# COMMUNITY CORDINATION MEETING Boise, Idaho. February 13, 2024







### **AGENDA** 1:30-3:00 p.m.

- 1. WELCOME!
  - Refreshments
  - Introduction to first-timers
- 2. RESETTLEMENT UPDATES
  - Idaho Office for Refugees
  - Agency for New Americans
  - International Rescue Committee in Boise
  - Ukrainian Welcome Center
- 3. ROUNDTABLE
  - Questions
  - Resource Sharing





### About Us: IDAHO OFFICE FOR REFUGEES

We've administered Idaho's refugee resettlement program since 1997.

Vision: Create welcoming communities that thrive together.











# Welcome New Staff!



Mansur Arifi English Language Center Instructor



### Viktoriia Siedikova Global Talent Career Advisor



Genny Gerke

### Rachel Wickstrom English Language Center Instructor

# Global Gardens Food Hub Manager









Recent Highlights: Boise State Storytelling Event

Interpreter Training

Resource Guide

Neighbors United Gathering - Mental Health

REACH After-School Program: Wednesdays at Downtown YMCA

# **REFUGEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 2024**

12-1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 29 Idaho Capitol – 4th Floor Rotunda

Food from Around the World Meet & Greet Join Us & Show Your Support!





### In vitation:

### -Participants from refugee backgrounds

-Endorsements from businesses & organizations



# 2024 Calendar

### February

Refugee Appreciation Luncheon - State Capitol CSA Sign-ups with Global Gardens

March - Cooking Class at JUMP

April - Global Talent Career Summit

June - World Refugee Day

September - Welcoming Week

### October 17-18

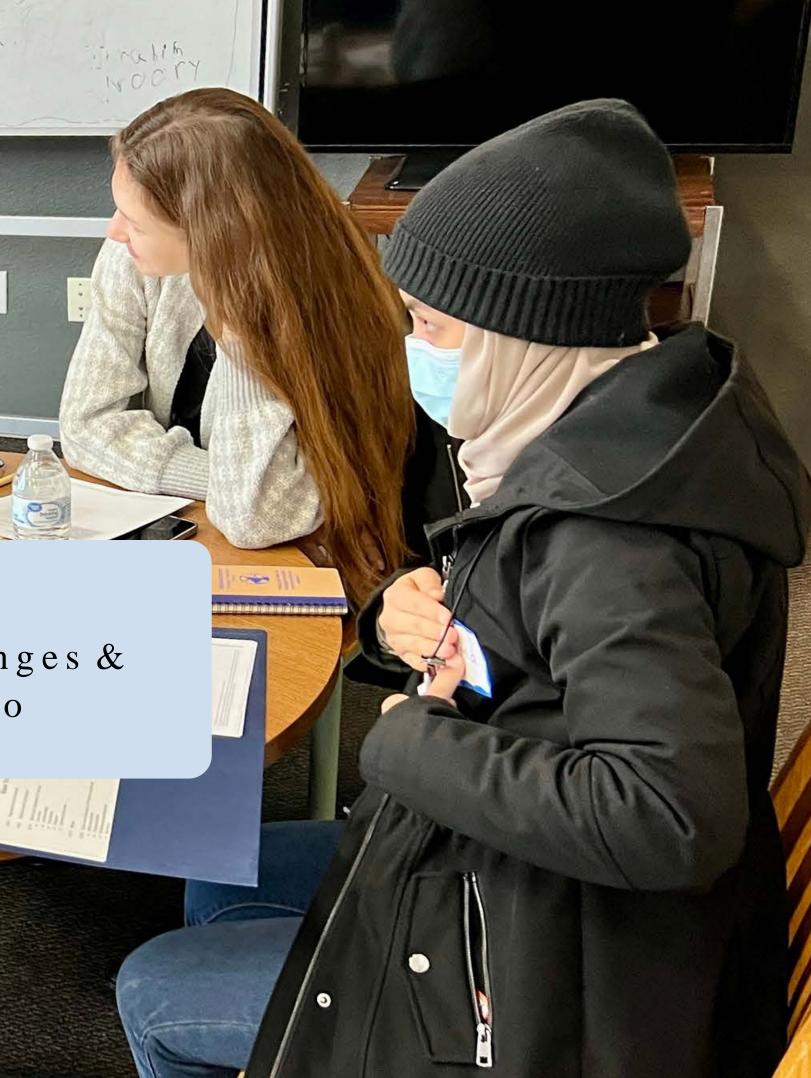
Northwest Conference on Resettlement

### Ongoing Events:

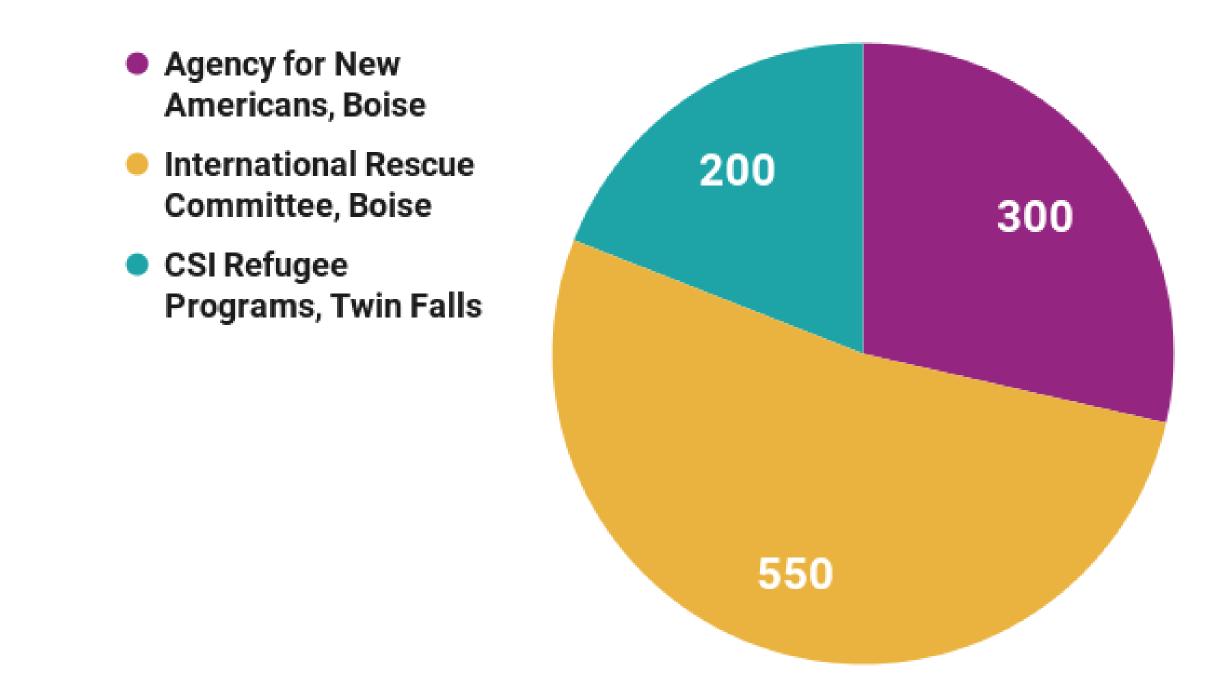
Refugee Speakers Bureau Afghan Cultural Center Neighbors United

Road Map: Interpretation Challenges & Solutions in Idaho

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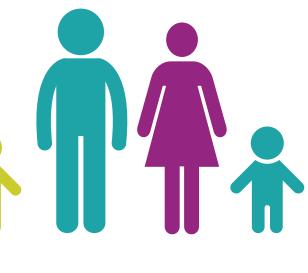
# FY24 Projections: 1,050 Arrivals



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# Top Primary Languages - FY24

- 1. Swahili
- 2. Dari
- 3. Spanish
- 4. Kibembe
  - 5. Arabic



# FY24 Arrivals YTD: 452

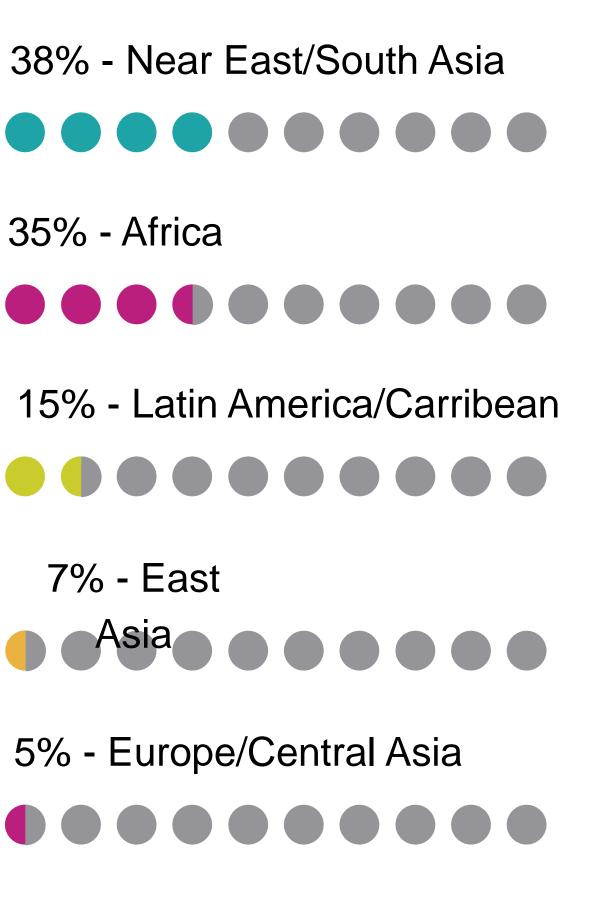
Democratic Republic of Congo: 230 Sudan: 17 Burundi: 8 Eritrea: 4 Central African Republic: 2 Somalia: 1 Ethiopia: 1 Rwanda: 1

Guatemala: 22 Colombia: 15 Haiti: 8 Venezuela: 5 El Salvador: 3 Honduras: 2 Afghanistan: 86 Syria: 22 Burma: 13 Ukraine: 6 Iran: 5 Iraq: 1

October 1, 2023 - February 6, 2024 Out Migration: 17%

# U.S. Arrivals - FY24 30,993, October - January







# Gaza Updates

- 85% of the 2.3 million residents are displaced.
- A quarter of residents are starving. More than 28,000 people have died more than 40% are children.

Source: Associated Press

Only 2,000 out of 1 million refugee arrivals to the U.S. since 2001 are Palestinian. (Migration Policy Institute)

# WELCOME CORPS

### FIRST YEAR:

15,000 Americans applied.

100 sponsor groups in 32 states have now welcomed refugees.

Can be matched with refugees they don't know or to apply to sponsor refugees they know.

Handful of groups forming/interested in Idaho. Success stories in Idaho Falls! Edwige, a former refugee herself, pays it forward by helping another refugee in Boston through Welcome Corps. Photo: Welcome Corps/Axie Breen



# Welcome Corps Consortium

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Church World Service
- HIAS
- Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)
- International Refugee Assistance Project
- International Rescue Committee
- Welcome.US





### TW IN FALLS TRANSITION





CSI Refugee Programs is becoming an official field office of U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI).

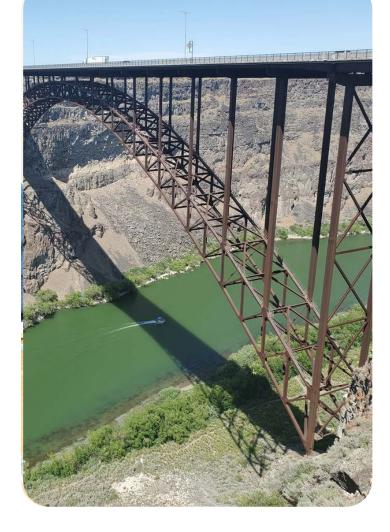
USCRI since 1980 has supported Twin Falls with refugee travel coordination, funding, policy direction, and technical support.

College of Southern Idaho supports the move. It will strengthen capacity to serve clients, support staff, and streamline reporting.

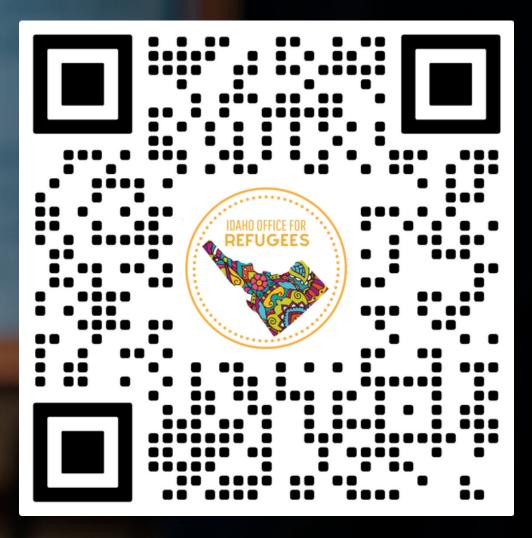












# Conference Workshop Input!



# Questions?





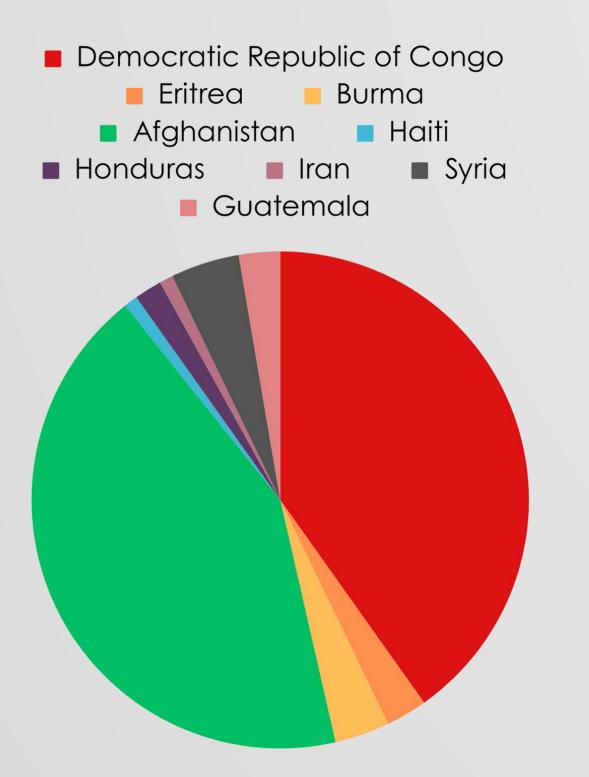
### AGENCY for NEW AMERICANS

Self-Sufficiency for Refugees BY JANNUS

COMMUNITY MEETING February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## ARRIVALS in FY2024 - Q1 & Jan



### October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 – January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 • Total Arrivals: 112 • Afghanistan: 48 • DRC: 45 • Syria: 5 • Burma: 4 • Eritrea: 3 • Guatemala: 3 • Honduras: 2 • Haiti: 1

- - Iran: 1

### UPDATES

# ARRIVALS:Projected forFY 24 300• Refugees250• SIV50

2 enrolled in MG Program 110 enrolled in RCA 21 enrolled in PC-ICM 15 Community Advisors (CAs) 96 enrolled in ICAN 75 enrolled in DHWCA

Current arrivals status: 112/300 expected arrivals

# **Agency team Updates Welcome Leylo and Paiman!**

We are very excited to get these two new case managers trained and ready to go to provide quality resettlement services to new

Americans in Idaho.





### **Agency team Updates**

### **Congratulations to our new Assistant Director, Yasmin Aguilar!**

Yasmin has been a part of the Agency team for more than 20 years, and we can't wait to see how she continues to help the Agency grow in this new leadership role!



### **Most Needed donations**

### Hygiene products:

All purpose cleaner (no bleach) Toothbrushes Toilet paper Shampoo Toothpaste

### **Furniture:**

Sofas (no recliners) Loveseats (no recliners) Armchairs (no recliners) Kitchen tables and chairs Side/end tables Coffee tables Lamps Dressers

### Household items:

Twin sheets and comforters Full comforters and sheets Bath towels **Oven mitts Bathmats** Shower curtains and rings Bowls Skillets and pans New pillows Large garbage cans Cutting boards and knives Tea kettles





- Pressure cookers







# UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chipotle Fundraiser Night!

- - 1607 W Jefferson
- Movie Night at the Flicks
  - Tickets are \$15

• Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 4PM – 8PM at Chipotle, 305 S 6<sup>th</sup> St. Boise, ID

• 33% of funds raised will support ANA, be sure to present the flier!

### New Volunteer Orientations

• Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 PM @ St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> | 10:00 AM @ Jannus Building,

• Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> | 7:00 PM @ The Flicks,

• "Limbo" is a Rated-R comedy following the story of asylum seekers from Syria waiting in Scotland for their legal processing.

# IRC in Boise Community Coordination

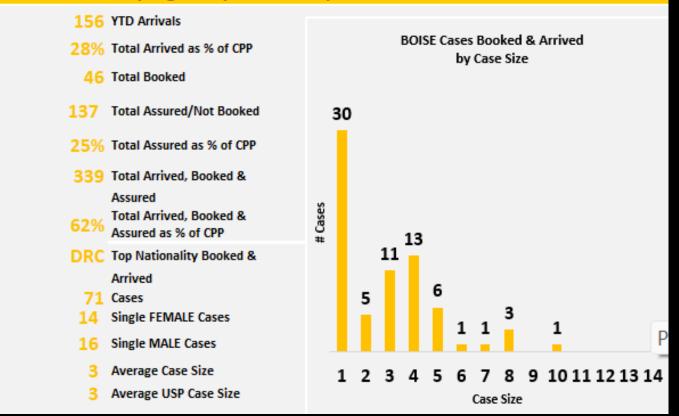
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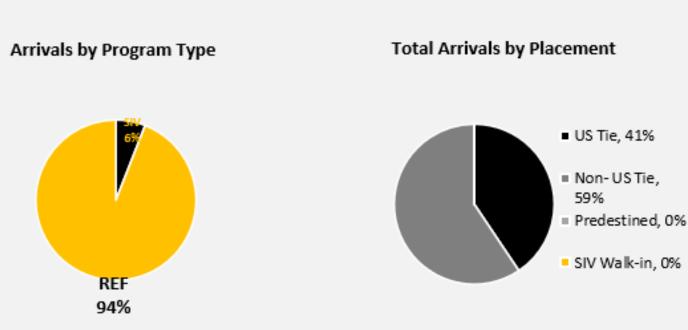


# Arrival Stats

**BOISE Key Figures (Individuals)** 



### **BOISE Booked & Arrived Demographics**



• 550 Arrivals Expected in FY24 • 156 Arrivals 46 Booked • 137 Assured • 71 Cases total

28% of our 550 have arrived 62% have arrived, been booked, or assured

COMPOSITION CASE

# Matching Grant Stats 10/1/2023 to 2/7/2024

- 35 Cases
- 69 Clients
- Clients with Service Plan 54%
- 11 Clients with limited English
- 12 ORR deemed Employable Clients

The Matching Grant program helps refugees and other ORR-eligible populations overcome barriers and quickly find jobs. The intent is for refugees to become economically self-sufficient through employment within 240 days and without accessing cash assistance programs.

The program is a public/ private partnership enabling communities to become directly involved in supporting refugees through donations, volunteer support, and mentorship.

# Volunteer hours in all programs: October 1,001 November 768 December 630 January 475

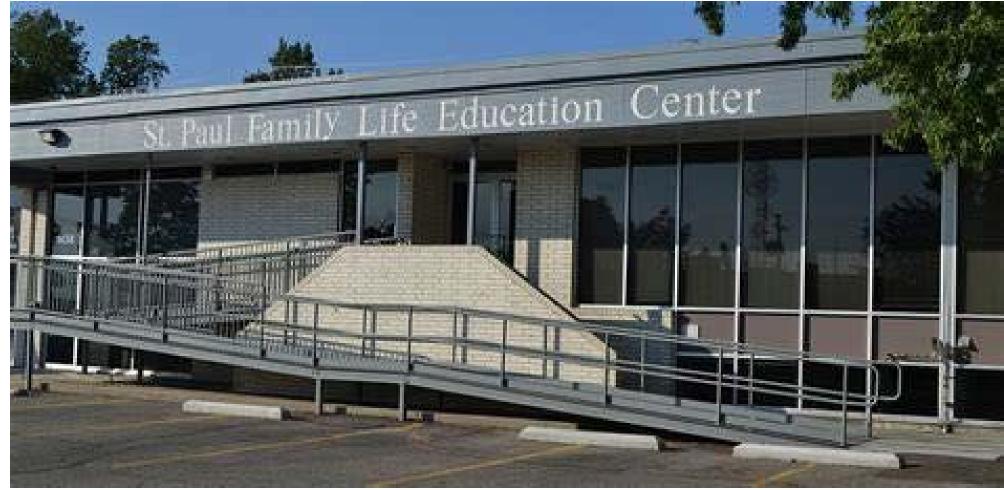
### **Exciting Announcements:**



Welcome, Tara Peters **Executive Director** 

# FLEC Collaboration

This partnership supports IRC clients on their pathway to self-suffiency



- Cultural Orientation Classes held here
- Digital Literacy Classes held
- All clients are bus trained to FLEC in collaboration with Job Readiness Training
- Youth tutoring available
- Staff utilize for client service meetings

# Intensive Case Management (ICM)

- 65 Individual Cases
- 22 Pending enrollments that are waiting for assessment on the waitlist
- Largest categories of enrollment: Mental or Psychological challenges, Medical or Physical Challenges, single parent household, and linkage to benefits.

### Achievements:

Under the Preferred Communities department, the newest addition of a mental health team of LMSW. Currently available to serve any client who falls under ORR eligibility and is offering individual, family, and group therapy and do not have a waiting list at this time.

### WHAT IS PREFERRED COMMUNITIES (PC)?

Preferred Communities is a program that houses the Intensive Case Management (ICM) Program, as well as a Mental Health Department at the IRC in Boise. With a culturally sensitive and client centered approach to therapy and case management, clients will be able to receive care from highly trained staff as they work towards a path to stability and self-sufficiency.

### WHO ARE WE SERVING?

Clients eligible for Preferred Communities have to meet the following requirements:

- Not a U.S. citizen.
- Have to have refugee, asylee, humanitarian parolee, or SIV status.
- Meet a certain level of vulnerability and need.

Insurance for clients is not required. Once referred to PC, clients will have an assessment to see if PC services are the right fit.

### SERVICES OFFERED

- Interpreted groups, 1:1, and Family therapy
- Pro-Bono services
- No denial based on insurance
- Intensive case management

- Trauma-informed modalities that include: CBT, Somatic Therapy, DBT, Art and Play therapy
- Culturally appropriate and interpreted services in both case management and clinical services.

# Preferred Communities

MENTAL HEALTH & CASEWORK SERVICES AT THE IRC IN BOISE

To refer clients, please reach out to DaNel Jones, Mental Health Supervisor P: 208-614-3142. For case management needs, please contact Tiffany Barrettt-Spencer E: danel.jones@rescue.org or tiffany.barrettspencer@rescue.org





# Questions? Stay Connected!





# What we know to date...

- UWC has worked with more than 600
- 77 active cases (12 months or less)
- 57 extended cases (12 months or more)
- 37 arrivals after October 1, 2023





### **Regular Services**



- 12-months of case management
- Community Referrals: food, clothing, household items, furniture
- English Classes
- Daycare Services
- Finance/Job Readiness Classes
- CDL Courses
- Employment Services
- Language classes in Ukrainian/Russian
- Hygiene Product/Household Item Room
- Diaper bank

### New Services

- Evening English Classes- 2 days per week
- Expanding CDL curriculum





New: School Impact Grant

- Kids Club and Childcare- 2 evenings per week
- Summer camp in June 12 days T, W, R from 10:00am-2:00pm
  - Plans to hire camp director, teachers and camp counselors
  - Themes each week; Science, Art, Fitness, etc.
- Camping at Cascade: July 6<sup>th</sup>-9th





Christmas Success!!!

- 148 individuals received coats and toys
- 12 families adopted for Christmas



Thank you Boise Rescue Mission and Apres Mobile Ski Tech



UWC's New Home

UWC recently moved to a new location just off the Garrity exit.

3904 E. Flamingo Ave Ste. 200 Nampa, Idaho 83687





# Thank you! Group Share



SCAN TO CONNECT or visit idahorefugees.org

