

**Follow-up Report from 2022 Chicory Giving Group Charities
Lost-n-Found Youth
and the
Afghan American Alliance of Georgia**

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Lost-n-Found Youth

Since October 2022 LnFY has applied the more than \$5000 in Chicory Wealth donations toward youth educational and soft skills programs, job readiness and development, and professional case management.

To share more detail, the educational and personal skills programs consist of financial literacy, digital literacy, and relationship building. Our job readiness and development program includes resume writing, mock interviewing, employment coaching as well as employment at our thrift store. This program provides many youth with first time employment, which helps in establishing work history and financial stability.

We are currently in search of a house (rental property) for the purposes of adding at least six more emergency beds, as we have a waitlist that is growing.

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Afghan American Alliance of Georgia

Thanks to the more than \$8000 we received through the Chicory Giving Group fundraiser in October 2022, the Afghan American Alliance of Georgia has been able to fund 12 Afghan adults enrolling and completing the spring semester of the Georgia State University Community Based English Program. In addition, we were able to fund child care for those adults so that both parents could attend the classes, not just the men. We are very focused on offering opportunities that enrich the lives of Afghan women, who have so many home responsibilities. The child care component was a pilot program, and since it was so successful, we are continuing that moving forward. It's fair to say that without the initial support from Chicory Giving Group, we would have never started the child care program.

More Afghan allies are arriving in Georgia every week. We are now supporting more than 200 Afghan families who arrived after the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban. We are helping them sign up for driving permits, enroll in refugee assistance programs, obtain needed household items, and navigate the U.S. health care system. More than anything, we act as a source of guidance and support as they work to become self-sufficient Georgians.

Thank you again for choosing us as a 2022 beneficiary of the Chicory Giving Group.

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