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# ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid Newsletter

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



## ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid Updates

Dear Friends,

It's been a full year for ECE<sup>®</sup> Aid, and whether you contributed financially, helped spread the word about the work we do, or even just opened this newsletter to read, we couldn't have gotten here without your support. Over 100 displaced people and others in need received a free credential evaluation report in 2021. Thank you! Complete numbers will be made available next month as we crunch all of the data from this past year.

As I briefly mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have witnessed massive upheaval and changes around the world and in our own cities in 2021. I don't think it can be overstated how difficult it's been for everyone.

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In particular, those who have been forcibly displaced by conflict or environmental disasters still grasp for assistance from those of us who can offer some form of help. Support for ECE and ECE® Aid continues to provide crucial resources and opportunities to many and enables us to serve neighbors, immigrants, refugees, families, dreamers, creators, learners, doctors, teachers, healthcare workers, engineers, and more.

I hope you enjoy reading below about some of our accomplishments in 2021 with more to come in our annual report next month. Remember, you can access back issues of the newsletter on the [ECE® Aid newsletter page](#). Thank you again for your support, and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!



## A Brief Review of 2021

If you think back to early 2021, we were only one year into the global pandemic. Healthcare workers were certainly feeling burned out, and ECE decided we needed to do more for the healthcare sector. That's how our Healthcare Response effort began.



By providing fee waivers funded by ECE to ECE® Aid participating organizations who were working directly with internationally trained healthcare workers, we were able to provide a bit of support to the U.S. healthcare system.

By late summer 2021 with the escalation of forcibly displaced people coming from Afghanistan, ECE also wanted to assist as many of those folks being resettled as possible. We continue to work with ECE® Aid participants assisting Afghan refugees on U.S. military bases as well as those who are now beginning the resettlement process within communities across the country.

For both responses ECE was able to provide funding directly out of our revenue to contribute 50 free evaluations total. The challenges still remain as we continue to seek funding to provide even more free evaluations to forcibly displaced people from Afghanistan waiting on military bases across the U.S. Nevertheless, we believe this has been a good start and hope to continue this assistance for as long as necessary.

Lastly, in 2021 we celebrated the fifth year of ECE® Aid and the completion of the 500th free evaluation! This monumental achievement is something you should be proud of, as you helped make this happen. No other credential evaluation organization in the U.S. offers what ECE® Aid provides to displaced and vulnerable people. We are honored to know and work with so many amazing and wonderful people like you. Here's to 500+ more fee waivers in the coming years!



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## Final Note: We messed up!



As 2021 winds down, we are still hoping to close the gap in our fundraising numbers during this difficult year. There are still more than 40 people on the ECE® Aid waiting list who are in need of financial assistance.

Many of you received a donation appeal recently asking for \$3. Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to process donations under \$5 on our donation form. I want to personally apologize for this error. We are looking into alternatives for 2022.

In the meantime, \$5 (or more!) would go a long way in helping us close our year-end books and provide crucial support to those folks still on our waiting list. Again, sorry for the error, and I appreciate everyone's understanding.

**Help us clear the  
waiting list and donate  
to ECE® Aid**



In 2022 expect more participant spotlights and brand new ECE® Aid stories, as well as some other surprises we have in store for you!

With active hope,

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