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The Afghan Resettlement Task force of Santa Barbara (ARTSB) was initiated at Trinity and became an interfaith organization. Molly Kellogg and Kathryn Dean are members of this task force. We were able to successfully settle a young mother, Shukria Akhlaqi, and her two daughters aged 2 and 7, initially in Santa Barbara, and then helped them transition to Dallas where Shukria has family.



They suffered heartbreak and trauma as they left Afghanistan. The father and Shukria's mother had to be left behind. Before coming to Santa Barbara they spent several months in a military camp in Wisconsin. Considering what is happening in Afghanistan to women and young girls, we are thankful they are here. Our team added two members in Dallas who provide local assistance.

ARTSB has committed to support this family for a full year, up to December 1, 2022. We are now seeking additional donations to honor that commitment to Shukria and her girls. Financial support is currently coming only from donations. Please reach in your pocket, your bank accounts, and your cookie jars to help support Shukria and her two girls. Checks can be sent to Trinity with the notation "ARTSB" or cash can be placed in the celebration envelope in the pew with a notation "ARTSB". Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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