



2017 IMPACT REPORT



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

How can we support our newest neighbors - recently resettled refugee families - now living in Pittsburgh and looking to rebuild their lives? That is the rallying cry we heard last year.

What began as one mom inviting a Syrian family to share Thanksgiving dinner turned into a nonprofit organization serving over 50 families from 7 countries through mentorship and friendship. Anything is possible when we come together to solve big problems through community. We know we have begun to make an impact but together, we are just getting started!

Hello Neighbor 1st Annual Night at the Pittsburgh Pirates



“A program like Hello Neighbor is what will change us as Americans, and change us as Pittsburghers.”

– Norine, Mentor Testimonial

Hello Neighbor In The Park Summer Potluck Series



“Hello Neighbor gave me confidence and helped us make many American friends. My family is very happy and in love with Pittsburgh because of this program!”

– Tulasa, Mentee Testimonial

In 2017, more than **300 people resettling in the US** from **Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Bhutan, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda** benefitted from Hello Neighbor programming.

Riverlife sponsored trip on The Gateway Clipper



OUR MISSION

The mission of Hello Neighbor is to improve the lives of refugees and immigrants by matching them with dedicated neighbors to guide and support them in their new lives.

OUR VISION

The vision of Hello Neighbor is that all refugees and immigrants feel welcome and gain confidence in their new lives in Pittsburgh.

PROGRAM GOALS

Our goal is for each Hello Neighbor Mentor to have a fun and rewarding experience with recently resettled refugees to the Pittsburgh area. The refugees we serve come from a variety of countries, backgrounds, languages and religions. The one commonality they have is the desire to have a better life than what they were forced to leave behind. Many have been through incredibly challenging situations; they have left most, if not all, of their support system behind and are alone in a new country with new customs and a new language. For these families of all ages, shapes and sizes to know that a local Pittsburgher cares about them and is invested in their success is an incredibly positive feeling and something they appreciate and cherish.



“This is the example we want to set for what Americans can and should be.”

— Sloane Davidson, Founder and CEO

50 MATCHES **2,000+**
between recently resettled refugee
families and Pittsburghers **mentoring hours**

Hello Neighbor at The Andy Warhol Museum

Organizations such as Hello Neighbor ensure that Pittsburgh remains a welcoming city for all.”

– Bill Peduto, Mayor of Pittsburgh



500 individual activities **20** community events



1 THE THANKSGIVING DINNER THAT STARTED IT ALL

2 FEBRUARY, 2017: Valentine's Day For Good

3 MARCH: Hello Neighbor Launches and Mentorship Program Recruitment Starts

4 MAY: Cohort 1 Kickoff

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5 JUNE-SEPTEMBER: Cohort 1 program dates and events including monthly potlucks and community events at The Warhol, Heinz History Center, Gateway Clipper, Pittsburgh Pirates and more

6 OCTOBER: End of program celebration

7 NOVEMBER: Partnered with The City of Pittsburgh for 1st Annual Friendsgiving Dinner

8 DECEMBER: Cohort 2 Recruitment Underway

Hundreds have stepped up in Pittsburgh and around the country to support our mission. We are honored to have you as partners, supporters and friends. **Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help us have a successful first year!**

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We're building a movement of caring neighbors to support refugee and immigrant families. We are committed to continuing our mission in 2018 with the launch of two new cohorts, new partners, programming and much, much more.



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