

Thank You

FOR SAYING YES



Carry the Future

On behalf of the Leadership Team at Carry the Future, we want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to refugee families around the world. This year has been extraordinary by any definition of the word. We know that many of our donors and supporters have been personally impacted by COVID-19, and we are grateful that you continue to stand in solidarity with refugee families, motivated—as we are—by the belief that a child’s safety and future always come first.

Refugees have been significantly impacted by the global pandemic. Families living in camps and less formal communities (“squats”) are highly susceptible to infection and disease, due to their lack of access to adequate supplies of clean water and proper hygiene and sanitation, and compounded by overcrowded living conditions. While to date we have not seen significant outbreaks of COVID-19 among the communities we serve, 2020 has seen a meteoric rise in the number of requests Carry the Future has received for direct financial assistance from our friends and partners in Greece, Serbia, Jordan, the U.S. and Mexico. Because refugee families’ needs are greater, your ongoing dedication is more important than ever.

Since our inception, we have developed trusted partnerships with on-the-ground organizations that have steadfastly continued to support refugees throughout the pandemic. While we have temporarily paused our distribution trips, our nimble response model has enabled us to continue providing aid through our Welcome Baby and Emergency Relief programs. Additionally, in spring of 2020 we held a hygiene fundraiser for aid that would specifically combat the spread of COVID-19 among the communities we serve. In just a few weeks, we raised more than \$15,000 to purchase and distribute bottles of liquid soap, hand sanitizer, and other critical hygiene items.

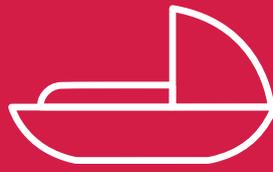
This year, thanks to your generous one-time and monthly donations, we will be expanding our partnerships and geographic focus, enabling your donations to impact more families and communities. More mothers and babies. We simply could not have the impact that we do without your steadfast support, and for that we—and the families we support—are grateful.

Sincerely,

Carry the Future Leadership Team



Welcome Baby



The Welcome Baby Program

Our longest-running program, Welcome Baby, has provided diapers, safe sleeping spaces, and other aid to refugees in multiple countries. In 2020, Carry the Future continued to distribute diapers and other essential aid to new mothers and children at several locations on mainland Greece and the islands.

As an extension of our Welcome Baby Program, and with the generous support of the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, this year Carry the Future established a toilet training education program to combat a striking trend that our distribution teams noticed—older children still wearing diapers because safe, accessible toilets for potty training were unavailable.

Each participating child receives a training toilet and a few pairs of underwear. The toilets can be cleaned and accessed in the comfort and privacy of the child's living space, making toilet training substantially easier and more hygienic than it is when children must use overcrowded community toilets. Carry the Future volunteers have provided toilet training support for parents through our educational programming at many camps and community centers in Greece. We are excited to explore possibilities for sharing this curriculum with refugee parents in a digital format (in multiple languages), which will allow us to reach even more families with this valuable program.



On the Ground in Greece

The situation for refugees in Greece continues to evolve—and in many locations, to deteriorate. Due to policies recently introduced by the Greek government, many smaller NGOs no longer have authorization to visit and serve refugee communities and camps. This has reduced both on-the-ground support and available funding, at a time when there continues to be a significant number of raft arrivals to the Greek islands every week.

Diapers Are a Lifeline: One Mother's Story

One of our diaper recipients was a young mother from Syria who traveled to Greece with her two young sons. She was separated from her husband in Turkey and has been unable to contact him since she arrived. She fears for his safety and well-being and is struggling to navigate a highly complex asylum system with very limited resources and support. Your donations enabled us to provide this mother with one month's supply of clean diapers for her young boys. That gesture gave her peace of mind about at least one aspect of her daily life. Carry the Future partners will continue to provide support to this young mother, and ensure she can meet her family's needs.

BY THE NUMBERS

253,673

Clean Diapers

118

Strollers

1,206

Sanitary Pads

325

Training
Toilets

Did you know?

The majority of diapers distributed in Greece are sourced from a small, family-run business near Thessaloniki, demonstrating Carry the Future's commitment to investing in small businesses and communities which host refugee families.

Community Development



Community Infrastructure Projects

Beyond meeting essential needs, Carry the Future strives to fund community infrastructure projects, which enhance quality of life and increase opportunities for refugee children and families.

This year, your generosity helped build a “Nest,” a safe, inspiring learning space for the children of asylum seekers in Tijuana, Mexico. Run by the Pedagogical Institute of Los Angeles, the Canyon Nest provides state-of-the-art educational and play materials and bilingual books, and is staffed by community and international volunteers. PILA operates Nests in Mexico, Greece, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with their team of compassionate, hard-working volunteer educators.

Thank you for saying YES to refugee children by providing them with a safe place to be a kid.



Meet The Advisory Council



Our Inaugural Team

In 2019, we formed an Advisory Council, in order to bolster our work in four key areas: Advocacy, Advice, Community Connections, and Financial Support. We invited to the Council leaders from several fields, as well as representatives from the refugee communities we serve. We will continue to add to this inaugural group as our work evolves, and we are already grateful for the counsel and support we have received from these remarkable individuals.

To help honor World Refugee Day this very challenging year, members of our Advisory Council held storytime events on social media for Carry the Future supporters and followers. These events featured family friendly books about the refugee experience and helped bring our communities together, even though we had to be apart.



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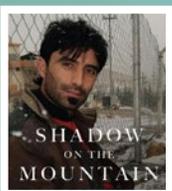
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Carry The Future Friends



We Get By with a Little Help from Our “Friends”

In 2020, we launched Carry the Future Friends, a special program to recognize and engage our monthly donors. While all donations are important, a monthly gift enables Carry the Future to make longer term commitments to our partners on the ground, and respond quickly to urgent needs. This year, we have increased our number of Carry the Future friends by more than 30 percent. Because of these new Friends—and the ongoing support of our existing monthly donors—we are delighted to share that we will be increasing our support of refugees arriving at the southern U.S. border and will also be expanding our programming to Yemen.

This year we also expanded the ways people can support Carry the Future. Now, donors can check if their employers will increase their generous giving with a matching gift. Supporters can also help raise funds for Carry the Future through the Amazon Smile program, and through apparel purchases on Bonfire.com.



Looking Ahead: Yemen

According to the United Nations, Yemen is experiencing the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today, with 80 percent of the population in need of humanitarian assistance. 20 million are considered food insecure without access to sufficient food and clean water. Children are especially at risk of poor health and malnutrition.

Carry the Future is partnering with the Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation, a highly regarded U.S.-based nonprofit organization. Carry the Future has agreed to provide monthly funding to feed 70 families (approximately 420 individuals) who are internally displaced due to Yemen's ongoing civil conflict. Families will be provided with monthly food supplies, including nutrient-dense staples such as rice and lentils. All items will be purchased locally and delivered by YRRF's local volunteers. In August 2020, we will be providing updates to our donors and supporters on a specific fundraising appeal to enable us to run this program!

Team Brownsville

In August 2020, Carry the Future will be announcing a six-month partnership with Team Brownsville. Carry the Future teams have previously supported Team Brownsville on US distribution trips. Monthly Carry the Future Friends donations will enable the purchase and distribution of diapers, sanitary products, antibacterial hand soap, baby clothing, and other emergency relief supplies at the Brownsville/Matamoros International Bridge, which is currently home to 1,800 refugees, including approximately 400-500 children.

We are exploring additional partnerships with organizations working along the U.S. border and look forward to sharing those details with you in the coming months.

Working Close to Home

This year we have renewed our commitment to supporting refugees from South and Central America, including asylum seekers at the U.S. border. In the summer of 2019, our Carry the Future community provided more than \$60,000 in aid to our partner in McAllen, Texas, the Humanitarian Respite Center, including baby carriers, hygiene items, shoelaces, socks and underwear. Until U.S. federal policies changed and the border was almost entirely closed to asylum seekers, teams of Carry the Future volunteers worked alongside Sister Norma's team at the HRC, welcoming families released from ICE detention as they prepared to continue on their journey to safety. Additionally, Carry the Future volunteers worked in Arizona at Casa Alitas Welcome Center, providing meals and respite for families released from detention.