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Miles4Migrants Appoints Glaydon de Freitas Executive Director

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New Orleans, LA—[Miles4Migrants](https://miles4migrants.org) announces the appointment of a new Executive Director, Glaydon de Freitas, JD, LL.M. who joined the organization on October 11, 2022. De Freitas will continue the organization’s mission to alleviate the cost of travel for people impacted by war, persecution and disaster, while implementing impact strategies to meet the increased needs for the organization’s services around the world.

De Freitas was born and raised in Brazil where he studied law, gaining expertise in administrative, immigration and international law. His passion for human rights and justice was formed there through time spent with elders and community members of Quilombolas, Indigenous, and rural communities in the Amazon forest. De Freitas continued his studies in the United States at the University of Houston and was later a United Nations fellow at the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights. De Freitas’ work is founded on principles of community participation, empowerment and compassion. As the head of strategic planning for the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) in Houston, Texas, he led the organization as it gained national attention through a viral social media response to the U.S. border family separation policy. Most recently, De Freitas was the CEO of Corazon Healdsburg, leading grassroots efforts in community advocacy, empowerment and diversity.

De Freitas stated: “I believe deeply in the dignity and worth of every human being, values instilled in me when my father gave me a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at age six. Miles4Migrants provides the first step in the journey to a new life for people displaced and dehumanized by disaster and persecution. Under my leadership, we will grow to meet increasing demand, expanding our capacity and flying more people to safety in new homes and welcoming communities.”

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incredible, whirlwind growth, and looking forward to continued expansion. With Glaydon, a skilled strategic planner leading the organization, we will be positioned to expand the number of flights we fund, add to our staff roles and increase our direct impact on the lives of displaced people,” said Andy Freedman, co-founder of Miles4Migrants.

Miles4Migrants uses donated frequent flyer miles, credit card points, and monetary donations to fly refugees and asylees to safety. The organization has garnered wide acclaim for transporting Afghan allies leaving after the collapse under the Taliban, reuniting families separated at the U.S.-Mexico Border, and flying Ukrainians fleeing the war in their country to host communities in Canada. Miles4Migrants partners with community non-governmental organizations (NGOs) around the world and works in collaboration with the U.S Government Family Reunification Task Force, the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada department of the Canadian Government, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to identify refugees, asylees, asylum-seekers, and their immediate family members who have legal approval to travel, but cannot afford airfare.



Glaydon de Freitas, Executive Director Miles4Migrants

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Miles4Migrants is a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to using donated frequent flyer miles to help people impacted by war, persecution or disaster start a new beginning in a new home. Partnering with other nonprofits to identify refugees, asylees, asylum-seekers, and their immediate family members who have legal approval to travel, but cannot afford airfare, Miles4Migrants transforms miles into a life-changing force for good.