



ONE
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Impact Report 2022

WEAVING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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A Message from Our Founders



Dear Friends,

One Journey was born in 2017 at a time when negative rhetoric about refugees and immigrants was exhorting Americans to forget the origins of our great nation and its legacy of welcoming people who seek freedom and refuge. From our shared immigrant experience, we felt a desire to help our country see the contributions refugees make in our society, and to create communities where refugees feel welcome, striving to remind everyone that we are, in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words, "all linked in the great chain of humanity."

In 2018, 70 million people had been forced to leave their homes. Today, the number exceeds 100 million. That is more than 1% of the global population. If we were to create a nation with 100 million displaced residents, this refugee nation would be the 15th largest country – just behind Egypt. Conflict, persecution, poverty, and disasters continue to push migration levels higher. And now, the growing threat of climate change poses an unprecedented challenge. How prepared will we be? How welcoming? The rapid growth of the global refugee population is proof of the importance of the One Journey movement.

When the pandemic hit it was emotionally difficult for us to pause in-person activities. Regardless, the One Journey Team innovated and pivoted to virtual and hybrid events and continued to support refugees and each other throughout the past two years. We could not have been prouder and more excited to welcome everyone back in person for our flagship event, the 2022 One Journey Festival.

In this fourth annual Impact Report, One Journey shares our successes and growth in this ongoing campaign to ease fear, break down walls, and weave the community connections needed to lift each other up. We do this by creating spaces and programming to celebrate our collective human journey, employing the common languages of humanity - art, music, food, dance, sports, technology, entrepreneurship, and storytelling. One Journey has expanded our network of local and global organizations that welcome, assist, and advocate for refugees. We look forward to continuing to mobilize people and help them get involved in supporting refugee communities.

We would like to thank our dedicated, super-hero volunteers, who stayed together during the pandemic and made this year and the 2022 One Journey Festival possible. Additionally, our phenomenal crew of volunteers would not have been able to pull this off without our donors and corporate sponsors. Accenture, Amazon, APCO, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, TD Bank and UPS all chose to support us. We are grateful. . One Journey is a collective effort of many hands and welcoming communities. Without them, a welcoming world would not be possible. May we always remember that while we may walk on many paths, we are on one journey of humanity, together.

Thank you!

Vanda Berninger & Wendy Chan

A Movement on the Move!

Around the world, the refugee crisis continues to worsen as a result of ongoing and new conflicts compounded by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of forcibly displaced people worldwide continues to soar to record highs, surpassing 100 million as of May 2022¹.

The refugee crisis continues to make global headlines. Following the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban's seizure of Kabul in August 2021, some 6 million Afghans have been displaced internally and abroad². Additionally, Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the ongoing war it sparked, has forcibly displaced an estimated 13 million Ukrainians internally and abroad³.

The One Journey movement is a unique grassroots model in the landscape of responders to this crisis, activating community hearts and minds to foster ongoing support and capacity. The movement aims to shift the narrative and build compassion for displaced people by weaving community connections that advance inclusivity and amplify the voices of refugees and the impact of service organizations.

Over the past five years, One Journey has woven together a diverse, energetic network of supporters, representing businesses, NGOs, refugee communities, faith communities, academic institutions, and local residents. To date, these efforts have been 100% powered by volunteers. Through the "common languages of humanity," including music, dance, art, storytelling, technology, food, sport, and more, One Journey educates and engages individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds in order to create communities that welcome, value, and support refugees.



The 2021-2022 year has seen both heavy challenges and inspiring momentum. Today, One Journey is a movement on the move. We returned to live events. We expanded our programming and reach to new cities. And, One Journey has worked within the network of NGOs and communities responding to new and evolving crises, like those in Afghanistan and Ukraine. These situations are devastating, and our hearts go out to all of those affected by violence and conflict around the globe. In response to these crises, One Journey has helped facilitate the outpouring of support into action, connecting community members with resettlement agencies and NGOs, and continuing to foster communities that welcome refugees.

About One Journey

OUR VISION

A world where refugees and other displaced people are welcomed, valued, and supported so they and their host communities can thrive together.

OUR MISSION

To amplify refugee voices and enhance public awareness of refugee talents and contributions. We strive to build enduring allies for refugees and use cultural and technological tools to facilitate human connections between refugees and their host communities.

OUR STRATEGY

One Journey's strategy is to build a diverse coalition of allies to:

// Create visible and positive platforms, both digital and physical, that bring diverse peoples together to encourage compassion, foster communication, and create human connections related to refugee issues

// Counter nativist stereotypes and shift the narrative about refugees and other displaced people by highlighting their human stories of resilience, talent, and accomplishment; build emotional connections among local and refugee populations by using "the common languages of humanity," such as music, art, food, and sports

// Inspire and mobilize people to take action to welcome, assist, and advocate for refugees

WHAT WE DO

One Journey Festival

A flagship festival celebrating refugee talents and contributions through music, dance, art, storytelling, technology, food, sports, and more. This event is replicable and scalable and the eventual vision is of an enduring annual series held across multiple U.S. and international cities.



Refugee Coalition and Community Building

Connecting community members with channels to take action through partnerships with service NGOs. The One Journey network extends nationally and globally, now encompassing several thousand members from NGOs, refugee communities, governments, businesses, academia, and faith communities.



Educational Events

Organization of educational events throughout the year to raise awareness of the crisis and engage communities on refugee issues. These events remind participants of our shared humanity with those who are displaced through storytelling, sports, food, and arts.

Year In Review

2021-2022

JULY

JULY - OCTOBER World's Fare Campaign

Sponsored by TD Bank, social media campaign featured refugee chefs and refugee-owned restaurants in Washington DC, New York City, and Chicago, sharing their stories and links across our networks and on our website Marketplace.



SEPT

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER Afghan Refugee Response

Helped respond to the crisis in Afghanistan by using our networks to mobilize volunteers and survey interests/capacities. Received 600+ responses the first month. Many respondents sought volunteer opportunities, while others had housing available and items to donate. One Journey helped connect the respondents with resettlement agencies and NGOs to help place interest and capacity where most needed.

SEPT 19 Welcome Afghan Neighbors with Home Not Borders

One Journey volunteers mobilized to assist a partner organization, Homes Not Borders, with organizing its warehouse to accommodate an overwhelming influx of furniture and household supply donations to be used for apartment setups for the newcomers.

SEPTEMBER 25 Cooking Event with Mozaic

One Journey volunteers assisted a partner organization, Mozaic, with food preparation. Volunteers spent the day cooking meals for newly arrived Afghan refugees.



OCT

OCTOBER 30 Welcome To America Soccer Fest & Halloween Costume Giveaway at Washington International School

A day of soccer, friendship, and fun at Washington International School for youth and adults from refugee communities around the area.

DEC

DECEMBER 4-5 DuPont Circle Holiday Market at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish

Annual One Journey event makes holiday shopping a way to help refugees. Held in the beautifully upgraded space of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish near Dupont Circle, our Holiday Market features art, crafts, foods, and apparel from refugee artisans, artists, and vendors, and refugee-serving organizations.



FEB

FEBRUARY 3 The Healing Power of Self-Expression: Photography by Female Refugee Artists - "Global Lens" Virtual Art Exhibit and Panel Discussion at UPenn Perry World House

Organized with Arts 4 Humanity and The Photography School, featuring the empowering work of refugee women and girls living in the refugee camp in Diavata, Greece. The first of four One Journey arts events sponsored by TD Bank.



NOV

NOVEMBER 13 Better Jobs, Stronger Families 2021 at Washington International School

In their home countries, many refugees were highly skilled professionals but now find themselves stuck in low-paying jobs or unemployed. This popular event helped refugee job seekers build job search skills, explore career options in their areas of expertise, and consult with professionals from businesses in their original fields and meet recruiters from major companies like Amazon and IFC/World Bank.



MAR

MARCH 25 Career Networking & Professional Clothing Distribution at Meridian House

An employment mentoring/networking event for Afghan refugees hosted by Meridian House in DC, which included a clothing drive, food, and music performed by Afghan evacuee Masoud Hamnava and Ebadullah Ebadi.



MAY

MAY 7
"Voices of Hope Concert" with Pihcintu Multicultural Girls Chorus at historic Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston

Featuring the soaring voices and stories of refugee girls who have survived heart-breaking challenges and now inspire audiences around the world. Sponsored by TD Bank.

JUN

JUNE 24
"A Safe Space to Create": Photo Exhibit by Refugees at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, REACH, Washington DC

The inaugural U.S. exhibit of photography by Omer Khan and paintings by artist Jahan Ara Rafi, Afghan evacuees from Kabul - organized by One Journey and The Kennedy Center Culture Caucus.

JUNE 25
One Journey Festival at the Washington National Cathedral

The third annual flagship festival, back for the first time since 2019!



AUG

AUGUST 11
"I Come From Away," Creating Communities of Welcome: Film Screening & Panel Discussion at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, REACH, Washington DC

Exploring the cultural and emotional challenges of refugee resettlement through the story of spoken word poet and military veteran Moon Machar. Discussion with Machar and director, producer, writer Charles Stuart. Organized by One Journey, Immigration Film Festival, and Kennedy Center Culture Caucus.



One Journey Festival

The third annual One Journey Festival illustrated the resilience of the movement and the collective spirit that One Journey cultivates throughout the year. Approximately 5,000+ patrons from all walks of life enjoyed a lively, family-friendly, outdoor celebration of the talents and contributions of refugees.

The day kicked off with community yoga led by Vahid Coskun, a Turkish immigrant, and followed by the chiming of the Cathedral bells in a heartwarming tribute to refugees and other displaced persons all over the world. Attendees used the remainder of the day to enjoy a diverse lineup of activities including music, dancing, art, sports, shopping, technology, international cuisine, and civic engagement.





Highlights

PERFORMERS & SPEAKERS

An energetic and engaging variety of refugee and immigrant musicians, dancers, and speakers worked their magic on the Festival Main Stage at this year's One Journey Festival, which was emceed by popular TV personality and DC media ambassador, Tommy McFly. These incredible performers entertained festival attendees throughout the day, and also gave them insight into the experiences of refugees and just how beautiful inclusive communities can be. Featured acts included Grammy nominated musician, Cheick Hamala Diabate from Mali; Afghanistan's first rock band, Kabul Dreams; Stringwise: Jorge Glem and César Orazco from Venezuela; Ukrainian music ensemble, Gerdan; the pan-African music of Jabali Afrika; and 34 amazing young women hailing from 22 countries who make up Pihcintu Multinational Girls Chorus. At the Studio Stage, dancers and musicians from Thailand, Ukraine, Cambodia, and more gave demonstrations and workshops, getting festival-goers moving right alongside them.

STORYTELLING

In the Storytelling Tent, refugee speakers shared their personal stories and provided insight on their artistic and cultural inspiration. Storytellers included performers from the Main Stage and Studio Stage, fashion designers and other artisans, entrepreneurs, and academics. Among the speakers were acclaimed novelist, activist, and educator, Dr. Homeira Qaderi; as well as Iraqi dancer, choreographer, and filmmaker, Hussein Smko; TV actress and two-time refugee Zarmina Hamidi; and survivor of four wars and renowned artist, Helen Zughaib, whose work has been featured in the White House, World Bank, and Library of Congress.

GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

At the Global Marketplace, visitors enjoyed an international shopping experience while celebrating diverse cultures and appreciating the artistic talents, creative perspectives, and products from refugee artisans and entrepreneurs. Vendors included refugee artists themselves and organizations selling refugee-made or ethnic items to raise funds for Ukrainian and Afghan relief, meaning money spent in the Marketplace directly supported local refugee creatives and/or refugees abroad.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD LANE

Mmmmm! The International Food Lane featured eight immigrant and refugee owned food trucks, where visitors shared in the diversity of global cultures through food. This year, the trucks featured a wide range of cuisine, ranging from poutine to momos, cevapi to halal, smoothies to paletas, and so much more! Visitors loved getting a taste of different cultures, and all purchases supported the immigrant and refugee vendors.

TECHNOLOGY

Virtual reality films provided by ActionAid, Penn FilmAid, United to Beat Malaria, and World Central Kitchen brought viewers into the 360° explorations of refugee stories. The videos showed the Kutupalong-Balukhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh; Kenya's experimental refugee settlement; the story of an 11-year-old girl named Amisa, a refugee living in the Nyarugusu Refugee Camp in Tanzania with her mother and six siblings; and the Ukrainian/Polish border, where Chef José Andrés is fighting hunger one meal at a time.

Participants could also step into the Shared Studios portal to have a live face-to-face conversation with refugees in a distant portal, housed at refugee camps in Uganda or Iraq. By sharing an immediate immersive experience of the lives and struggles of refugees, these innovative technologies strengthened the empathy and emotional connection of each participant.

COMMUNITY SOCCER STATION

Beginning with community yoga and continuing as a day filled with activities, the community soccer station brought visitors together through their shared love for soccer. Visitors played small soccer matches, participated in the dribble, pass, shoot soccer challenge, and learned how to play Teqball!

KIDS CORNER

The Kids Corner was alive with excitement and energy all day! Next door to the Community Soccer Station, families enjoyed a variety of activities to teach kids about refugees. They decorated and flew kites, colored drawings of Ukrainian Easter eggs, known as pysanky, and helped make banners for the Unity Parade. Starting at the Kids Corner, kids and families could take on the Passport Challenge, guiding them in exploring the rest of the festival!

A big thank you to Migration and Refugee Services of Catholic Charities of Arlington for once again partnering with us to make the Kids Corner a success!

UNITY PARADE

A One Journey tradition and Festival high point! Led by the all-women Afro-Brazilian drum corps, Batalá Washington, the Unity Parade brought together children, families, performers, volunteers, and festival-goers for a vibrant and colorful celebration of our shared humanity and tribute to refugees around the world. The drums echoed across the grounds, calling everyone to join in.

TAKE ACTION TENT

This high-traffic center for involvement was the place where festival-goers could meet representatives from partner organizations, including NGOs and resettlement agencies that work on refugee issues. A huge success, the Take Action Tent turned compassion and celebration into action. Festival-goers signed up to volunteer, donate, and stay in touch with the organizations, helping to build momentum and keep the One Journey magic going all year long.

Geographic Representation of Festival Programming



KEY


MUSIC & DANCE


STORYTELLERS


TECHNOLOGY


FOOD TRUCKS


VENDORS

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #1

Create the Platform

Create visible and positive platforms, both digital and physical, that bring diverse peoples together to encourage compassion, foster communication, and create human connections related to refugee issues.

One Journey continues to bring people and organizations together by expanding its portfolio of events, extending the reach of our online presence, and fostering supportive connections among NGOs, businesses, faith communities, academic institutions, and individuals. This sets One Journey apart, as many NGOs and service organizations lack either an effective public platform to reach potential supporters or the relationships to build attendance at events.

In 2022, our platforms were firing on all cylinders again. Live-events returned with our most successful One Journey Festival yet. We added new programming and support geared to newcomers from Afghanistan and Ukraine. 2022 saw the launch of a multi-city series of One Journey events made possible by a generous grant from TD Bank. We also pursued a more robust social media program and updated the One Journey website.

PARTNERS & SPONSORS

The generous support of our partners and sponsors makes the work of One Journey possible. We are grateful for your steadfast support of the One Journey mission and community.

More than 200 partner organizations across the country participate in and help promote One Journey events. These partnerships are essential to One Journey's mission, creating and maintaining a supportive network dedicated to helping refugees. Last year, their in-kind contributions, through content, technology, event space, and knowledge were critical in making sure our news and events reached a wider audience. Across the board, our partners were unanimous in their appreciation of our mission.

2022 SPONSORS

Fourteen incredible sponsors supplied critical financial support for One Journey activities. Half continued their support from previous years, and we welcomed seven new enterprises to our family of sponsors. Together, they were indispensable in helping us ensure the success of the Festival and other events at a time when the economic impact of the pandemic was driving up costs.



ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

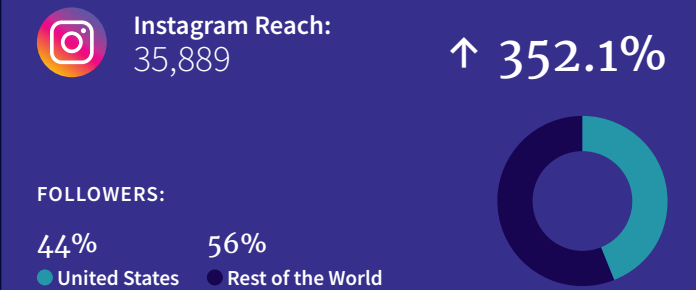
The 2022 One Journey Festival brought out 5,000+ participants for our first festival since 2019. In addition to the impressive turnout and unmatched energy, the Festival once again connected festival-goers, vendors, performers, speakers, organizations, and more in a full-day celebration of refugee talents and stories.

Throughout the year, One Journey events reached broader audiences than ever before. Our Afghan Refugee Response mobilized hundreds of volunteers, which led to the largest database of housing opportunities for refugees in the DC metro area. The Welcome to America Soccer Fest attracted 200+ participants from area refugee communities and the public. We held our most successful holiday markets yet, bringing hundreds of shoppers and increased sales to refugee vendors. Our art exhibit at the Kennedy Center REACH attracted several hundred attendees to see the photography and paintings of Afghan evacuees. Our multi-city events tour reached new audiences in Philadelphia and Boston.

One Journey's online platforms have been essential in promoting One Journey events and the work of partner organizations, as well as spreading positive messages about refugees. This virtual presence provides a platform for refugees, where we highlight refugee artists, vendors, performers, and more through featured social media and blog posts. In the 2021 - 2022 year, One Journey vastly increased its social media reach, with the most significant increases occurring in the lead-up to the 2022 Festival, from April 7, 2022, through June 25, 2022.

HIGHLIGHT STATISTICS

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022 SOCIAL MEDIA



Twitter Impressions: 28,246

Unique Website Visitors: 7,320

APRIL 7, 2022 - JUNE 25, 2022 FESTIVAL COMMUNICATIONS

Facebook Reach: 161,907 ↑ 5,300%

Instagram Reach: 27,004 ↑ 2,100%

Twitter Impressions: 18,619

Unique Website Visitors: 4,900

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #1
CREATE THE PLATFORM

Quotes about the 2022 Festival
WHAT PARTNERS & VENDORS SAID

“The feeling of community among the Take Action partners was incredible. People were talking, laughing, connecting, and so happy to be part of a day of celebration and joy.”

ANN SPEICHER,
NOVA FRIENDS OF REFUGEES

“I got to meet folks I've been dealing with in a digital space only for the first time. Although I knew them via Zoom, it's quite the experience to get to know them face-to-face. It enhanced the relationship going forward.”

NGO TAKE
ACTION PARTNER

“One Journey festival gave me the opportunity to introduce me and my art works to the American society.”

MARKETPLACE
VENDOR

“[We] loved seeing some of the refugees whom we had helped settle at the Festival this year!”

NGO TAKE
ACTION PARTNER

“[The] One Journey festival is very important for us. Bringing attention to the plight of refugees in such a big platform means a lot.”

MARKETPLACE
VENDOR

“My most impactful moment was meeting [a vendor] who has been my ESL student. I would ask people what brought them to the festival and several people shared their own story of being a refugee from Cuba years ago, Afghans who arrived in 2021, volunteers who are helping others resettle. Very touching.”

NGO TAKE
ACTION PARTNER

OUR IMPACT

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #2

Shift the Narrative

Counter nativist stereotypes and shift the narrative about refugees and other displaced people by highlighting their human stories of resilience, talent, and accomplishment; build emotional connections among local and refugee populations by using “the common languages of humanity,” such as music, art, food, and sports.

As the global refugee crisis worsens, refugee communities continue to face challenges due to anti-refugee sentiments. Too often, politicians and the media portray them as burdens and threats, when research shows that refugees and immigrants are net contributors both economically and culturally. One Journey strives to challenge such negative narratives and misinformation with facts, positive messaging, and first-hand stories that build compassion and support.

Our many events are channels for showcasing these stories. This year, in the midst of the ongoing crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine, One Journey events provided essential spaces for Afghan, Ukrainian, and other refugee communities to share their stories, highlight their professional work, and celebrate their cultures. Along with the Festival, events like job mentoring workshops, holiday markets, the community soccer day, and our Kennedy Center exhibit with refugee artists facilitated personal conversations and positive interactions among refugees and community members.

The One Journey Festival is the high-visibility heart of our narrative-shifting strategy, from the main stage to the storytelling tent to VR experiences and immersive video that enables live conversation with refugees in other countries. And on our website and social media channels, we share of stories of resilience and

inspiration. Like Moon Machar from South Sudan, who turned flight from danger into healing and help for others, and Afghan photographer Omer Khan, who shows the often ignored beauty of Afghanistan through his lens. Stories like theirs are portals to other places and cultures, and to the positive, life-affirming stories of refugees.

HIGHLIGHT STATISTICS

Based on Survey Results of Festival-Goers

76.9%

Respondents Agreed or Strongly Agreed that they “have a more positive view of refugees because of One Journey”



76.9%

Respondents Agreed or Strongly Agreed that they “have a deeper understanding of the refugee situation because of One Journey”

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #2
SHIFT THE NARRATIVE

Quotes about the 2022 Festival
WHAT FESTIVAL-GOERS SAID

“ The live video link trailer was extremely impactful on my son who attended with me. He remembers the names of all three men he spoke with and even asked our church to [add them to] our list of people we pray for. He has read books and seen movies about refugees but to have a one on one conversation was life changing for him. ”

ONE JOURNEY
FESTIVAL-GOER

“ I sat by a now affluent grandfather who brought his kids and grandkids. Was moving to hear him tell his family his own traumatic journey as a refugee and that they are personally responsible to help others in the situation he was once in. ”

ONE JOURNEY
FESTIVAL-GOER

“ ...your event moved me to tears with what is best about the US. I have a young Afghan human rights activist friend who is in hiding in Pakistan pending uncertain visa approval. Said he was jumping up and down in his dormitory room when I sent short “Kabul Dreams” clips via “What’s App.” One of the Kabul Dreams [members] also did a short video greeting to my friend (“missed you, see you here next year”) which overwhelmed my friend with joy (along with other Afghans in the dorm). Just knowing they were remembered and their culture honored meant the world. Despite disturbing signals, my friend received his US visa approval two days later and can’t wait to attend next year... ”

ONE JOURNEY
FESTIVAL-GOER

“ The whole atmosphere was one of acceptance and joy. Our stories were validated and heard and that is hugely important. ”

ONE JOURNEY
PERFORMER

“ The march around the Cathedral grounds - old, young, multiple languages, people from everywhere — [was] uplifting in otherwise very gloomy times. ”

ONE JOURNEY
PERFORMER

“ Introducing my children to the concept of refugees and ideas of volunteering and helping others is important to me and a primary reason my family has attended every year. ”

ONE JOURNEY
FESTIVAL-GOER

OUR IMPACT

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #3

Inspire Action

Inspire and mobilize people to take action to welcome, assist, and advocate for refugees.

All year round, One Journey activates people to support refugees – from our amazing volunteers to the thousands of individuals we inspire to engage with and support refugees. Among various global challenges, including the ongoing pandemic and the crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine, One Journey continues to help individuals take meaningful action in helping and advocating for refugees.

WELCOMING NEW AFGHAN NEIGHBORS

In Fall 2021, One Journey mobilized to address the rapid influx of Afghan refugees by providing support to both the resettlement agencies and our newly arrived neighbors. One Journey became a national hub for housing opportunities and mental health support, as well as a clearinghouse for thousands of volunteers looking to support the cause.

TAKE ACTION TENT AT THE ONE JOURNEY FESTIVAL

At the Take Action Tent, festival-goers connected with 30+ NGOs focused on refugee issues. A major goal of the One Journey Festival is to keep the momentum going throughout the year. We succeeded. All day, the Take Action Tent was constantly buzzing with engagement. Individuals and non-profits alike were energized by the show of support, and people took action – learning, donating, and volunteering. At least 220 people signed up to volunteer with various NGOs. Festival attendees also took action for refugees by purchasing items in the Global Marketplace and on the International Food Lane.

JOB MENTORING EVENTS

At these well-attended events, highly skilled refugee job seekers explored career options in their areas of expertise, improved job search skills, and networked with local professionals and employers. The job seekers consulted with mentors from their original fields, such as business, finance, journalism, healthcare, IT, and engineering, and met recruiters from major companies like Amazon and IFC/World Bank

HIGHLIGHT STATISTICS

Based on Survey Results of NGO Take Action Partners



220
People signed up to volunteer with Take Action Partner Organizations on the day of the festival

Based on a Survey of Marketplace Vendors at the 2022 Festival



\$2,000–\$2,500
Vendors' excellent sales, with some seeing total sales up to \$2,000 - \$2,500 for the day!

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #3
INSPIRE ACTION

Quotes about the 2022 Festival
WHAT ACTION PARTNERS SAID

“ The One Journey Festival is an amazing place for networking among NGOs - I work with a refugee family and was eager to learn about support services that might be available to them. ”

ONE JOURNEY FESTIVAL-GOER

“ [I] was incredibly impressed by the space, set-up, organization, user-friendly and participant-friendly festival you all put on through 100% volunteers. It was powerful to be in the same space with so many people wanting to celebrate refugee and immigrant stories and journeys and figuring out how we can elevate the lessons they all have to teach us. It was a beautiful celebration, and I would love to find out more about how LSSNCA can be more involved next year. ”

NGO TAKE ACTION PARTNER

“ It was wonderful to be at 1JF again - it's hard to explain how great it feels to be somewhere where we barely have to “sell” our mission. Everyone seemed to understand the value in what we do and expressed excitement about our work. It was also amazing to be able to speak to representatives of so many other incredible organizations in the community. ”

NGO TAKE ACTION PARTNER

“ The most impactful moment for us was the storytelling. It truly showed the importance of the work that we do and why it's needed. ”

NGO TAKE ACTION PARTNER

ONE JOURNEY VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

35+

Core Team Members who help with the year-round operation and planning of the 2022 Festival

3,600+

Volunteer hours from Core Team Members

200+

Day-of-Festival Volunteers

1,140+

Volunteer hours contributed to the One Journey Festival

Looking Forward

One Journey is at a turning point. With 75+ events to our credit, we are proud of the accomplishments made and momentum sustained over the past five years. Now we are exploring new opportunities and initiatives to expand our reach nationally and globally, ensure sustainability, and share our messages of unity, connection, and bringing communities together.

Building on the remarkable success of this year's Festival, planning is already underway for One Journey Festival 2023 on Saturday June 24. The national celebration of refugee talents and stories returns with crowd-pleasing favorites and exciting new programming and activities. Our planning team is exploring new partnerships, including a connection with public television's legendary Sesame Street. We are also expanding our focus on the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ refugees and the rapidly escalating issue of climate migration.

Here in the DMV, look for our popular film series, which includes screenings and panel discussions at venues like the Kennedy Center REACH. Our Global Holiday Market returns, featuring unique gift items from refugee and immigrant vendors and artisans. And in the Spring, Washington International School will host the One Journey Community Soccer Tournament. More events with our partners are planned throughout the year.

One Journey continues to grow its presence in other cities. In October, look for a dance event in New York City featuring Hussein Smko and Project TAG. In November, plans are underway for The Unity Concert, in Miami, a music fest headlined by Venezuelan Grammy winner and cuatro virtuoso Jorgé Glem.

Our growing reputation has drawn the interest of new sponsors and partners. We will be exploring these opportunities in the year ahead. Expect new initiatives to showcase the talents and cultures of refugees and other displaced people, and partnerships to take us in new directions and reach larger audiences.



Join Us

Our successful events and actions have been built by the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and partners who have put their faith in One Journey's mission. The tremendous energy behind this movement reflects the deep need for the amplification of refugee voices and increased public awareness.

As new challenges arise and the refugee crisis worsens, it is clear that this type of inclusive, collaborative platform is both unique and essential. One Journey has already reached thousands of people and created substantive connections and opportunities for refugees in local communities. Groups around the country and the world are calling for network-building and educational events in their cities. The possibilities are enormous.

Join the movement to help us sustain this incredible impact and realize One Journey's global potential.

SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

Every dollar counts! If you're inspired by our message, help us continue to support our communities and grow to new cities.

BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

Rally the power of your workplace to demonstrate support for refugees and displaced people. To learn more, email Julia Duncan at jduncan@one-journey.org or Vanda Berninger at vberninger@one-journey.org.

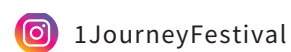
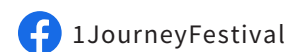
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Whether in a coalition city or from afar, help us with event planning, communications, fundraising, and more.



STAY CONNECTED

www.OneJourneyFestival.org



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One Journey is beyond grateful to the many sponsors and partners that kept us going through the pandemic and made it possible for us to bounce back and achieve so much in 2021-22.

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| 734 Coffee | Immigrant Film Festival | Plan Pais | USA Hello |
| Accenture | Immigrant Food | ReACT DC | Vahid (yoga) |
| Afghan American Women's Association | International Finance Corporation/World Bank | Red Global de la Diáspora de Venezuela | Washington International School |
| APCO Worldwide | International Rescue Committee | Refuge America | Washington National Cathedral |
| Artisans and Vines ?? | Islamic Relief USA | Refugee Congress | Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Committee |
| Asylum Access ?? | Jesuit Refugee Service USA | Refugee Council USA | Washington Spirit |
| Bird Scooters | John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts | Refugee Soccer | welcome.us |
| Boston Consulting Group | Just Neighbors | St. Albans Episcopal Church | World Central Kitchen |
| Bridging the Gap | KAMA DC | St. George' Episcopal Church | |
| CAVA | Karam Foundation | St. Thomas Parish Episcopal Church | |
| Enterprise Development Group | KindWorks | Shapers for Venezuela / Coalition in support of Venezuelan Refugees | |
| Capital Bikeshare | Kitchen of Purpose (formerly La Cocina VA) | Shared Studios | |
| Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington | L.A.C.E.S. | Sky's The Limit | |
| CAVA | Lutheran Social Services, National Capital Area | Tryst Trading Company | |
| City of Alexandria | Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services | Safe Haven Space | |
| DC United | Meridian House | Solutions in Hometown Connections | |
| Development Finance International | Mount Olivet United Methodist Church | Syrian Community Network (SCN) | |
| District Sports | Mozaic | Sunset Run for Refugees | |
| DJ Bedro ?? | Neighbor to Neighbor | Their Story Is Our Story | |
| Episcopal Migration Ministry | Northern Virginia Coalition for Refugee Wellness | University of Pennsylvania - Perry World House | |
| Ethiopian Community Development Council | NOVA Friends of refugees | United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA USA) | |
| Finding Refuge | Paper Airplanes | Upwardly Global | |
| HIAS | Patriots Friends of Refugees | | |
| Homes Not Borders | | | |
| Humanitarian Action | | | |
| Humanity Helping Sudan Project | | | |

APPENDIX

SPEAKERS & PERFORMERS

SPEAKERS

Wendy Chan	Hussein Smko
Vanda Berninger	Karina Lutsiva
	Leila Mire
	Sokeo Ros

MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Ben Jaffe	Abraham Mwindu
Molly Bauch	Hamida Arsh
Tommy McFLY	Helen Zughaib
Wajahat Ali	Ho-Shia Aaron Thao

MUSICIANS

Batalá Washington	Hussein Smko
Cheick Hamala and the Griot Street Band	Joseck Asikoye
Gerdan	Kabul Dreams
Jabali Afrika	Noobtsaa Philip Vang
Kabul Dreams	Pihcintu
Pihcintu	Raghad Bushnaq
Stringwise: Jorge Glem and Cesar Orozco Duo	Rika Sadat
The Tributary Project featuring Mezhdu	Sokeo Ros
	Stringwise: Jorge Glem and Cesar Orozco Duo
	Zarmina Hamidi

DANCERS

Alliance for New Music Theatre's Hanna Karimi & Jennifer T, ensemble members of the original work, Women of Troy: Voices from Afghanistan	INTERFAITH VOICES
Cambodian Buddhist Society Cultural Committee (CBSCC)	Reverend Charles A. Cortinovic
Hudson Ballet Theatre	Rev. Canon Leonard L. Hamlin Sr.
	Father Vladimir Marius Steliac
	Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig
	Rizwan Jaka

TECH FOR HUMANITY

International Rescue Committee
Penn Film Aid
Shared Studios
United to Beat Malaria
World Central Kitchen

STORYTELLERS

Abraham Mwindu
Hamida Arsh
Helen Zughaib
Ho-Shia Aaron Thao

VENDORS

GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

Anatolian Artisans	St Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral
Arttepuylc	Sughra Hussainy Art Studio
Buldano	TAI/The Bouffon Co.
Definition Studio	The Crescendo Group LLC
DistrictlyLocal	Willis Art
FenZoul Gallery	FOOD TRUCKS
From Egypt With Love	From Scratch
Geometric	Halal Grill
Homes Not Borders	Health Pub
Jahan Ara Rafi	Himalayan Soul Foods
Karam Foundation	MARACAS Ice Pops
LIGHTSIDEOUT	Pop-up Poutine and Patisserie
Mozaic	Saté Truck (Sambal)
Omer Khan Photography	Two Smooth Dudes, LLC
Operación Sonrisa Colombia	
Our Culture Is Love	
Seyyah	

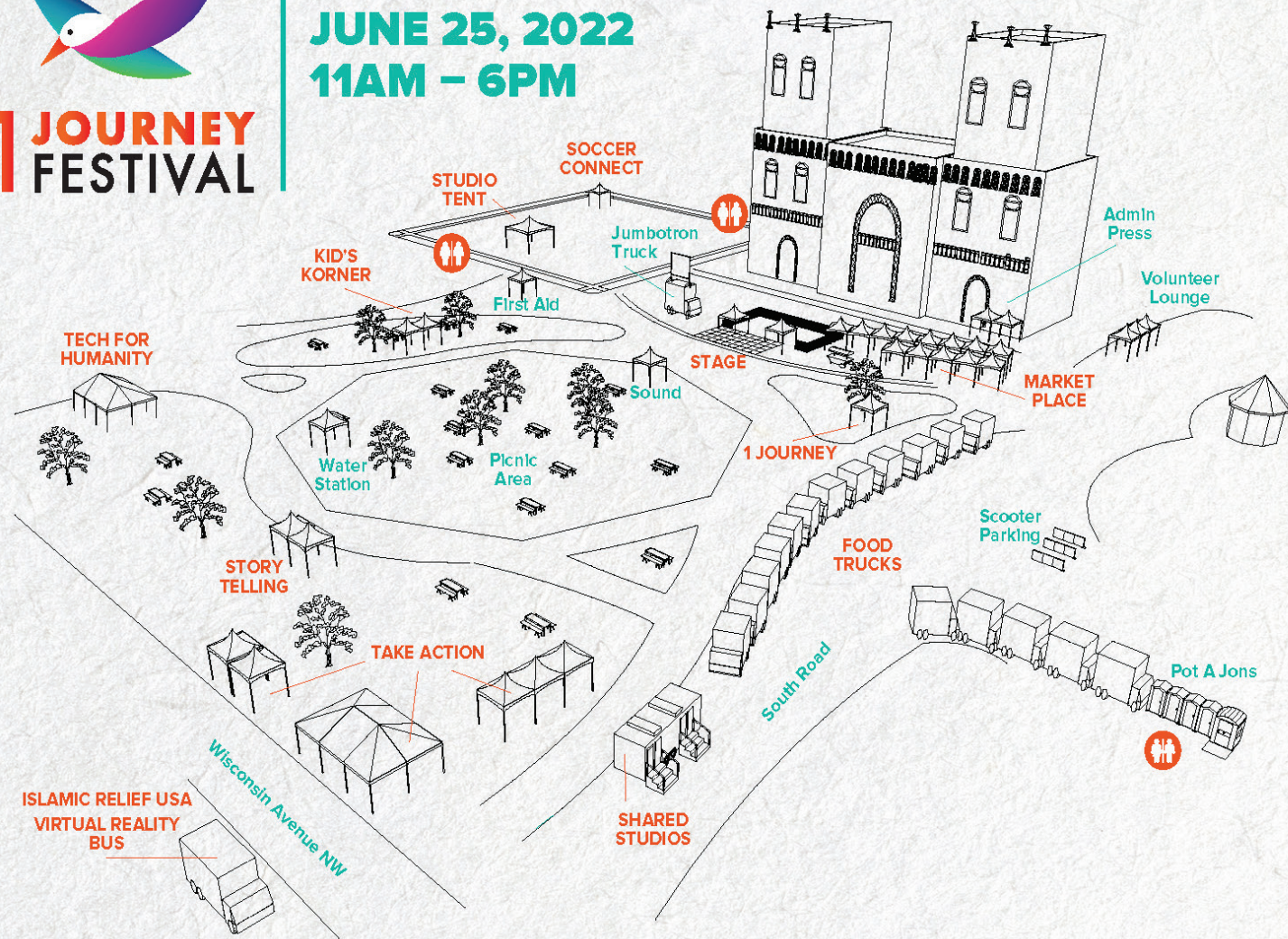
TAKE ACTION TENT

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KindWorks	US Ukrainian Activists
La Cocina VA	Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Committee
L.A.C.E.S.	Welcome.us
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)	weWomen Plus project - Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area	World Central Kitchen
Mozaic	



1 JOURNEY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
JUNE 25, 2022
11AM – 6PM



WORLD MAP

KIDS PASSPORT

YOUR NAME HERE

TAKE THE ONE JOURNEY PASSPORT CHALLENGE!
 Explore some regions of the world with these activities to learn more about refugees and their talents. Complete the tasks and find the passport volunteer to get stamped. When completed bring this passport to the Kid's Korner for a prize!!!

EUROPE

Go to the **VR Tent** and watch a movie. Are any of the movies about Europe?

DID YOU KNOW?
 Did you know that millions of refugees from Ukraine have crossed into nearby countries?

Can you find Europe on the world map on the back of this passport?

Go to the **Story Telling Tent** and listen to a Story.

GET STAMPED!

ASIA

Go to the **Soccer Ping Pong** area and play or watch a game.

DID YOU KNOW?
 Nearly 1 million Rohingya people from Myanmar are refugees due religious persecution and inhumane treatment in their country.

Can you find Asia on the world map on the back of this passport?

Go to the **Photo Booth** and make take a photo.

GET STAMPED!

AFRICA

Go to the **Main Stage** and watch a musical performance. Are any of the performers from a country in Africa?

DID YOU KNOW?
 Nearly one-third of the world's refugees and asylum-seekers live in Africa?

Can you find Africa on the world map on the back of this passport?

Go to the **Soccer** area and play!

GET STAMPED!

LATIN AMERICA

Go to the **Main Stage** and watch a dance performance.

DID YOU KNOW?
 Worldwide, there are now around 597,000 refugees and asylum seekers from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Can you find Latin America on the world map on the back of this passport?

Go to the **Food Truck** area and find the one selling ice pops with a bicycle.

GET STAMPED!

THE UNITED STATES

Go to the **Take Action Tent** and ask someone at the World Central Kitchen table what kids can do.

DID YOU KNOW?
 In 2019 30,000 refugees were resettled in the US.

Can you find The United States on the world map on the back of this passport?

Go to the **Kid's Korner** and make a Journey Bird.

GET STAMPED!

THE MIDDLE EAST

Go to the **Marketplace** and find an artist from the Middle East.

DID YOU KNOW?
 Did you know that many refugees in the US are from Afghanistan and millions of Afghans are being displaced by conflict?

Can you find The Middle East on the world map on the back of this passport?

Go to the **Kid's Korner** and color part of a kite and make a dream streamer.

GET STAMPED!

End Notes

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