ECE® Aid Updates

Dear Friends,

Crisp autumn air has finally arrived here in Wisconsin, and the leaves are changing from green to orange, red, and yellow. Canada geese are flying overhead in their usual v-shaped migratory patterns as they head to warmer climates in the south for winter. Hearing their honking overhead often times brings a smile to my face, but also, more seriously, it can remind me of the human immigration experience.

Similar to geese (or wildebeests or butterflies), human beings have been moving across the globe for millennia. As someone who is inspired by the mission of ECE and ECE® Aid, you are no doubt aware that people immigrate to other countries for many different reasons.
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Those who choose to immigrate may be seeking better employment or access to more educational opportunities. Those who are forcibly displaced are leaving behind their homes to seek safety from conflict, environmental disasters, or persecution. The connection in both scenarios is that people just like you and me are ultimately looking for better opportunities for themselves and for their families.

Meaningful employment and access to education can lead to those better opportunities, and that’s where you and all those who have supported ECE® Aid have provided so much hope and optimism for refugees and other vulnerable people.

October 28 marks National Immigrants Day, and we'd like to thank all immigrants for their contributions not just to communities across the U.S. but also across the globe. National Immigrants Day can help us reflect on the beauty of diversity and appreciate the many sacrifices and contributions immigrants make to all our communities. I hope you will also take the time to consider celebrating hope and offering a bit of optimism to immigrants in your own communities.

Celebrate Immigrants!
ECE will begin by donating 25 ECE-funded fee waivers through our ECE® Aid participants to newly displaced Afghan refugees. We are working with our international, national, regional, and community partners to find further solutions as the dire situation in Afghanistan continues to unfold.

With gratitude,

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