

Exploring Asylum Hill - Kafar Hassan a Success Story

For regular readers of News & Views you'll remember Kafar from several earlier articles.



He was recently featured as volunteer of the month for helping to deliver bread to Grace Lutheran Church and their weekly Friday night neighborhood dinner. Earlier his story was told as part of the New Voices of Asylum Hill event held on World Refugee Day 2014, and again there was the article about his ongoing efforts to bring his son here to live with him. So this article is something of an update then.

For the past 6 months Kafar has been enrolled at Manchester Community College in their Precision Manufacturing CPM/CAM 4 program. With the assistance of Capital Workforce Partners, and help from his mentor, Dean Amadon as well as other members of AHCC, he was able to graduate from the program on Friday March 24th with a Certificate in Precision Manufacturing. This led to his new job at EDAC Technologies in Newington which he started the following Monday.

All of this is focused on his goal of bringing his son Robel from South Africa to Hartford to live with him here, especially since the death of his wife in 2015.

This new job and the opportunities for advancement in this growing field will allow him to accomplish this dream, hopefully this year.

The obstacles that Kafar has faced are matched by his determination to succeed as well as the broad array of friends and associated willing to assist wherever they can, and stick with him. Stay tuned for the party when Robel finally is reunited with his father.

More photos of the graduation ceremony and all the Welcoming Committee members who came to support him can be seen at: <https://goo.gl/photos/4R9pRRKxnzGimWTb7>

A more in depth article is available at the blog Redtruckstonecatcher.com
<http://bit.ly/2nYtfYe>