

CANOPY

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS



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MID YEAR REPORT

Our mission is to create a community where refugees are welcomed and equipped with all they need to build new lives.

Program Highlights | October 2025 through March 2026

Mid Year 2026 | Program Highlights



IMMIGRATION
LEGAL SERVICES

503

INDIVIDUALS HELPED ON
THE PATH TOWARD
CITIZENSHIP



YOUTH AND
AFTERSCHOOL

181

STUDENTS SERVED
IN AFTERSCHOOL



EMPLOYMENT AND
CAREER SERVICES

59

INDIVIDUALS PLACED
IN FULL-TIME JOBS



ENTREPRENEURSHIP
SERVICES

5

NEW SMALL
BUSINESSES LAUNCHED



VOLUNTEER
SERVICES

2,596

SERVICE HOURS
CONTRIBUTED BY
VOLUNTEERS

Mid Year 2026 | Program Highlights



MATERNAL CHILD
HEALTH

14

COMPLICATION-FREE
BIRTHS



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

5,774

IN-PERSON COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS



CASE
MANAGEMENT

536

INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED
WITH COMMUNITY
NAVIGATION



1,000 LIVES. 10 YEARS OF WELCOME.



EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

59

PLACED IN
FULL-TIME JOBS



Career Advancement Spotlight

Two clients advanced into supervisory positions, reaching the career goals they set when they first came to Canopy. Their growth reflects both personal determination and the sustained support our Employment team provides to help clients move beyond entry-level roles.



IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

503

ACTIVE LEGAL
CASES MANAGED

164

GREEN CARD
APPLICATIONS

1 Oath Ceremony

One of our clients reached a profound milestone this period, receiving American Citizenship through naturalization, years of resilience, patience, and perseverance.

Each of these 503 cases is a person. A family. A story of persistence.



YOUTH AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

40

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS
ACROSS 7 AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAMS

Several seniors were facing challenges on the path to graduation. The Youth Services team, school counselors, and parents worked in close coordination to provide encouragement and sustained support through the final stretch. Every student crossed the finish line.

Our literacy program boosted English reading skills and confidence. Students who started the year quiet and shy left as engaged, outgoing participants who asked to come back next year.



212

STUDENTS SERVED ACROSS 8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS



181

STUDENTS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS



159%

INCREASE IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
FROM LAST YEAR



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

252

PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL
VISITS FACILITATED

90

PEDIATRIC VISITS
FACILITATED

14

COMPLICATION FREE
BIRTHS



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She felt informed and encouraged. The education and support she received gave her the confidence to request more time and ultimately experienced a successful vaginal birth.

Maternal Child Health Program Manager

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ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

13

ANTI-TRAFFICKING TRAININGS CONDUCTED ACROSS LAW ENFORCEMENT, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND HUMAN SERVICES NONPROFITS

Trafficking thrives in silence, and awareness is what breaks it. When law enforcement, healthcare providers, schools, and human services organizations share a common framework for identifying exploitation, the community becomes a network of protection rather than a collection of isolated institutions. And when that awareness is paired with trauma-informed practice, it goes beyond recognition to restoration, equipping teams to walk alongside survivors with the empathy, patience, and intention that genuine healing requires. Public education and trauma-informed training work on two fronts: one facing outward to prevent exploitation, and one facing inward to support those rebuilding their lives.



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

185

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

2,596

SERVICE HOURS CONTRIBUTED

A Friendship Across Languages

A volunteer paired as a mentor with a young postpartum client formed a genuine friendship despite the language barrier, inspiring Canopy to launch a formal volunteer program supporting pregnant and postpartum clients, combating loneliness one relationship at a time.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

66

COMMUNITY EVENTS
HOSTED OR ATTENDED

5,774

IN-PERSON COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS

Giving Refugees the Microphone

Our new neighbors have their own stories to tell. This year, we continued to create space for those stories to be heard: 45 events across educational institutions, faith communities, businesses, and other community platforms, plus 21 Inspired Hands, Canopy's Women's Entrepreneurship Collective, events, engaging 5,774 individuals with Canopy in total. The result was not just awareness, but connection, trust, and a community building together.



Correcting Common Misconceptions

The Myth: Refugees enter without screening

The Truth: Refugees go through a long, legal, highly vetted process before arriving

The Myth: Resettlement happens quickly

The Truth: Some wait 20+ years; fewer than 1% ever get the chance to be resettled

The Myth: Taxpayers fund refugee travel

The Truth: Refugees repay their own airfare to the United States

The Myth: Refugees burden communities

The Truth: Our clients become entrepreneurs, job creators, and community leaders



ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERVICES

5

NEW SMALL BUSINESSES
LAUNCHED

14

PRODUCTS FOR SALE THROUGH
INSPIRED HANDS



INSPIRED HANDS: CANOPY'S WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP COLLECTIVE

"I was seen, heard, and supported. Now I have my product, naan, that has been sold throughout Northwest Arkansas."

Inspired Hands Participant



Kabul Chef | Dickson Street

We are excited that Kabul Chef has brought some flavour to Dickson Street with authentic Afghan food. It was a huge investment from the family and a true reflection of the commitment of the community.



BEK Restaurant | Rogers

"Warmth, comfort, and a genuine sense of welcome, like stepping into a friendly home where authentic and heartfelt Turkish and Afghan dishes are served."

Nilla, Founder of BEK

Kabul Chef and BEK are graduates of our Entrepreneurship Program, and we could not be more proud of their accomplishments.

CATERING SERVICES LAUNCHED – CLICK THE ICON TO ORDER



YOUR GIFT IN ACTION

Help Create a Place Refugees Call Home.

Behind every number in this report is a family that needed a place to belong. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of those who believed in this work. Thank you.

Because of your giving, a mother delivered her baby with confidence, a child found their footing in a new school, a young person built a career they are proud of, a family opened a business and shared their culture, and a person stood at an oath ceremony and called America home.

Northwest Arkansas is richer and more whole because of the people we have welcomed together and the community that chose to welcome them. If you have not yet been part of this journey, there is a place for you here. We invite you to be part of what comes next.

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OUR MISSION

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OUR VALUES

- Dignity and worth of all people
- Wholeness of body, mind, and spirit
- Cultural and religious diversity
- Collaboration with community
- Empowerment
- Excellence
- Welcome

Our mission does not slow down. Neither do we.