

Thank You

FOR SAYING YES



Carry
the
Future

Dear Carry the Future friends and family,

As we look back on the last 12 months, refugees throughout the world have continued to face unimaginable hardship. Families, just like yours and mine, overnight find themselves fleeing their homes, lives torn apart. In August of 2021, the world watched the heart-wrenching scenes from Afghanistan, as desperate families fought for the opportunity to simply exist in safety—where their young daughters could freely attend school and pursue their dreams. Then in February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine and created the worst refugee crisis in Europe since World War II. The suffering has been unfathomable. Everywhere you look, devastating images of families and children abound.

But instead of turning away, you have continued to show up, in meaningful and powerful ways. Your kindness, compassion, and generosity has transformed the lives of refugee families throughout the world. Through your support, refugee families know their stories and their journeys matter. And they know that there is a loving, caring global community who is with them every step of the way.

Because of you, 137 children are able to attend a Montessori-style early years program in Greece, and we are able to provide snacks and other materials for 100 children at the US-Mexico border. Your donations have purchased monthly food packages for 195 families in Yemen, which has been affected by one of the worst food shortages and famines in the world today. Ukrainian families seeking safety in Europe have been provided clean diapers and wipes for their precious children.

This year, because of your generous one-time and monthly donations, Carry the Future has been able to scale our partnerships and respond to these urgent global crises quickly and effectively. We have invested heavily in community infrastructure, recognizing that it is key to providing dignity to families who have suffered and endured so much.

On behalf of the leadership team, thank you for being a part of Carry the Future. This community inspires us every day, and we remain incredibly grateful for your unwavering support, dedicated volunteering, and financial generosity that changes the lives of refugee families throughout the world.

In solidarity,

Carry the Future Leadership Team



Welcome Baby



BY THE NUMBERS

81,000

Clean
Diapers

101

Strollers

150

Hygiene
Kits

165

Training
Toilets

60

Baby
Carriers

The Welcome Baby Program

Our longest running program, Welcome Baby has provided diapers, safe sleeping spaces, and other aid to families seeking refuge in multiple countries since 2016. In 2021, our Welcome Baby program was able to provide diapers, strollers, hygiene kits, and training potties to refugee families in Athens, Chios and other parts of Greece, as well as Tijuana, Mexico, and various parts of the United States.

We know there will always be babies in refugee camps, families will continue to arrive to the islands of Greece and our own borders seeking refuge, and there will constantly be unmet needs for families along their journey. Our mission is to fill in these gaps. Through it all, Carry the Future and our trusted partners count on your compassion and generous donations to fund the essential items these families need.

Because of you, in the last year we have been able to:

- Become a key provider of diapers to the Serres Camp in Northern Greece with our partner, Lifting Hands International
- Provide diapers to 245 families on the islands of Greece through our partnership with Love Without Borders
- Deliver strollers to families in Chios through our friends at IRIS Center
- Provide over 60 baby carriers to Refugee and Immigration Services—an organization in Columbia, MO that helps resettle newly arrived Afghan families
- Partner with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services to fund diapers and hygiene kits for asylum seekers in San Antonio, TX and Las Cruces, NM
- Provide monthly diapers to families who visit Love and Serve without Boundaries in Greece
- Deliver roughly 18,000 diapers to Alliance in Houston and Interfaith Welcome Coalition in San Antonio, TX, thanks to a tremendous donation of diapers from Coterie
- Provide hygiene kits to Refugee Support Europe for the Dignity Center
- Provide diapers and strollers to Afghan arrivals in Arizona through our partner Gathering Humanity



We also continue to partner with the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO) to provide training potties and training curriculum to families with children currently transitioning out of diapers. We piloted this program with partners Centro 32 (in Tijuana) and Refugee Support Europe (in Cyprus). We know that training potties can be very important for families, especially since access to clean and safe facilities can be limited in particular settings. We are very hopeful to expand our potty training program to different refugee communities as we identify these opportunities.

Community Infrastructure



Community Infrastructure

Along with meeting essential and emergency needs, Carry the Future seeks to support community infrastructure projects that enhance the quality of life and provide additional opportunities for refugee children and their families.

Learning and Playing in the Nest

As you remember, in 2020 your generosity helped Action For Education (AFE) and the Pedagogical Institute of Los Angeles (PILA) to build “Nests” as a means to establish safe, constructive learning spaces for children and their families in Athens, Greece and Tijuana, Mexico. These Nests offer educational activities, content, and curriculum so children are not falling behind educationally during this disruptive time in their lives. In 2021, your contributions continued to provide healthy snacks, and ensured the Nests were able to welcome the increasing number of refugee children and families using their services.

In May 2021, we celebrated the opening of the Athens Nest, a warm and colorful early childhood space for refugee children. Offering exceptional early childhood education, healthy snacks, and resources for parents and families, the Athens Nest was modeled on other Nests founded by PILA. It is operated by AFE and has been “open for business” for nearly one year of smiles, stories, and safety. Thanks to you, we contributed hundreds of educational games to meet the increasing need for early childhood learning in the refugee community.

Carry the Future’s partnership with AFE and PILA has inspired us to seek more educational support opportunities through our Community Infrastructure program. Please see the Look Ahead to 2022 section for more information.

2021 Community Infrastructure Statistics

137 Children provided educational opportunities at the Athens Nest

359 Toys and games

Infrastructure Matters!

Since our inception, Carry the Future has recognized the value of community infrastructure throughout the refugee journey. When very little is reliable, what is reliable becomes so very precious—whether it be educational centers to continue early childhood learning or a store designed specifically to help family members shop with dignity. This is why Carry the Future has consistently encouraged our donors to support initiatives like PILA and AFE’s Nests and Refugee Support Europe’s Dignity Centers.



Emergency Response



Springing Into Action

When global travel ground to a halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Carry the Future knew we needed to pivot organizationally in order to be able to continue our robust support of refugee families. In 2020 and the first half of 2021, we emphasized on-the-ground partnerships, financially and logistically supporting long-time and new partners who we knew to be undertaking exceptional work. We also sought ways to move our work closer to home, exploring collaborations along the southern U.S. border. Additionally, as the United States welcomed tens of thousands of Afghan refugees beginning in summer 2021, Carry the Future sprang into action, leveraging our volunteer base to welcome these newcomers into our communities.

Yemen: Food for Families Program

Carry the Future funded monthly food drops in Yemen throughout the entire year, providing food for 195 families, and hosted a virtual screening of the film “Hunger Ward” for staff and our community to learn more about the famine in Yemen.

Diapers for Babies in Athens

Via our partner, Love without Boundaries, we supported refugee families who had lost their housing in Athens with essentials including diapers.

Gifts and Essentials for Unaccompanied Minors

We launched a partnership with Starr, an organization in Michigan that houses asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors. Carry the Future donors and volunteers purchased items off an Amazon wishlist—outdoor toys, board games, craft supplies—and sent them directly to Starr and their resident children.

Winter Clothing in Lebanon, Jordan...and Texas!

We partnered with Wool Aid to distribute 68 boxes of blankets, gloves, hats, and sweaters for children in refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan. We also donated six boxes of items to Rio Valley Relief Project in Texas, for both asylum seeking families and Afghan newcomers.



Emergency Aid: Meeting the Moment

One of the most unique and critical aspects of Carry the Future’s work is our ability to rapidly and nimbly bridge gaps in aid for individuals and families in crisis situations. When our trusted partners come to us seeking help, we answer the call however we can. Here are some recent examples:

- We provided Ramadan food support for Rahab Galal, a trusted CTF staff partner, for a community of refugees in Athens
- We partnered with Action for Education to provide food for 16 families on Samos who received a second asylum rejection and lost their monthly food stipend
- We funded sleeping bags, shoes, and hygiene items for families stuck at the Poland/Belarus border in December 2021

Meet The Advisory Council



Our Advisory Council

We are lucky to have an exceptional group of advocates, innovators, and humanitarians who are always just an email or phone call away. Meet the Carry the Future Advisory Council! Bringing insight, support, and expertise to CTF, our advisory council members are a consistent source of inspiration and guidance. Advisory Council members have helped us vet partnerships, gain access to real-time policy updates, and jumped in to assist with video editing, event planning and strategy development. To say we are grateful for their time would be a colossal understatement; they are an integral part of our Carry the Future community.



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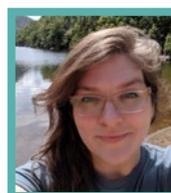
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Meet The Leadership Team



Our Leadership Team

Internally, our Leadership Team is the nucleus around which our exceptional staff and volunteers coalesce. Composed of a working Board of Directors (7 members) and Carry the Future's Chief Officers (Response, Communications, Fundraising, and Talent,) our leadership team works together daily across multiple messaging platforms and time zones to keep Carry the Future humming along and our mission front-of-mind.



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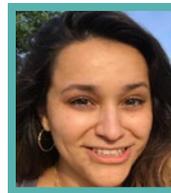
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Getting Involved



Our supporters showed up in a big way in 2021.

Little by Little campaign through Global Giving

In September, Carry the Future participated in a Little by Little campaign through Global Giving. The campaign recognizes that every dollar counts and celebrates the collective impact of small donations by matching 50% of donations up to \$50. During this time, the Afghan refugee crisis was imminent, and our campaign allowed us to quickly welcome Afghan refugees arriving in the United States. Due to the success of our first Little by Little campaign, Carry the Future was able to fund 2 months of a food drop supporting 93 families near Kabul, and supply diapers and strollers for Afghan arrivals through a partner in Phoenix, AZ.

Race for Refugees

Between September 15-30, Carry the Future celebrated the second annual Race for Refugees. Students, professionals, Carry the Future staff, moms, dads, and kids from all over the world ran, walked, jogged, swam, and hiked to raise money for those forced to flee their homes. Over 300 people participated in the 2021 Race for Refugees, raising nearly \$20,000 in total.

Volunteering In Person

In Arizona, IRC's Welcome Center served 23,000 people in 2021. In 2022, it is anticipated the Welcome Center will potentially serve as many as 5,000 people per month. Carry the Future officially relaunched in-person volunteer opportunities in April 2022. We partnered with IRC and an organization called Gathering Humanity to provide manpower to the resettlement efforts in Arizona. Adapting to what we learn from this experience and responding to needs as they arise, our goal is to explore other similar opportunities.

Thank you for saying YES
to refugee children



Diaper Drives

In mid-2021, we began hearing from supporters about the desire to see Carry the Future find a way into US resettlement efforts. When our leadership team met at the end of last year, we discussed heavily what this may look like for the organization and for anyone who supports Carry the Future.

UNHCR estimates that over 1.47 million refugees will be seeking resettlement in 2022, a large percentage of whom we may be welcoming to our very own home towns. It is with this in mind that our Response team began exploring methods for US residents to contribute to the refugee experience at home and from home. In early 2022 we will be relaunching diaper drives.

Hosting a diaper drive in our communities is a wonderful way to show love and support to newly-arrived refugees from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and other countries around the world. And it also offers our supporters and their friends and neighbors opportunities to connect with a resettlement agency and possibly even refugee families living in their areas.

As the year carries on, it is our hope that diaper drives will continue and will hopefully parlay into other opportunities for our supporters to stay involved with resettlement in their communities.

Looking Ahead



Staying Connected

Carry the Future Friends

Carry the Future Friends are monthly financial supporters, and the foundation of our program funding. Every one-time donation makes a difference, but the stability of monthly gifts enables Carry the Future to make long-term commitments to our partners on the ground. In 2021, our Friends program gained 40 new monthly donors, and we created a private Facebook group for our Friends to keep them up to date on exactly how their support is helping our efforts. Our Friends collectively contribute over \$5,000 every month, which gives Carry the Future the opportunity to partner with more organizations and help more refugee individuals and families. Scan the QR code to learn more about becoming a monthly donor.



Newsletter

Our monthly email newsletter is the best way for supporters and volunteers to stay up to date on what's happening at Carry the Future. Sign up at carrythefuture.org

So Far in 2022...

Afghanistan

During the latter half of 2021, we joined the rest of the world in watching one of the worst humanitarian crises of our lifetime unfold in Afghanistan. Following the withdrawal of U.S. troops and the resumption of Taliban control of the country, hundreds of thousands of refugees transited into neighboring countries without onward pathways to asylum, while many more were resettled to the United States and other Western countries.

In the days after the Taliban took control, we were contacted by two organizations to help support the arrival of new Afghan families. We were honored to support both Rio Valley in Texas, which asked for Me2You items for babies. We were able to rapidly get our Me2You items in the hands of families. Additionally, Gathering Humanity in Phoenix asked for support to help 50 Afghan families with diapers.

Working with a highly regarded independent volunteer and her ground team in Afghanistan, we have funded several food drops for 83 families in Afghanistan. These provided the families with rice, red beans, lentils, flour and cooking oil.

Ukraine

In winter 2021-22, the global community was shaken by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the images of families torn apart, and primarily women, children, and the elderly on the move across borders, their belongings in their hands. Relying on trusted partners, Carry the Future began funding humanitarian aid – food, water, diapers – within days. We will continue to support refugees from Ukraine with both immediate assistance and, across time, longer term quality of life and community infrastructure support, as needed and appropriate.

In early 2022, we have provided support to refugees fleeing Ukraine via two key partners. We provided Refugee Support Europe's Moldova dignity center with diapers, and we also provided emergency food in both Ukraine and Poland via our partner Refugee Biryani and Bananas. We will continue to seek opportunities to fill in gaps in aid and services, and to support these families on their journey to safety.

