

refugeeONE

FACT SHEET

- 1. The global need for resettlement is at an all-time high.**
 - Worldwide, there are more than 70 million forcibly displaced people.
 - Of those, 25 million have been granted refugee status by UNHCR.
- 2. Against this backdrop, the Administration has slashed refugee admissions to an all-time low.**
 - Last year, the cap on refugee arrivals was set at 30,000, down from 110,000 in 2016.
 - This year, the ceiling was slashed to just 18,000—the lowest in U.S. history.
- 3. In the last 5 years, RefugeeOne has welcomed more than 2,400 refugees (nearly half were children) and welcomes more each month.**
 - We walk alongside refugees on the road to self-reliance from the moment their plane lands.
 - With a staff that collectively speaks 35 languages, we offer culturally and linguistically appropriate services, both upon arrival and throughout refugees' first 5 years in the U.S.
- 4. In addition to our core services, RefugeeOne is making changes.**
 - We've *diversified who we serve*, to include clients from other agencies and other immigrants apart from refugees.
 - We've *extended the length of services* so people can access support for 5+ years.
 - We've *expanded our offerings* to help those who are already here build the foundation for a flourishing life.
 - We've invested more resources in advocacy to restore the program to historic norms.
- 5. With the help of 1,000+ volunteers, refugees in Chicago can flourish as new Americans.**
 - 95% of the refugees we serve are fully self-reliant within 12 months of arrival.
 - 150 local businesses proudly hire and employ our clients.
- 6. Refugees contribute to their new communities and the economy.**
 - Refugees revitalize communities by offsetting population decline and boost economic growth nationwide by opening businesses, paying taxes, and buying homes.
 - Refugees play an active role in civic engagement, maintain a strong devotion to education, and become U.S. citizens.