

# Refugee Nonprofit Organizations Impact Index

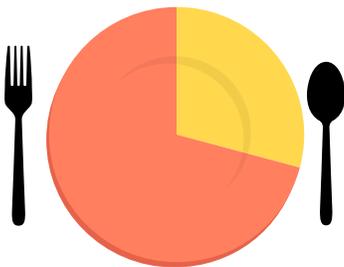
## Measuring The Impact of Refugee Nonprofit Organizations on Communities

Hello Neighbor released its first-ever research study in conjunction with the announcement of **The Hello Neighbor Network** and their first program, a national Leadership Cohort for refugee organizations around the country. The study was commissioned to better understand the impact of refugee nonprofit organizations to combat polarization and increase inclusiveness in communities across the U.S. Eight organizations across the country participated and of the total of 156 responses, 77 of those were directly from refugees. The study reveals new insights that nonprofits, civic leaders, foundations, corporations and volunteers alike can use to inform their efforts.

### Volunteering for refugee organizations has a ripple effect in communities.

97% of refugee nonprofit volunteers advocate for refugee issues with local, state, and national government as a result of volunteering.

**79%** talk about their positive experiences with refugees with family and friends.



**71%** of refugees share a meal with a U.S.-born person at least once a month after getting involved with a local refugee nonprofit.

Compared to **23%** of refugees reporting sharing a meal prior to getting involved.

**93%** of volunteers believe their organization reduces polarization in their communities.



**100%** of refugees agreed their organization makes people in their community feel more welcome.

**"I have more self-confidence and feel like I belong."**  
— Burmese Refugee

**"When we get together it is the best of times because we are like one family."**  
— Iraqi Refugee

Research shows that more highly educated and higher income Americans tend to be **"relatively isolated from political diversity."**



But **after being involved with refugee organizations, volunteers social connections became more diverse** as they met more refugees, Muslims, and people of different literacy levels, faiths, income levels, education levels, and political affiliations.



The Hello Neighbor Network is a national refugee nonprofit comprised of eight post-refugee resettlement organizations leading the charge to support refugees in their cities and communities across the U.S. The Hello Neighbor Network was developed and programmed by Hello Neighbor, a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit working to improve the lives of recently resettled refugee and immigrant families, in partnership with USA for UNHCR, The Good People Fund, and The Harnisch Foundation.

