
Year-end 2017 Update

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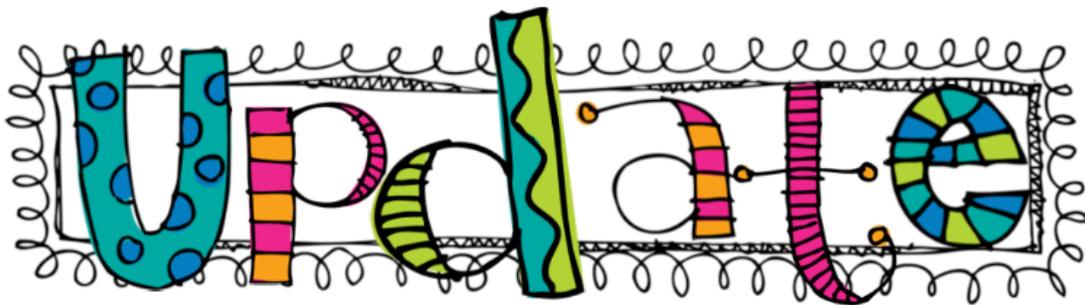
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Year-end 2017 Update on our RAMP Families

Our Syrian Family

November 8 was a big day for our family from Syria. It was the first anniversary of their arrival in the United States. Over that year, there was much to be thankful for. They are now safe, well-fed, much-loved and adjusting to a new language, new customs and a new life. RAMP has committed to providing the family with assistance for another year.

The nine-year-old daughter knew well how special the day was. When RAMP volunteers arrived at her home, she laid claim to a giant chocolate chip cookie in the grocery bag. The celebration also included cakes, flags, balloons and small presents for each family member.

The family talked about how happy they are – and how grateful they are for their new friends and helpers in America. They are a very appreciative family, and they thanked by name all those who have supported them over the past year. RAMP members have helped them with expenses, food, clothing, medical needs, transportation, social services, tutoring and language instruction.

The seven-year-old son and his sister are doing well in school and are increasingly proficient in English. The boy is excited that he is moving up to a higher-level reading group. The friendly, talkative girl has many new buddies. Both are taking swim lessons and playing soccer at a local Y. They have been treated to a special children's performance at Paper Mill Playhouse as well as trips to McDonald's and Panera Bread.

The mother is working several afternoons each week at a local mosque and is progressing in her English. And she is learning how to write checks and manage the bank account. The father has had several construction jobs, but craves more regular work. He says he loves to work, and he is very skilled at what he does. The teen-aged son worked at a local pizza parlor.

Besides finding more secure employment for dad, the family priorities now are to get their Green Cards and to attend to their medical needs. Fortunately, RAMP has found, through Horizon-New Jersey Family Care, a nurse liaison to help them navigate the health care system.

Once a week, the family pulls a red wagon to a Walmart more than a mile away for their shopping. Most appreciated would be Walmart gift cards, as well as ones for Acme, where they do much of their grocery shopping. Please mail to Treasurer, RAMP, PO Box 1544, Morristown, NJ 07960.

After one year, there is much to be thankful for. RAMP volunteers were there with help and love and will continue to support them as they adjust to their new lives.

Our Afghan Family

The family – mom, dad and two-year-old son - arrived in New Jersey March 28, 2017. On November 21, they welcomed into the world a healthy, beautiful daughter!

There was much more good news for the family. The father obtained a seasonal position at UPS, which hopefully will lead to a full-time, permanent position after the holidays. He also underwent a successful operation to remove shrapnel from his head that came from a car bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan. He, along with his wife, now have their Green Cards, and the father has passed the New Jersey driving test. The mother has made great strides in learning English.

Shortly after the birth of their baby, the family moved from a duplex to a newer apartment in Morris Plains with the help of many RAMP volunteers.

The assistance of a wonderful support group from RAMP has provided the family with the inspiration to adapt to life in the United States.

As we continue our support of these beautiful families, RAMP also plans to be in a position to welcome a third family in 2018.

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