



# Presentation to St John Norwood Community

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# Opening Reading



*When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the LORD, am your God.*

LEVITICUS 19:33-34

# About NNIA

## 1. Our Mission

The New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) brings together the efforts and resources of Montgomery County's faith and civic communities to support newly arrived refugees and immigrants in building healthy, productive, and self-sufficient lives in Maryland.

2. NNIA was started by 3 faith communities in 2019, has grown to 34 faith and civic organizations

3. Number of volunteers with background checks - 180

4. Faith Traditions of members: Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, Unitarian, Hindu, LDS

# Recent NNIA Metrics

- Number of families supported since inception – *126 families w/ 506 Family Members*
- Number of families financially Independent - *~85 families*
- Number of individuals receiving jobs or training in 2025 *31/15*
- Number of families given financial support for rent and utilities in February – *21 received \$28,812.48*
- Know Your Rights cards distributed, accompaniment to court dates

# NNIA Support Areas

- *Employment* – WSM, business partnerships
- *Education* (ESL, MCPS, tutoring, certifications)
- *Housing, Furniture, Supplies, Moves*
- *Food* (distribution, gift cards, shopping education)
- *Individual family support and friendship*
- *Social integration* (Women's Circle, Picnic, Thanksgiving)
- *Financial Support* (rent, utilities, medical, dental, food)
- *Legal* - identify external support



# A word from 2 very special NNIA individuals

- Zahra
  - Arrived in US in November 2024
  - Educational and employment background in Afghanistan
  - Adjustment to US life
  - Green Card
- Saida
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Thank you SJN!