

Patrick Kearns started as the Executive Director of the Refugee Response in late 2016. Prior to this Patrick worked in South East Asia for 14 years. This included two years in Umphium Mai refugee camp on the Thai-Myanmar border where he founded a school for young adults. He then opened a Thai Foundation working with stateless youth that included opening and running an award winning social enterprise hotel. From 2014 to 2016 Patrick worked as the Director for World Education in Thailand and Myanmar implementing a US State Department grant reaching over 300,000 individuals. In 2014 he was a recipient of the Unsung Heroes of Compassion Award presented by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford Ohio and holds an MPA from Ohio University. Patrick is currently enrolled at the University of Nevada Las Vegas pursuing an MS in Emergency and Crisis Management.