



Little Armineh has just arrived from Afghanistan with her family and is now safe in Australia!

A new beginning!

“Thank you for your support. I really appreciate it and the family of my brother as well appreciate what you have done for them it was a great help which they made it to Australia and start their peaceful life with their 2 young children and I wish them a good life here.

Life is not easy in Afghanistan specially for the people like my brother who served and supported the Afghan and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan as he worked with Coalition Forces due his work his and his family life in was in high threat so he had to leave Afghanistan and live in a peaceful country where him and his family can be safe. Australia was a safe place where he could live and finally he made it by your help.”

~ Achmed*, former Afghan refugee

When this family finally recieved their visa approval, Achmed asked for help to get his brother's family out. Sanctuary provided an interest-free travel loan and booked their flight to Australia. Achmed was overjoyed to meet his brother, wife and their two small children at the airport (daughter pictured above), after a long seperation. The family are so happy to be together again, and to know that they are safe and their children now have a good future in Australia! Thank you to our amazing donors and supporters across the nation for making this possible!

How you can help

We currently have families requesting the same assistance. To support other families, please donate via our Give Now page: <https://www.givenow.com.au/sanctuaryrefugeefoundation>



“Please support Sanctuary in the wonderful work that they are doing to re-unite refugee families.”

**Professor Munjed Al Muderis,
world leading orthopedic surgeon, Sanctuary Patron.**



COMPUTER AID PROGRAM NEWS

This little girl (pictured above) and her family from Iraq suffered at the hands of ISIS and her father was murdered. They are now safe in Australia and she and her four siblings are going to school. This donated laptop computer is helping her to complete her studies and her mother to connect with all local service providers.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The very popular laptop recycling program provides donated laptops to newly arrived refugee students and their families in Coffs Harbour.

We would like to thank the Collier Charitable Fund, the Harold Mitchell Foundation, and NSW Government for providing grants, and also those companies and individuals who have donated laptops such as Atlassian, Crescent Foundation, ETC Ltd and many others.

The program has been a great success, allowing students to have equity and access to technology at the same level as other students. Families can use the computers to access government services online as well as create resumes and look for work.

Not only has the social impact been great with so many people having access to technology, but it has also had a positive impact on the environment, helping organisations and individuals to feel great about being part of the sustainable revolution.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If your company has good quality laptops that are about to be upgraded, consider donating them to refugee families starting life again in Australia. For more information, contact:
mark@sanctuaryaustraliafoundation.org.au

Phone Cycle Partnership

Sanctuary Australia Foundation is always looking for ways that it can partner with organisations to benefit both refugees and the environment at the same time. Our aim is to become an example of a world class sustainable charity showing other non-profits how they can work efficiently with minimise their overheads, enabling them to use every donation to directly assist those in need.

What you can do

Used phones can be donated to Sanctuary, and will then be forwarded to Phone Cycle who will repair and sell them, donating part of the profit to Sanctuary Australia Foundation. If you have any used phones that you no longer need, please mail to Sanctuary or drop them off at our office.

Ph 0405831016 or email:





MENTOR INTO WORK PROGRAM

Over 30 years Sanctuary has assisted many former refugees to find work and start their own businesses, often through their wide community connections.

Recently, Sanctuary has been assisting people from Iraq and Syria to find employment. While refugees are very keen to work and often have solid background experience in the type of work they are seeking, gaining the English language level required can be challenging. There is often a gap between learning conversational English and learning the English required to work safely.

Hussein was originally from Iraq, had a good level of English, and was seeking work. Sanctuary found a hairdressing position advertised locally and knowing that Hussein had previously worked as a barber in Iraq, the prospects looked good. After an interview and trial with the shop in Toormina Gardens Shopping Centre he got the job!! After starting him as a part-time apprentice, shop owner Greg, supported him to study for Certificate 3 in Barbering.

Hussein is now a qualified barber, and Greg is very happy to have such a professional, reliable and friendly employee!

What you can do to help

If you are an employer who has positions available for those seeking work experience or paid employment, we would love to hear from you.

Please call Peter Hallam (02) 66522127 or 0405831016

"I just want to thank you and show appreciation for the job your doing for those who need your help. I recently did a little regular donation. I have seen your organisation doing a great cause, I have also witnessed Samson and his family rejoined after so many years apart, it's because of your hard work. Simply we just want to say thank you."

~Mesfin, former refugee

True story:

A recently arrived African lady was waiting at the bus stop in Coffs Harbour and an older friendly local man, who was also waiting, turned to her, smiled and said "how ya going?!" She looked unsure and then said "by bus....."



RECYCLE AND REUSE

Sanctuary Australia aims to be a leading example to other charities on how to be fully sustainable, and energy efficient, cutting overheads and enabling every dollar donated to be used for those in need, as well as preserving our planet.

We are fully solar, having received a grant for a Tesla storage battery from Honda Foundation, and we recycle everything! - people, donated goods, clothing, laptop computers, electronics, etc.

Our next goal is to seek a grant to get a used electric car to move people and goods around, and teach migrants to drive. We will keep you posted!

With your help we can continue to provide:

- Family reunification advice for refugees who are often isolated, struggling to support loved ones overseas in war zones and suffering from trauma.
- Sponsorship advice and support for refugees desperate for a chance at a new life.
- Some basic emergency medical, educational and material assistance to refugees in camps.
- Computer Aid Program, recycling used laptops for newly-arrived refugee students in Australia.

Sanctuary Australia Foundation is a multi-award winning charity, run with the utmost integrity, carefully giving direct assistance to refugees in real need. Your donation will help to change a life forever, and then another, and so on. Every donation really does make a difference.

YES, I WANT TO HELP REFUGEE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

ONLINE: <http://www.givenow.com.au/sanctuaryrefugeefoundation>

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