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REFUGEES

2025 Impact Report

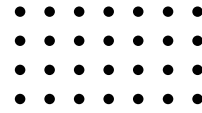
Committed to helping central Ohio refugees
build a self-sufficient life by aiding in their
transportation needs



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Leadership Message



As we wrap up 2025, we look back with gratitude on the journey of Rides 4 Refugees (R4R). Now in our third year of operations, we are proud to be a dynamic and committed organization.

Since our founding, we have assisted over 60 refugees through Purchase Assistance, Driver Training, Repair Assistance, and Vehicle Ownership Support. Behind each of these efforts are individuals and families who were once displaced by unrest in their home countries and are now working hard to rebuild their lives here with dignity and independence. Their determination inspires us.

Responsive to Our Clients' Situation

The needs of refugees are complex and challenging, and we are committed to adapting our support as needed

- This past year, we launched Mobility Now to deliver faster support in helping our clients meet urgent transportation needs.
- Next, we are refining our efforts to support Driver's License processes to help navigate evolving state laws.

By remaining responsive, we are better equipped to offer help whenever and however it is needed most.

Innovative Ways to Extend our Resources

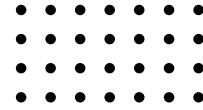
We know that our resources must stretch to meet the demand. That's why we continue to explore innovative ways to maximize impact. Through partnerships, we are accessing support services and securing quality vehicles at fair prices. Next we are excited to launch our "**Garage Extras**" Initiative—Inviting community members to donate or sell vehicles they no longer need at a reasonable price.

The road ahead is filled with challenges and opportunities. We will continue pressing forward with the same commitment and compassion that brought us here. To everyone who has supported R4R—our donors, volunteers, and partners—we thank you! Together, we will remain steadfast in helping refugees who are determined to build new lives.

With gratitude and resolve
Rides 4 Refugees Leadership

Impact - By The Numbers

Purchase Assistance



15

Refugees obtained **reliable transportation** in 2025

8 Vehicles - Match Grant

7 Vehicles - Mobility Now

Since our founding **36 Vehicles** have been obtained by our clients with R4R support

Driver Training

28

Refugees became competent, capable drivers with R4R assistance

Over **500 hours** of in-car training

Repair Assistance

11

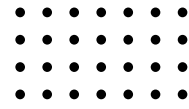
Refugees received repair assistance to get back on the road

Rides 4 Refugees in 2025 has enabled

- Over 7000 commutes
- Over 2,000 trips to grocery store
- Over 100 trips to doctors' offices
- Countless rides to schools, childcare and community events



Meet Mobility Now Client – Najiba



Hope - Challenge - Giving Back

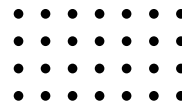
Najiba, a young woman who fled Afghanistan due to the Taliban's strict restrictions on women's education, work, and basic freedoms, arrived in Columbus last year with hope — **hope for a life where she could be treated as a human being, pursue her dreams, and build an independent and successful life in a welcoming community.**

Arriving alone in a new country alone was challenging. **“Being all by yourself in a place where you know no one is very difficult,”** she shares. One of her most pressing needs was transportation. Najiba quickly took steps to get her driver's license and then a car, a move she says wouldn't have been possible without the support of volunteers and Rides 4 Refugees.

Having a vehicle transformed her life. It allowed her to manage both a full-time and part-time job and opened up opportunities she never could have imagined. One of her most exciting experiences was taking her longest trip yet — driving to Ontario, Canada, passing through Pennsylvania and New York. **With her own car, she could visit family, explore new places, and truly feel at home.**

Najiba is focused on building a bright future. She dreams of traveling across the U.S. with her car, embracing freedom and independence. She expresses deep gratitude to the generous donor of her Acura TSX and shares a message of hope: she encourages everyone to help someone in need, **She is now giving back to her community, helping others just as she was helped,** so that together, communities of support, care, love, and empowerment can grow.

Program Improvements



Mobility Now Offering - **NEW**

A supplementary program for refugees who contribute financially but are unable to save enough to qualify for the Match Grant program.

Who This Program Supports

- Families with young children and only one full-time working parent
- Large families with limited wage earners
- Single-parent households
- Single women in housing situations without roommates



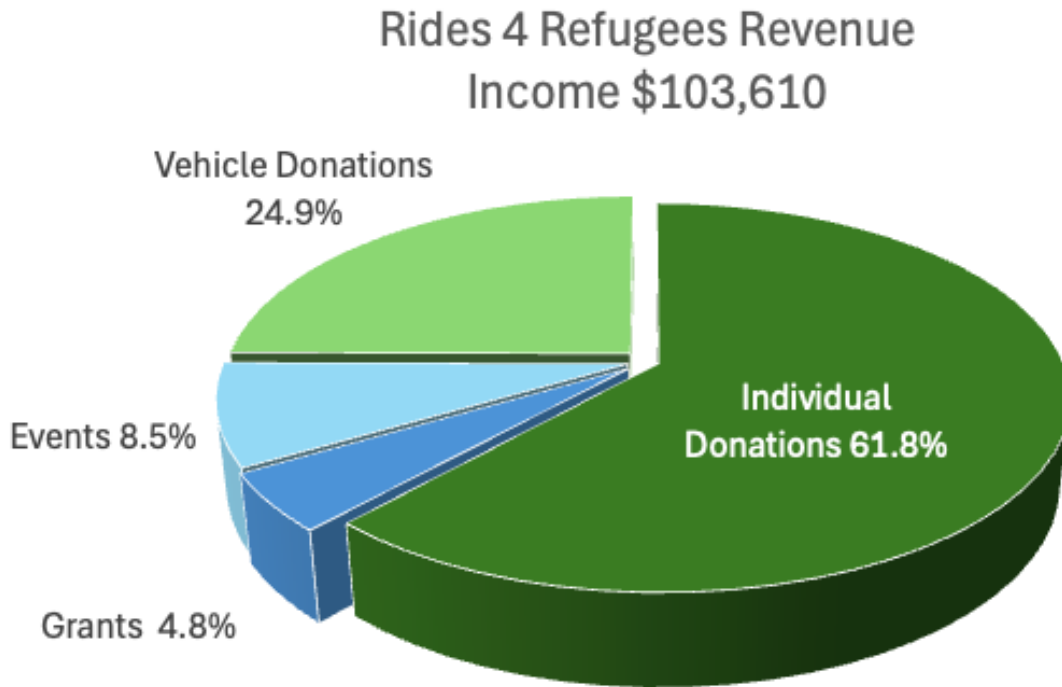
**Mobility Now
Clients**

How The Program Works

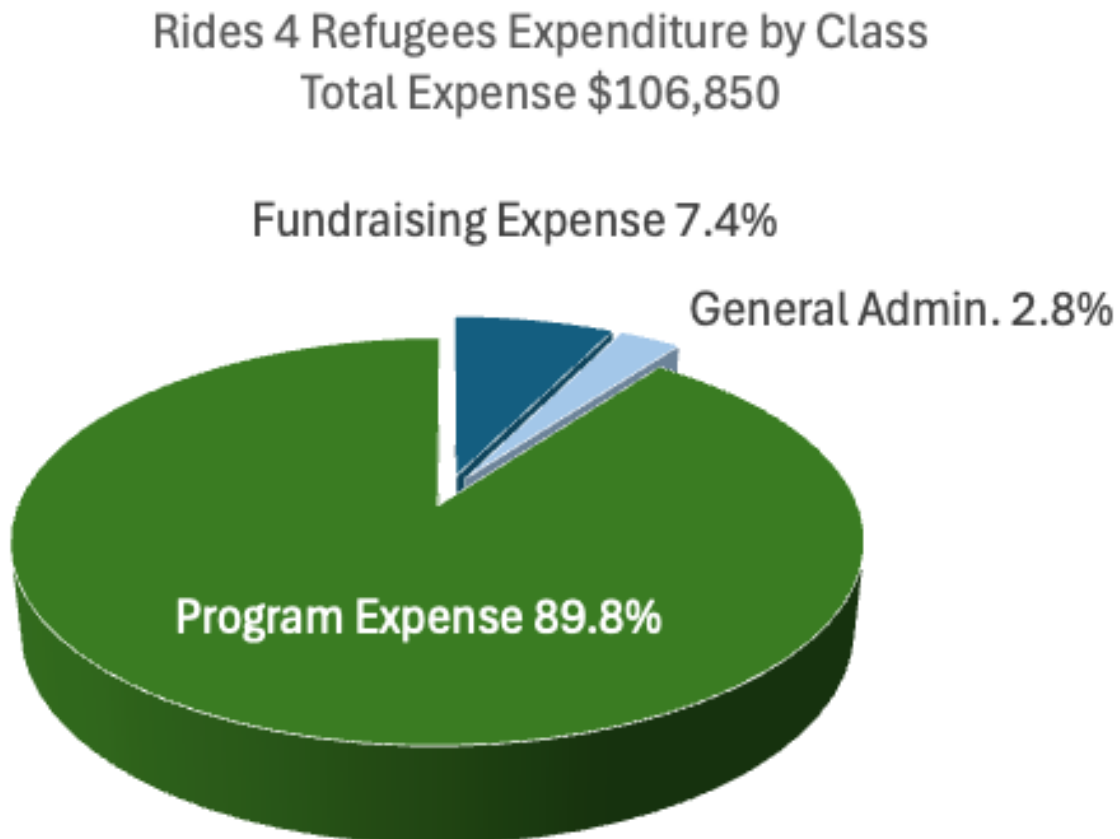
- R4R uses donated vehicles valued between \$2,000 and \$6,000
- Performs necessary maintenance and repairs to make each vehicle safe and reliable
- Clients contribute to the Vehicle Repair and Refurbishment Fund to help keep the program self-sustaining

Financial Summary

Revenue

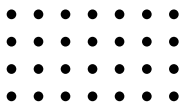


Expense

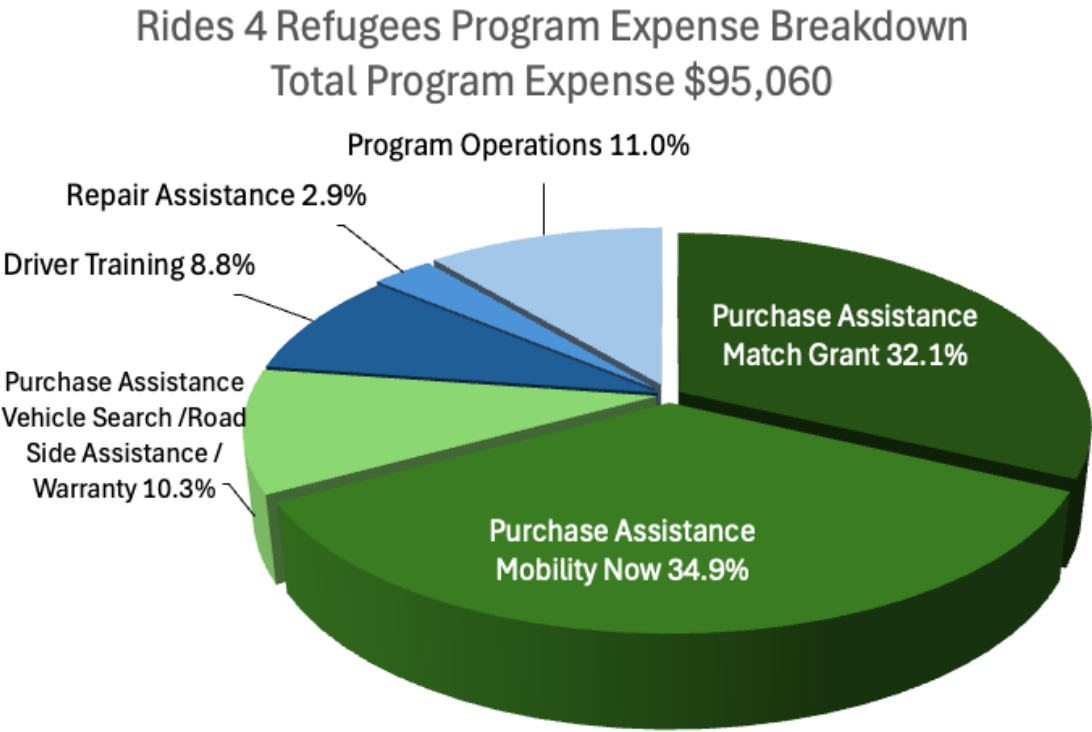


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Financial Summary - Further Breakdown



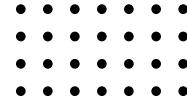
Program Expense



77% of program expenses go toward
vehicle purchase assistance

How To Help

Do You Have a “Garage Extra”?



Maybe it's a car you no longer need after upgrading to a newer model — or the one your kids drove before heading off to college. If you're considering “trading in” or parting with an older vehicle, please consider Rides 4 Refugees. Rides 4 Refugees would be grateful for the opportunity to acquire your vehicle — either through a fair purchase or a donation. Your car could serve a new purpose, providing reliable transportation to a refugee family working hard to rebuild their lives.

Goodwill Seller Participating in “Garage Extra” Program



By partnering with R4R, you avoid the hassle of selling while turning your “garage extra” into a life-changing ride for someone starting fresh in Central Ohio.

We are also always **looking for volunteers willing to use their talents to help** refugees learn to drive, find a quality reliable vehicle or get assistance with vehicle ownership. Visit www.Rides4Refugees.us

Of course, monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!

Visit Rides4Refugees.us

In Closing: A Message From a 2023 Client

Rebuilding Dreams While Also Giving Back



My name is Shokria Muhandis, and I am a refugee from Afghanistan. I'm a third-year Computer Information Systems major with a concentration in Health Information Management at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, and I am currently working as a Teaching Assistant (TA). My journey has been full of challenges, growth, and amazing opportunities, all made possible because of the support I

received from Rides 4 Refugees in 2023. Getting a vehicle was truly a blessing; it allowed me to go anywhere I needed and gain experiences that have shaped my life.

Having my car has enabled me to do so much. I participate in summer research, use my car to attend conferences to meet new people and gain knowledge, and I even had the incredible opportunity to present my research at UCLA.

I also use my car to help other students. I carpool to support classmates, and I even helped a friend who is an international student learn how to drive. Teaching her reminded me of the time Brent and Don taught me how to drive in Ohio. The patience and guidance they showed me were a true blessing. **I learned that being patient and working on small skills every day is a success in itself, a lesson I now share with others.**

During the summer, I used my car to commute to my internship at the YMCA, where I gained valuable experience and saw firsthand how much the YMCA contributes to the community. Volunteering has also been meaningful. One time, I drove to a local food bank to help pack food for people in need.

I feel incredibly grateful for the support from Rides 4 Refugees. Because of it, **I've been able to create opportunities, help others, and grow as a person.** Every experience, from research conferences to volunteering, teaching, and interning, was made possible because I had a car to reach these places and pursue my goals.

I hope my story can inspire others facing challenges to keep moving forward, knowing that support, patience, and determination can open doors to amazing possibilities.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to share my experience; it truly means so much to me.