

REFUGEES



WELCOME

**THE DURRANI FAMILY COMES TO CATONSVILLE
FROM AFGHANISTAN**

Refugee Task Force Update—March 13, 2022

Yesterday, in wind-driven snow, 21 of us moved furniture, household items and foods—all donated by our congregation and friends—into an apartment at Ivy Crossing by Nunnery Lane. Tomorrow we will bring an Afghan refugee family to Catonsville and welcome them to their new home.

We're eager to know the family: Masooma Durrani and her son Rohail, 16, and daughters Saba, 14, and Lima, 12. We anticipate a time, probably in early May, when members can meet and welcome them, probably in early May.

We've posted a listing of youthful needs--school supplies and some known and likely useful sports and recreation items. This is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4eaeaf2eaa8-afghan>

Your financial support for the Refugee Fund continues to be welcome and essential. We will be paying their rent the first three months, then tapering that assistance across the following nine months. There are legal fees and other expenses which will occur before they're able to fully support themselves.

There will be much to do after they arrive here. We will welcome leads for employment, assistance in their orientation, and helping them with language skills, among other things.

Please keep Masooma and her children in your prayers. And please pray and advocate for the 85 million forcibly displaced people in the world, including the many Ukrainians fleeing their homes.

Pr. Ed Whetstone, chair