



## **RefugeeWorks June 2009**

**Building Professional Pathways for New Americans:  
National Refugee Professional Recertification Conference**

# About Us

The List Project (TLP) is a non-profit operating in the U.S., founded with the belief that the United States Government has a clear and urgent moral obligation to resettle to safety Iraqis who are imperiled due to their affiliation with the United States of America.

- The List Projects receives between 10 and 12 emails from Iraqis each week who have been threatened due to their affiliation with the U.S.
- We have resettled nearly 400 of the 3000 Iraqis on our List to safety here in the U.S.
- The List Project focuses on two pillars: helping Iraqis make it to the U.S. and assisting them once they arrive

The List Project is the first comprehensive organizational effort to honor the sacrifice of these Iraqis

# The List Project's Pillars

## Legal Assistance

- The List Project works to help as many of the hundreds of Iraqis on our constantly-expanding List make it to the United States through a groundbreaking partnership with three top law firms and over 150 attorneys.
- Our partnering law firms include: Holland and Knight, Proskauer Rose and Mayer Brown

## Outreach Assistance

Provide a "cushion" for resettled Iraqis upon their arrival to America by:

- Connecting Americans and Iraqis on our social Networking site, Netroots, to help with the resettlement process
- Helping Iraqis find meaningful employment through our expanding network of partnerships with the innovative NGOs like Upwardly Global.
- Building an emergency support fund to help defray immediate expenses

# Legal Assistance

- Our lawyers work with Iraqis on our List to provide guidance and assistance throughout the resettlement application and interview process.
- The List Project employs at least one Iraqi Case Coordinator to work at our partnering law firms.
- Due to the labyrinthine nature of the U.S. Resettlement system it takes up to a year or more to resettle our Iraqi allies.

## **New in 2009:**

- The List Project is working to bring on two new law firms to assist with cases.
- TLP is looking to take on deferred associates to assist with cases and legal advocacy work.

# Recently Resettled Iraqis

- The List Project created Netroots, an online social networking website, in July 2008.
  - With over 1,400 members, Netroots connects concerned Americans and recently resettled Iraqis to help with the integration process.
  - New members can contact the List Project to find Iraqis located in their area and work with our volunteers to determine the best ways to help the new arrivals settle in.
- Netroots Chapters work together to help new families integrate and navigate through the challenges of social services and employment systems.
- TLP works with Upwardly Global to help Iraqis resettled in the San Francisco, Chicago and New York areas find meaningful employment. We are working to add other partners to assist Iraqis with their job search.
- Note: TLP is not a VOLAG and does not help with specific resettlement activities.

# TLP's Advocacy Work

- Kirk Johnson, founder and Executive Director, and the List Project have been featured in over 100 different articles and interviews.
- The List Project worked with the Center for American Progress to release a policy plan in January 2009 that call for expedited processing of our Iraqi allies.
  - The plan calls for the Obama Administration to airlift U.S.-affiliated Iraqis to a third location, such as our military base in Guam, for expedited processing.
  - The List Project prepared a set of recommendations, which was presented in Washington, D.C. to government officials.
- Kirk Johnson will be traveling to Iraq and Syria to complete work on the Principle Pictures documentary film that focuses on the plight of our Iraqi allies and the work of the List Project.

# Outreach and Fundraising Activities

- The List Project works with Netroots Chapters across the nation to hold outreach and networking events.
  - Upwardly Global in D.C. and the List Project held a two-day employment workshop in June 2008
  - Working with Intersections International and CAMBA in New York City a one-day employment workshop was held in January 2009 and a networking event is being held this July.
- With the release of George Packer's play, 'Betrayed', the List Project held fundraising events in New York, D.C. and Berkeley, California.
- The List Project holds fundraising events throughout the year in New York City, please contact us for more information.

# What You Can Do

## Recently Resettled Iraqis:

- Join Netroots today to find other Americans and Iraqis in your community who can assist with the resettlement process
- If you know of U.S.-affiliated Iraqis who need help, please email us at [refugees@thelistproject.org](mailto:refugees@thelistproject.org)
- Please contact us at [mail@thelistproject.org](mailto:mail@thelistproject.org) with any questions

## Volunteers:

- Please visit our website to find out more information about the Iraqi refugee crisis and the plight of U.S.-affiliated Iraqis  
[www.thelistproject.org](http://www.thelistproject.org)
- Join us on Netroots, where you can meet other volunteers, join or create a Chapter and get involved to help recently resettled Iraqis
- Please contact us at [mail@thelistproject.org](mailto:mail@thelistproject.org) with any questions



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