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# ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid Newsletter

*A charitable initiative developed to provide free evaluation reports for vulnerable and displaced populations.*



## Dear Friends,

I hope you are staying cool and healthy as we've reached the middle of summer. I've got great news for you as a supporter of ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid - between last month and this month, we have surpassed 600 total fee waivers for ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid recipients since 2016. That's a great number to hit in only six years. Congrats to you and all of our donors and supporters who continue to make credential evaluation fee waivers for refugees and others in need a reality.

This month we have a great example of how ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid connects resources to vulnerable communities. You'll read about Becky from the U.S. National Guard. Her connections with teaching and assisting incoming Afghan refugees created an opportunity for ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid to make a huge impact for highly skilled folks that fled their homes last year.

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As July comes to a close with the International Day of Friendship on July 30, I think it's a perfect time to reflect on how we can foster a culture of peace, advance understanding, tolerance, and solidarity; and promote respect and equality for everyone throughout the world. You are a key part in making that happen through small actions, like supporting ECE® Aid, which can result in significant positive outcomes.

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## ECE® Aid and Operation Allies Welcome

Under the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) mission dubbed Operation Allies Welcome (OAW), Becky, Loadmaster with the U.S. National Guard, was deployed to a military base in the U.S. to welcome and assist the influx of people being evacuated from Afghanistan last year. After screening and vetting occurred overseas, the mission of OAW was to resettle and support Afghan evacuees so they could successfully join their new communities in the U.S. Many organizations coordinated with DHS and OAW to help with the resettlement process as over 75,000 Afghans eventually made it to U.S. military bases.



*U.S. Department of Homeland Security / Zachary Hupp*

While at the base, Becky taught cultural classes and quickly learned about the prestigious university degrees many of the evacuees had from Afghanistan, including medical and dental programs, journalism, civil engineering, law studies, and business programs.

“From my past job as a college admissions counselor, I knew how important a degree evaluation is to get accepted and/or get accurate transfer credits in the United States. I was thrilled to learn about the ECE® Aid program. I'm so thankful ECE has this opportunity available to our allies from Afghanistan. It has helped remove one of the barriers for newly arrived allies to return to school. THANK YOU.”

We'd like to send out a huge thank you to Becky for her service and to the countless others in the U.S. who continue to support refugees and displaced people from Afghanistan and elsewhere. We couldn't do this work without the dedication of folks like Becky.





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**AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

We have donated 55 ECE-funded fee waivers through our ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid participants to displaced Afghan refugees. There is still much work to be done as more patiently wait for fee waivers. We continue to work with our community partners to find further solutions as Afghan families begin their new lives in the U.S.

We're still working from a waiting list as more and more referrals come in for fee waivers. With only five months left in the year, let's try to clear the list and assist as many refugees seeking further education and employment as we can. So far, this year we have reached around 50 completed free reports. But we want to assist more! If you're able to, please consider donating.

[Donate to ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid](#)

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## Looking for that interview or story we ran last year?

Don't worry if you erased the email, you can find back issues of the ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid newsletter on our website! If you ever need to look up a resource or read a story we ran in a previous issue, all you have to do is go [here](#) to find what you're looking for. Enjoy!



With gratitude,

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