

Lee, Chris

From: Lisa Summerfield <lisa.jo.summerfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2025 6:44 PM
To: Lee, Chris
Subject: RE: File No. 241394 resolution

Dear Chris Lee,

I am writing on behalf of Hanan Refugees Relief Group. As a volunteer for the past 4 years with this organization, I have first hand knowledge of the important work Hanan provides to refugee families. Initially, completely volunteer organization, now has 20 employees and is committed to providing services to both refugees with government funding and those without. Programs that empower refugees to eventually be independent require initial funding for assistance with rent, English Language services, employment, parenting and teen programs, drivers education, and many more daily living activities. I could tell you many stories of families that arrived three years ago that are now contributing members of our communities, but I will share just one success story. This nuclear family of five, two adults and three children, now support themselves and their parents. The seven members of this family live in a three bedroom apartment in Milwaukee, own a new car, have employment with benefits, and now assist new refugees with employment applications, school enrollment, and assistance with various activities needed to transition to an independent life in the US. This family is one of many that are an asset to our communities.

File No. 241394, a resolution directing the City Clerk to expend from the resources reserved in the Council-Led Transfer Fund is being heard tomorrow morning at 9:00 am.

Please consider Hanan Refugees Relief Group for these funds.

Sincerely,
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