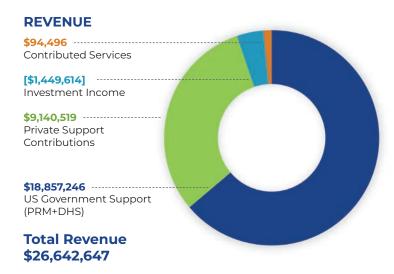
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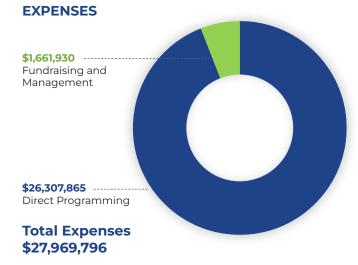
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OUR DONORS

LEGACY SOCIETY

As you think about your financial and philanthropic priorities—investments, retirement, and the impact you make— JRS encourages you to make a gift that will lift displaced people and refugees for years to come.

The late Thad Regulinski, for example, was a dear friend to JRS. Born in 1922, he moved to the US at the age of 12 and began an exemplary life of study. Over the course of his career, he attained his Ph.D. in electrical engineering and won numerous awards. He also served four years in the US Army, becoming a professor at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

In the early 1970s, he chaired the De Facto Segregation Committee of the Catholic Diocese in Dayton, encouraging the desegregation and redistricting of Dayton Catholic Schools so that low-income and high-income students could attend school together.

Thad always believed in the power of education to lift people out of poverty, and in 2014 he worked with JRS to plan and fund an 18-room elementary school that has survived numerous natural disasters and continues to educate several hundred Haitian children every semester—securing Thad's legacy as a champion for education. When he passed away in 2021, he left an incredibly generous bequest to assist Haitians who have been trafficked. This gift will support our work in JRS Latin America and the Caribbean for years to come.

Estate planning is one of the most meaningful ways to support JRS programs and life-changing opportunities for vulnerable individuals and families. **To learn more, visit www.jrsusa.org/donate/legacy-gifts.**

The Legacy Society honors all those who have included JRS/USA as a beneficiary of their estate plan. In doing so, they support our important mission of accompaniment, service, and advocacy on behalf of refugees today and tomorrow.

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Diana and Tom live the spirit of Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. Since 2016 they have been making regular monthly donations to JRS, toward the greatest needs that refugee families are facing at any given time. "As a monthly donor, I feel part of that effort to serve our sisters and brothers in need," Tom says.

Their generosity extends to their everyday service, as they also support causes in their community, including the Jesuit Catholic university and the local public schools near their home in Colorado. Passionate about JRS' work and advocacy, they volunteer their time writing letters to their governmental representatives, urging them to ease refugees' path along their

journey. Diana and Tom also double the power of their support by seeking employer matching gifts for every dollar they donate.

Through monthly gifts, Diana and Tom provide much-needed consistency for the families we serve—so that more children can go to school, more refugees build their job skills, and more families receive psychosocial support to overcome the trauma of being forced to leave their homes.

Just as important, their support allows JRS to respond most quickly to unforeseen emergencies and crises that threaten those already displaced.



"JRS is on the scene helping where they are needed most, and when they are needed most," Tom says. "It's an honor to be affiliated with JRS!"



CONTINUE TO ACCOMPANY, SERVE, AND ADVOCATE WITH US.

You can continue to support the mission of Jesuit Refugee Service by making a financial contribution. Support from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States covers a significant portion of our fundraising expenses, **allowing us to direct 94% of your contribution to support programs that assist refugees.** Your gift to JRS/USA will help create opportunities for education, health, protection, and self-reliance for our brothers and sisters who have been forced to flee their homes.

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