

QUARTERLY REPORT TO INVESTORS

Your investment in the **STABLE STEADY STRONG** initiative is paying off for individuals and for our community.



THE NUMBERS

Polk County Housing Trust Fund recently approved nearly **\$600,000** in funds to be directed to the following vital programs focused on getting people housed and keeping them housed. This was made possible by your support of the **STABLE STEADY STRONG** initiative.

ANAWIM: Permanent supportive housing case management

ANAWIM: Expanding Choices in Housing Opportunities (ECHO) case management

CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES:
Critical time intervention case management

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD:
Family and workforce program

IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER:
Rapid rehousing program

HOME, INC.: Hope for Stable Families case management

HOUSE OF MERCY: Recovery housing program

YMCA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CAMPUS: Graduate program

GREATER DES MOINES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:
Mortgage readiness education

USCRI: Refugee housing case management

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE/CENTRALIZED INTAKE:
Tenant assistance fund

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE/CENTRALIZED INTAKE:
Landlord mitigation fund



INVESTING IN A STRONGER COMMUNITY FOR ALL.

THE STORIES

Equally as compelling as the hard facts are the many ways in which your investment is changing the lives of individuals and families in our community. Here is one of the newest ways you are helping to do just that:

Welcoming Refugees To Their New “Home”

The United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) Des Moines Field Office has welcomed over 4,000 refugees from around the world to Central Iowa since 2010. Stable housing is extremely important for these refugees, who were forced to flee their country of origin, as they start their new lives in the U.S.

“Stable housing allows these families to enroll their children in school, learn how to take the bus to the grocery store, and begin to feel like true community members.” – USCRI Des Moines

Thanks to funding from the Polk County Housing Trust Fund’s **STABLE STEADY STRONG** initiative, USCRI’s full-time refugee housing coordinator will now be able to extend housing support beyond the initial 90-day resettlement period. In addition to providing housing orientation to new arrivals and building relationships with landlords and property managers, the housing coordinator will serve as an expert on refugee housing locally, advocating for the preservation and creation of market rate affordable housing. Like Polk County Housing Trust Fund, USCRI understands the importance of providing more safe, affordable and accessible housing options for all residents, including the growing number of refugees who are seeking new lives in Central Iowa.

USCRI Des Moines expects to welcome 340 refugees and 125 Afghan evacuees over the coming year. Thanks to funding from the **STABLE STEADY STRONG** initiative, these new members of our community will be better able to meet one of their greatest challenges — accessing affordable housing,

Once again, thanks for your investment in getting people housed and keeping them housed.

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