

NAME OF PROJECT

Have Hope, Give Hope

LOCATION

Hudson Montessori School
Hudson, Ohio USA

KEY ISSUE

The refugee crisis



RELEVANT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL/S



PROBLEMS

Most refugees are fleeing from developing countries with developing governments. The access to basic human needs, education, and job opportunities are scarce with unstable governments. Unstabilized governments also interact with gangs and have other illegal systems. America is home to a more stable, democratic government. Because of this, America's job opportunities and wealth are much higher than in other countries. This attracts refugee families to our country in large numbers, all seeking to make a better life. But many arrive with very little, including children. Children are still developing and growing, and need access to basic supplies that will help them stay healthy and happy.

SOLUTION

An ultimate solution for this crisis is stabilized governments for developing countries. This can create smart and safe environments as well as job opportunities. Education will be accessible and basic human needs will be filled.

Our project will be helping with this solution by collecting educational, recreational, and hygiene supplies that will help incoming refugees in our area. These supplies were determined through a conversation with the local office of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). On March 15th, we distributed 10 "test" backpacks to recent refugee families and will receive feedback on the choice of supplies. After collecting the needed supplies at a fundraising event hosted at our school, they will be placed in backpacks and we will be distributed to more refugee children through our partnership with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. The event is scheduled for May 11th, 2019. By getting the community involved, it will also help spread awareness and educate people about this problem.



OBJECTIVES

- To partner with the Cleveland office of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) to assist child refugees
- To fill 150 backpacks with supplies for child refugees:
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorant
 - Lotion
 - Coloring book w/ simple english
 - Toy
 - Pocket sized simple game
 - Pencils
 - Calculator
 - Notebook
- To host an event at Hudson Montessori School for the purpose of collecting the supplies for backpacks and raising awareness of the cause.

STAKEHOLDERS

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (Cleveland, Ohio office)

We have partnered with the USCRI for this project. We have already begun to work with them, and they will speak at our event.

Hudson Montessori School

Our school has agreed to allow us to use the building for the event. They will also assist with marketing.

Entertainers and vendors

Booking specific vendors and entertainers is in progress. We are communicating with the Ohio Shakespeare Festival and Beachcomber, a local foodtruck. We are also seeking help from peers and teachers for arts and craft activities.

Hudson community members

Patrons of the event will be involved through their donations of supplies.

Local refugee families

These families are indirectly involved. They will benefit from our project..

RESULTS

DIRECT RESULTS

Have Hope Give Hope raised **\$1,500** and **packed 75 backpacks** that were delivered to the Cleveland office of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. A dozen of those backpacks were immediately handed to children of recently-settled families.

BUDGET

OVERALL

\$1,250

EXISTING FUNDING

\$1,500 raised through donations

REQUIRED FUNDS

0 / -\$250

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

Impact on community can be viewed through two lenses: 1) local school community and 2) wider community of northeast Ohio. The local school community was impacted by raised-awareness of the refugee population and their needs. They were affected by actively participating in making a difference in the lives of children. The school will continue this work next year. The wider community of northeast Ohio is affected by helping new families get settled and helping children prepare for school through the supplies provided them. A smoother transition into American life will help families succeed and contribute to the local economy.

TIMELINE

May 11, 2019: Backpacking event > **May 30th, 2019:** Backpacks delivered to U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) > **June 30th, 2019:** Remaining funds donated to USCRI

STATUS

This project is nearly complete. Remaining funds still need to be donated or used for additional supplies that will be packed into more backpacks by the student service committee of Hudson Montessori Middle School next year. The middle school will continue a partnership with USCRI.

CREDIBILITY

Our approach to help the immigrants is worthy of being pursued, because without our help, these immigrants will not be getting the support and donations that we are providing them. Not only are we collecting donations but we are educating people on the topic as well.

NEXT STEPS

1 Donate or use remaining funds

2 Continue partnership with USCRI through Hudson Montessori Middle School next year

NEEDS

Needs have been filled.

Needs prior to the YIF conference were the following:

- ☐ Funding for the purchase of backpacks
- ☐ In-kind donations of backpacks or materials
- ☐ Marketing expertise
- ☐ Skilled entertainment for the event

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Hudson Montessori School