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MILES4MIGRANTS

Our mission is to use donated miles and money to reunite families separated by conflict and war

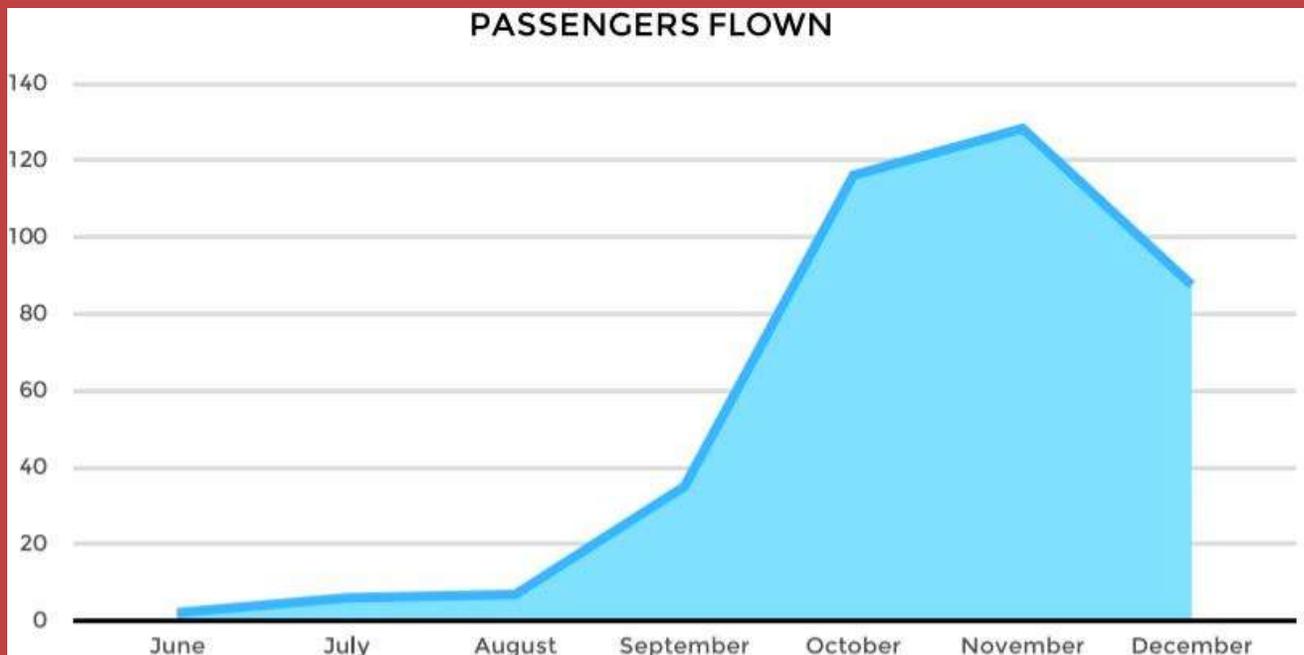
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Together, we did it!

LOOKING BACK ON LAST MONTH'S SUCCESS.
DECEMBER REUNIFICATION STATISTICS

87 People Flown | 28 Families Reunited | 979,018 Miles Spent |
\$29,679 cash value of flights booked



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FA-LA-LA-LA FUNDRAISING!



Make a Difference in 1-2-3 Steps

QUICK TIPS TO USE FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS

Got 5 minutes to spare? Create your own Facebook Fundraiser to help reunite refugee families in 3 easy steps:

1. Open this link and set your fundraiser's monetary target and end date: <https://facebook.com/fund/miles4migrants>
2. Edit the pre-populated title and description of your fundraiser
3. Choose a cover photo and click "create." Voila, it's complete!

1 Let's start with the basics

Who is organizing the fundraiser?
Angel [redacted]

Who are you raising money for?
Mies4Migrants

How much money do you want to raise? (i)
200 USD

When should your fundraiser end? (i)
Jan 12, 2019

Fundraisers are Public, so anyone on or off Facebook can see them. Only people on Facebook can donate.

2 Tell your story

What's the title of your fundraiser? (i)
Ango's fundraiser for Mies4Migrants

Why are you raising money? (i)
Want to join me in Supporting a good cause? I'm raising money for Mies4Migrants and your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps. Thank you for your support. I've included information about Mies4Migrants below.

Mies4Migrants uses donated frequent flyer miles (and donated money) to fly refugees to their new homes.

3 Pick a cover photo or video

Suggested photo (i)
[Photo of a family sitting on a couch]

More suggestions
Facebook charges no fees for donations to nonprofits. All donations will go directly to the nonprofit you choose.



BEHIND THE SCENES

M4M VOLUNTEER
ANNETTE ROSS
SHARES HER STORY

I first read about Miles4Migrants last August, in a CNN article. The story was about a “viral” tweet and the millions of miles being donated to M4M. At the same time, I’d read about families separated at the U.S. border. I was particularly concerned that children were housed in units not intended for living quarters; some kids were even sleeping in tents. These facilities were, in effect, U.S. government-mandated orphanages.



*Annette and Her Daughter:
First Christmas in the U.S.*

My own daughter was raised for the first years of her life in an orphanage, far away in Siberia. She was one of the fortunate children who made it out – a smart, funny child who badly wanted a family, and was loved by her caregivers and protected to the extent they were able.

Still, her most vulnerable early years were spent with 149 other children – all under the age of five - in an institutional setting, with few staff and limited other resources. That we could travel to Siberia and bring her home to the U.S., and into our family, was a journey my husband and I are grateful for each day.

After reading the CNN article, I emailed Miles4Migrants, offering to help in whatever capacity was needed - phone calls, emails, editing - anything I could do. I soon spoke with both Seth and Andy, two of M4M’s co-founders. And that’s how I started volunteering with this diverse group, all of us brought together from our shared desire to help bring others back together.

In my correspondence with donors, the most common refrain I hear is “I wish I could do more.” I, also, think that at times – I wish I could do more.

But in our giving, I believe we are each providing what we’re able to at that moment, whether it’s our time or miles or money. Most of us who volunteer with M4M are separated geographically, and maintain contact primarily electronically. Yet, we still work closely in a truly virtual workspace.



First Airplane Ride: Siberia to U.S.

I’m grateful that through this organization there exists an opportunity to help families, to put a compassion for others to good use, and to assist in bringing families together when there might have been no other way if not for the contributions of our generous donors.

As 2018 comes to an end, I’m looking forward to the continued growth of Miles4Migrants and our role in helping to reunite even more families in 2019.