



Founder's Greeting

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Greetings!

More than 23 million refugees around the world are fleeing conflict and seeking a new home where they can be safe - a place to rebuild their lives. For over a decade, PRERNA has helped refugees from around the world, providing services of all kinds from when they first arrive. As trusted advisors, we guide them as they embark on a complex journey to become independent and self-sufficient in their new home.

This year, we are serving nearly 100 refugees, giving them essential supplies and services to empower them to survive and thrive in the Bay Area. But we need to do more. Federal funding to refugees and resettlement agencies has declined and we need your help so PRERNA can scale up and continue to provide quality services to more families. Refugees are like us. They want a chance to find work, get an education and build a better life for themselves and their children. Please [donate](#) to make a difference.

Empower Local Refugees to Thrive



MAKE A DONATION

Housing Spotlight by Reena Arya, Team Lead

Housing is one of the most important services that PRERNA provides to refugee families when they arrive. Finding affordable, permanent housing quickly can alleviate a family's early financial burden. Yet, it is a huge challenge to secure subsidized low-income, long-term housing for refugees. [Read more](#) about how the housing team finds affordable housing in an unaffordable Silicon Valley.



Yoga@Cindy's Fundraiser

Thanksgiving Day Yoga on Nov. 23

Before you gather with your family to feast on Thanksgiving Day, enjoy a 90-minute yoga class to recenter your body and awaken your energy systems. This holiday class is offered as a charity event to support PRERNA. All donations will be used to provide services and supplies for refugee families in the Bay Area. Join us for yoga, rejuvenate and give a gift to help others in need.



Books, Inc. Holiday Faire

Shop and Give on Nov. 30

Stop by Books, Inc. for holiday shopping and find the perfect gift for your family or favorite bibliophile. Best of all, 20 percent of any purchase on the night of Nov. 30 will be donated to PRERNA. Choose titles from recommended book lists to purchase for yourself or for our refugee families as part of PRERNA's growing library.



A Year of Empowering Refugees and Building Community Support



Afghani Refugee Families Enjoy Fun and Sun in Santa Cruz as Part of Cultural Assimilation

On Make a Difference Day, PRERNA volunteers took several refugee families to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk for a day of sun and fun. As part of their journey to assimilate and thrive in a new country, we set up sightseeing trips so refugees can visit some of the special places in the Bay Area where they now live.



Welcoming Week with PRERNA at the El Camino YMCA in Mountain View

During Welcoming Week in September, PRERNA was invited by the YMCA to celebrate the diversity of our Bay Area community. Together, we greeted immigrants and U.S.-born residents of all ethnicities and faiths and spoke with them about PRERNA's work to help refugee families resettle when they arrive in the U.S.

Help Rebuild Refugee Lives

With your gift, more refugee families will be able to receive the services they need to resettle in the Bay Area. We can help them find affordable housing, education, and employment to become independent, productive members in our community. We strive to make every year better than the last and we can only do this with your help. Thank you for your support.

