

# The Refuge Group Newsletter

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## COVID-19 Racial Equity and Inclusion Grant

On October 5th, 2020, Utah Department of Heritage and Arts awarded The Refuge Group COVID-19 Racial and Equity Grant in the amount of \$50,000. The Refuge Group disbursed \$31,735 to individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 to pay for mortgage or rent and \$4,565 to pay for utility. The individuals who received the grant money are originally from Burundi, The Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Sudan. The total number of families assisted is 31 and the total number of individuals assisted is 142.

## COVID-19 Prevention Kits

In February 2021 The Refuge Group received more than 400 COVID-19 prevention kits from the Junior League of Salt Lake City to distribute to individuals, families, and communities in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Each kit contained a child face mask, adult face mask, and hand sanitizer.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Outreach Grant



March 17th, 2021 Salt Lake County Health Department awarded The Refuge Group \$3,013.5 COVID-19 Vaccination Education and Outreach Grant. The Refuge Group produced 5 COVID-19 Vaccines videos in the following languages: Amharic, Juba Arabic, Kakwa, Kirundi, and Swahili. You can watch the videos by visiting our website at [www.refugegroup.org](http://www.refugegroup.org) and go to the "Trending" page to click on the video link you want to watch. Alternatively, you can link on the YouTube or Twitter icon on the bottom of each of the website pages. You can also access the videos directly by clicking on the following links:

Amharic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5xx9OISb1A>  
Juba Arabic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHAWkJEiez4>  
Kakwa: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKLJl6U19qQ>  
Kirundi: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZuLA8q7MCs>  
Swahili: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M9\\_GrJWsoY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M9_GrJWsoY)

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program

On April 8th, 2021 Salt Lake County Housing and Community Development awarded The Refuge Group \$26,354 to assist the county identify need, advertise the program, and provide assistance to Salt Lake County renters by helping them apply for the program on line. The Refuge Group was able to assist renters submit 57 applications.

## LDS Humanitarian Center Vouchers

The Latter-day Saint Humanitarian Center has been one of the most important collaborators of The Refuge Group. In September 2018 it awarded The Refuge Group Deseret Vouchers at a value of \$600. The Refuge Group continued to receive Deseret Vouchers in the following dates and value amounts: December 2018 for \$700, February 2020 for \$1000, and March 2021 for \$1,500.

TRG has many more projects to implement. However, without your donation, it will not be possible to implement these great projects. So, please visit us at [www.refugegroup.org](http://www.refugegroup.org) and click on the “Donate” tab to make a donation. All donations are tax-deductible.

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