



## THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINE IS HELPING AFGHAN REFUGEES

What started as a simple thought to help those in need, lead to a diocesan wide effort.

Because of a parishioner couple, who happened to both be Majors in the Marines, Holy Trinity, Hampstead led the charge. The couple learned firsthand how great the immediate needs are of the newly arrived refugees from Afghanistan. Put in touch with the Red Cross and Team Rubicon, an organization of men and women who have formerly served in the military and volunteer to assist in tragedies and disasters throughout the world, Kathleen Abrams from Holy Trinity learned what the most needed supplies were and put out the word to the Deans of the Diocese. The Deans, in turn let the parishes know how to help. In all, at least 32 of our parishes sent donations and the request was shared with churches of other denominations and organizations.

Kathleen estimates that between \$18,000 and \$20,000 worth of donations have been received, and she drove the first truck load of donations to Ft. Pickett in Virginia, a second load soon followed. Donations are still being collected for the scheduled third load. She writes, "I would like to thank everyone that helped with this undertaking. In a time when we feel helpless about so many things, this has shown me that when we all do what we can, together we can accomplish much and most importantly help those in greatest need."

Note from Deacon Pam: this story was in the October 6 Diocesan News and Notes in case you missed it. What a wonderful example of faith in action!