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Mobilizing colleges and universities to host refugees on campus grounds and support them in their resettlement.

A Year of Expanded Welcomes...

We begin another year at Every Campus A Refuge with pride and hope. Pride in what we were able to accomplish together last year, and hope for what this new year will bring.

Both pride and hope marked our time together at last year's ECAR Gathering at Wake Forest University. Ammar Basha and his students' remarkable film "Welcome(d)" about WFU ECAR efforts was selected by the Global Migration Film Festival. "Welcome(d)" will travel the world and be screened in over 100 countries -- a testament to the world's hunger for community-driven expansive acts of kindness and hospitality.

And we ARE expanding welcome and hospitality - Hudson Valley Community College in New York, St. Ambrose University in Iowa, Clemson University in South Carolina, and James Madison University in Virginia have joined ECAR. That's a community college, a private university, a state university, and a public land grant university -- proving that any campus, at any time, can become a refuge.

Through our certificate-bearing trainings in partnership with the National Association of Higher Education Systems, Guilford College, and Opening Universities for Refugees, we are also expanding the capacity for welcome as we train dozens in higher education and local communities in how to create and sustain hyperlocal ecosystems of refugee integration and inclusion. In 2023, we trained 250 individuals at 45 institutions.

And welcome, of course, is what permeates AHLAN: A Manual for Establishing Resettlement Campuses Together which launched last year. An easy to use guide and toolkit, AHLAN (which means "welcome" in Arabic)

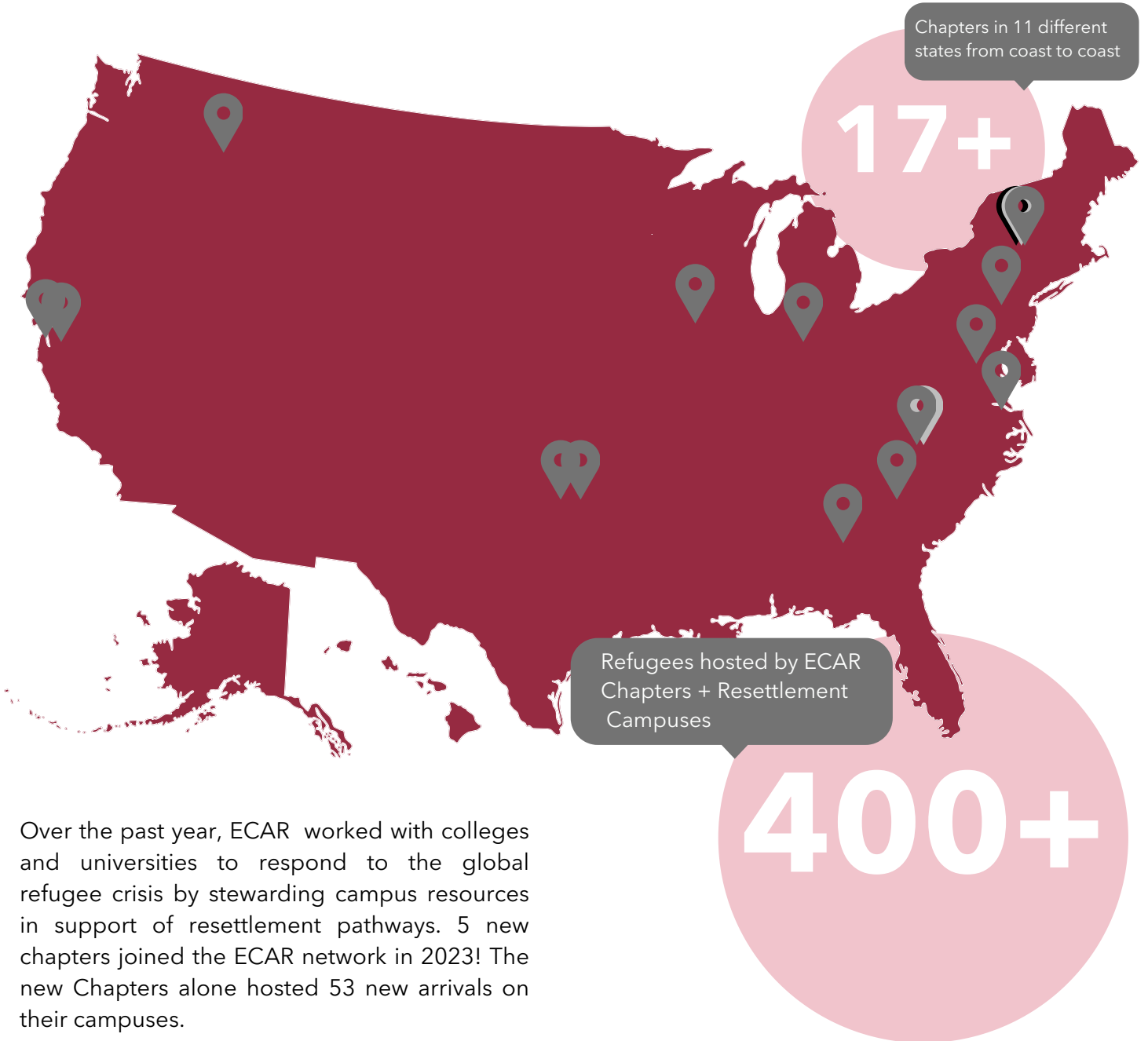
will allow campuses to create ecosystems of integration, inclusion, and belonging for newcomers.


We also welcomed new team members to ECAR -- Noor Ghazi joined us as the Director of the University Sponsorship Program and Rhiannon Kelly as the Program Coordinator and Outreach Specialist. They have brought immense hope to our work. And the work itself has expanded in exciting ways. ECAR joined the Welcome Corps on Campus Consortium. Launched this past July, WCC allows groups at colleges and universities to privately and directly sponsor refugee students. We can't wait to welcome the inaugural cohort of refugee students in a few short months for the 2024 academic year.

We are excited about what else this new year brings -- more universities and colleges becoming a place of refuge, more of them building their capacity for welcome and hospitality, and a new ECAR resource: *Şawt*: An Oral History of Resettlement Campuses. *Şawt* means "voice" in Arabic. And this resource -- which will collect, curate, and share refugee stories and experiences of being supported by ECAR Chapters -- will amplify the voices of newcomers and center their needs and desires in the creation of such campuses.

Thank you for being an important partner in our journey for hope. We appreciate all you do and all you bring to create a more welcoming and transformed landscape at the intersection of higher education and refugee resettlement.

From Sea to Shining Sea



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In the Summer of 2023, I had the privilege of joining the ECAR team as the Director of the University Sponsorship Program.



ECAR partnered with a consortium of organizations earlier that year to launch the Welcome Corps on Campus program in collaboration with the State Department.

My personal background as a former refugee from Iraq, combined with my experience in higher education, allowed me to contribute to the development of this program. ECAR's main role within the consortium is to provide comprehensive training and support to future sponsor groups in their efforts to welcome refugee students on campuses across the United States. We aim to deliver impactful training sessions and develop essential materials to guide sponsor groups throughout their sponsorship journeys.

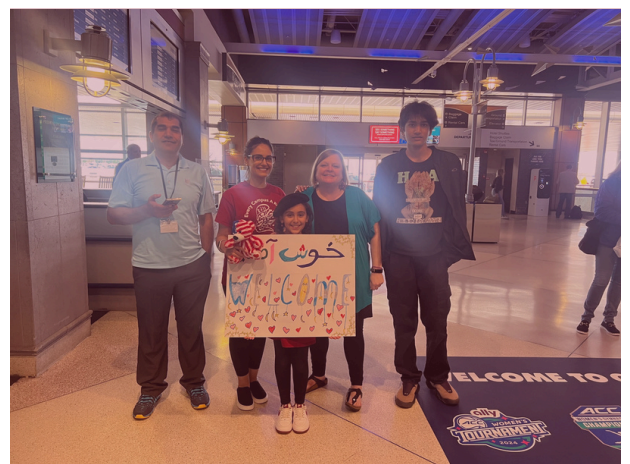
In 2023, EACR focused on developing and delivering the Application support session, providing the sponsor groups with step-by-step guidance on the application process, the required documents and offered one-on-one support, ensuring a smooth and successful application submission.

ECAR invested significant effort in designing an inclusive Implementation Handbook. This handbook serves as a great resource, providing the sponsor groups with detailed information and best practices to effectively implement core sponsorship services, before and upon the arrival of refugee students.

ECAR collaborated closely with our consortium members, including the Community Sponsorship Hub, on the national level. Together, we presented at various events and conferences to advocate for and promote the implementation of the Welcome Corps on Campus program. Through these collaborative efforts, we aim to raise awareness, generate support, and ensure the successful implementation of the program on a broader scale.

NOOR GHAZI

Welcome Corps on Campus Manager



Welcoming new arrivals at the Greensboro airport.

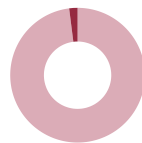
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GATHERING

Hosted by Wake Forest University, one of the earliest ECAR chapters, in October 2023, ECAR's second Gathering brought together more than 120 students, faculty, staff, refugees, resettlement professionals, funders, and other stakeholders. Together, we engaged in conversations that built community, mobilized colleges and universities to become Resettlement Campuses, and allowed us to reimagine the role of higher education in refugee resettlement and support.

Similar to the first Gathering, participants immersed themselves in an array of Do-it-Together activities, enriching their experience through poetry readings and the art of calligraphy, as well as embracing the historic charm of downtown Winston-Salem. Attendees expanded their knowledge and understanding of refugee-related issues through insightful sessions led by academics, researchers, and experts in the field. The programming was designed to foster a deeper sense of community and awareness among all attendees, contributing to a meaningful and memorable experience.



98% Gained and deepened awareness of higher ed initiatives supporting refugee resettlement.

Gathering Sponsors

Keynote Level



Do-It-Together Level



Meal Level



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2023 Resource Highlights

Guilford Certificate in Refugee Integration

ECAR launched the Certificate in Refugee Resettlement and Integration presented by Guilford College's CPPSET in partnership with Opening Universities for Refugees (OUR). The program allows participants to gain a deeper understanding of global forced migration, displacement, and resettlement in the U.S., and learn how to centralize the voice, agency, dignity, and contributions of refugees as new members of our communities. 19 participants were trained in 2023. Learn more and sign up [here](#).

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The first cohort in the Certificate Program at Guilford College.

AHLAN Manual

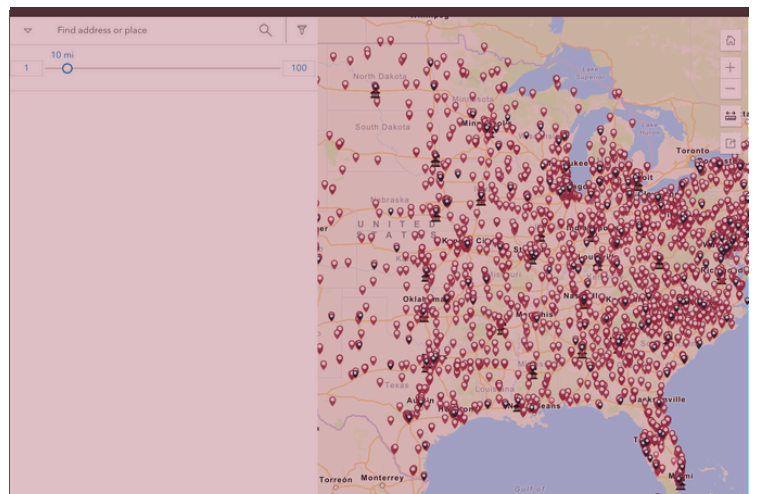
In partnership with Welcoming America, NASH Refugee Resettlement Initiative, and Guilford College, AHLAN was created to provide context on refugee resettlement and guide advocates on how to welcome and support refugees on their college or university campus and in their community. AHLAN is an open-access resource and available to download. If you are interested in starting a resettlement campus at your college or university, please follow [this link](#).

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The ECAR Map

Our map tool visualizes nationwide higher education connections with refugee resettlement, highlighting collaborative opportunities among agencies, colleges, service providers, and advocacy groups. It fosters local support networks and ECAR Chapter development, and was spotlighted in a NAFSA article for its utility in nationwide group identification. Read more [here](#).



3K Views in 2023

25+

Press Features

Welcoming Refugees: School Campuses as Sites for Resettlement and Integration

The Foreign Services Journal

Housing Migrants in College Dorms?

Inside Higher Ed

Latitudes: Colleges Embrace a Different International Role, as Places of Refuge

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Hudson Valley Community College and Russell Sage College Team Up to Support Refugee Resettlement

Hudson Valley Community College Press

St. Ambrose Joins National Movement to House Refugees on Campus

Quad Cities NPR

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Seeking Justice, Seeking Hope: Refugee Resettlement Campuses and Transformative Pedagogy in Higher Education

The Pedagogy of Place-Based Initiatives and Anchor Institutions

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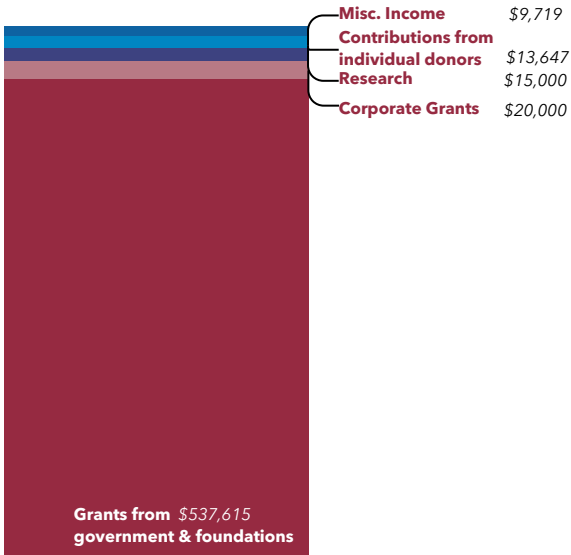
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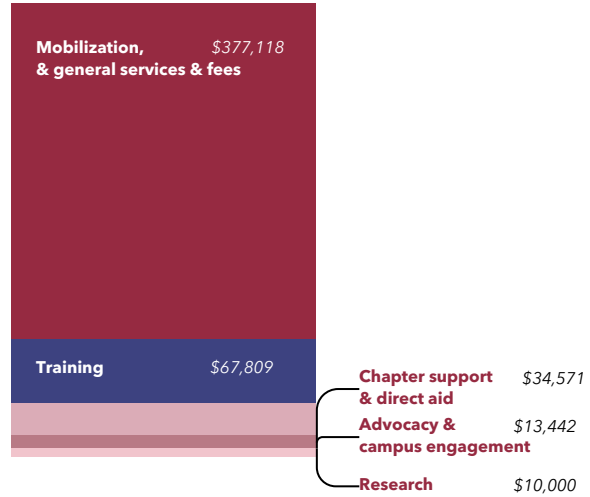
How funds are received

TOTAL
\$595.98 THOUSAND

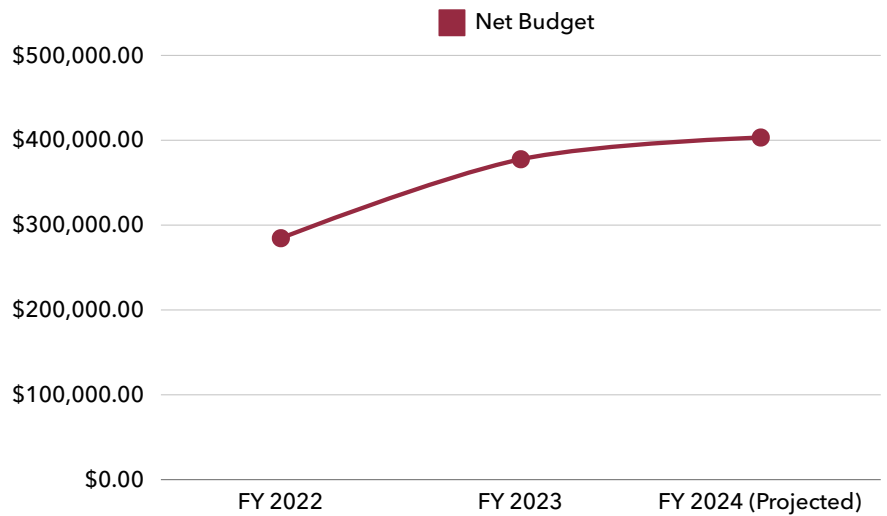


How funds are used

TOTAL
\$502.94 THOUSAND



ECAR's financials reflect strategic investments aligned with our mission. In FY23, revenue exceeded expenses, which has allowed us to deliberately budget with expansion and capacity-building as our focus for 2024. We're intensifying fundraising, optimizing costs, and diversifying income to ensure long-term sustainability.



For our filed 2023 form 990, [click here](#).

THIS YEAR ECAR WAS
ABLE TO PROVIDE

\$35,000

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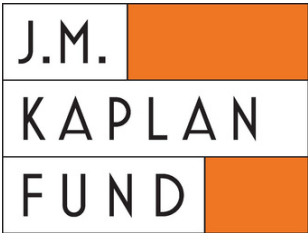
Eligible colleges and universities interested in supporting refugee resettlement and integration, in line with ECAR's mission and best practices, can access funding up to \$10,000 for new ECAR Chapters.

To apply for this opportunity, [click here.](#)



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St. Ambrose University students hard at work preparing a home for their ECAR guests.



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A huge shoutout to our pro-bono legal counsel Rodd Enns for his incredible support to ECAR. Rodd, your guidance and council has been a major propellor for us. Your blend of expertise and genuine care for our mission has pushed us forward.

Thank you for being a pivotal part of our success story. Looking forward to more achievements together!



About ECAR

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In response to Pope Francis' call on every European parish to host one refugee family, ECAR started as an idea at Guilford College by Dr. Diya Abdo in September of 2015, and officially incorporated in 2017, to call on every college and university in the world to partner with their local refugee resettlement agencies to host refugees on campus grounds and assist them in resettlement. The idea is that university and college campuses have everything necessary - housing, food, care, skills - to take in refugees and support them as they begin their lives in their new homes.

Since January of 2016, Guilford College partnered with Church World Service-Greensboro to host over 90 refugees. ECAR is now spreading, with campuses large and small heeding the call and actively hosting refugees (including Lafayette College, Wake Forest University, Old Dominion University, Russell Sage College, Siena College, Purdue Ft. Wayne, Washington State University, Oklahoma State University, among others) and more are mobilizing to do so.

Help us Transform the Refugee Resettlement Landscape **Through Partnerships with Higher Education**

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