

Zion Children's Foundation Annual Report for 2023



Organization's Mission statement:

ZCF is a 501(c)3 humanitarian organization dedicated to the improvement of the lives of immigrants and refugees and their children, through health and community development.

An Expression of Gratitude

Like any other organization, ZCF relies on volunteers, partnerships and donors.

We would like to express our gratitude to our volunteers who have been working tirelessly to make sure we have access to the resources we need to serve our beneficiaries.

We also thank our partners:

Iskashitaa Refugee Network

International Rescue Committee

The Blake Foundation

These organizations have worked with us in various ways this year to aid us in reaching our goals.

We also express our gratitude to our special donors :

Christ Church United Methodist Church

The Finch Family

These donors have made it possible for us to have an office space and other materials we need to run the organization.



ZCF Activities in Tucson

In Tucson we are helping immigrant families integrate into a new language, culture and education system. Some of the ways we do this include:

- Home visits
- Donating books and toys to children
- Donating food and household items to families
- Reading stories to children
- Helping to develop and encourage reading skills.
- Evaluating the age appropriateness of donated toys and books.



Accomplishments



In partnership with Iskashitaa, ZCF was able to collect food, clothing and other household items that were distributed to refugee families during home visits. During the year 2023 we had twenty families that regularly received our services.

We also donated a dozen audio readers to families with small children whose parents cannot read English. The audio readers come with a collection of storybooks that the children can listen to as they look at the pages.



In partnership with IRC, ZCF was able to educate families about COVID 19 and distribute test kits and thermometers. We also informed families about flu season and the availability of free flu shots in the community.

In partnership with The Blake Foundation, we enrolled four children in the Parents As Teachers program. This program allows a Parent Educator to do monthly home visits to evaluate and encourage at-home learning and development for children under the age of five.

A Day of Fun for Refugee Children

In partnership with the Kuwait Club of the University of Arizona, we organized an event that created a safe and enjoyable environment for children, to have fun, learn and connect with their peers for a day.

We provided transportation to families who wanted their children to attend. We hosted 38 children and many of their guardians. The Kuwait students organized fun games and activities for the children to rotate through in groups. At the conclusion of the event, we provided lunch for all in attendance.



Christmas Party Event

Every Year ZCF Organizes a Christmas event for children

We desire for the children in our families to feel included and enjoy some fun at Christmas time!

We prepared snacks, drinks, and a piñata, and we provided wrapped presents for each child. We talked with the parents, and encouraged the children to continue to do well in school.

