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Dear Friend,

“You can always add a cup of water to the soup.” That’s what our parents used to say about the obligation to share even when resources were limited. Today, your generosity keeps that spirit alive.

Refugee resettlement is always a challenge. During a recession, our work is especially tough. Your support means that refugees at IRIS will have an English language teacher every morning, Monday through Friday. Your support means that an asylum seeker will have an attorney representing her at immigration court. Your support means that a family of five will start a new life in a safe, clean apartment in New Haven.

The weakened economy has forced us to conserve resources. We’re cutting our expenses, appealing to community groups for in-kind help, and relying more on volunteers and interns. Even our clients are pitching in. Several refugees who recently arrived have joined community volunteers to help prepare apartments for families arriving in the coming days.

Please think of IRIS as **your** refugee resettlement agency. As the only refugee agency in the Greater New Haven area, IRIS feels a deep sense of responsibility to our clients—and to you. You can expect IRIS to welcome refugees to this country—on your behalf—with open arms and high standards. I am proud to say that IRIS was recently cited by U.S. Department of State as a model resettlement program. With your help, we’ll continue to provide the best services possible.

If you have not already visited our office, please stop by. You’ll see **your** refugee resettlement program in action and your dollars at work, *“adding a cup of water to the soup.”*

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Chris George
Executive Director

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