

2014 Annual Report from the Chair

Anglican United Refugee Alliance - AURA
(a charitable organization)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

2013 Annual Report

2013, like most years at AURA, was one of growth and change.

Your AURA board and staff have been hard at work throughout 2013. The staff and students of AURA continue to be ambitious, capable and enthusiastic. During the year they increased the awareness of AURA and the good work that it does through branding and speaking engagements.

New refugees arrived in Canada through the work of AURA staff, volunteers and church groups. These refugees were sponsored by longstanding groups as well as new ones who felt the call to assist those who are most vulnerable in the world. I personally experienced the staff training of a constituent group before doing a sponsorship. This greatly benefited the sponsoring group and allowed the refugees who had lived for so long in a camp a smoother transition to their Canadian home. We were happy to see these recent arrivals as well as visit with some of our former sponsored refugees at the annual AURA Christmas Party, an event which was put on with a lot of hard work from the placement students, their schools and local businesses.

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, as one of the major funders, did a review of AURA in 2013. This required a lot of preparation by our staff but allowed an AURA handbook to be created which allows anyone who works or volunteers at the office to understand the AURA structure and policies. I am happy to report that they gave a very favourable response to their review. Our other major funder, the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada, visited the AURA office and also said that they were very pleased with what they heard and saw.

In 2013 the AURA board of directors were also hard at work. The board and the staff had a Saturday retreat in March to discuss a board governance model. Many committees were created to update AURA policies and make sure that AURA stays up-to-date on government slated changes, such as the Canada Not-for-profit Act.

This is my last year on the AURA board. I want to thank the staff for their patience. They were always very cooperative with me. May you continue to get amazing results for such an important organization. I also want to thank the board for all the support they have given to me over the past eleven years. I wish the new board much success in the work that is to be accomplished at AURA.

~ *Diane Anger*
AURA Board Chair

REVENUES	2013	2012
Anglican Church of Canada		
Anglican Diocese of Toronto	\$46,400.00	\$46,400.00
Anglican Church Individual	\$1,075.00	\$1,040.00
United Church of Canada		
Toronto Conference	\$34,300.00	\$34,300.00
National	\$5,000.00	\$6,859.00
Individual Churches	\$5,050.00	\$5,191.00
UCW	\$346.00	\$1,030.00
Foundations	\$11,845.00	\$10,150.00
Skills Development Canada	\$4,845.00	\$-
Private donations	\$4,661.00	\$4,347.00
Membership dues	\$465.00	\$195.00
Interest	\$5.00	\$81.00
Fundraising	\$-	\$7,030.00
	\$113,992.00	\$116,623.00
EXPENSES		
Wages and wage costs	\$54,239.00	\$50,395.00
Contract labour	\$38,000.00	\$36,000.00
Office	\$13,144.00	\$14,677.00
Rent	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Telephone and internet	\$4,694.00	\$4,280.00
Professional fees	\$3,451.00	\$4,612.00
Insurance	\$1,888.00	\$1,838.00
Travel	\$1,314.00	\$1,540.00
Repairs and maintenance	\$467.00	\$339.00
Conference	\$139.00	\$-
Dues and membership	\$127.00	\$130.00
Fundraising gala	\$-	\$3,553.00
Amortization	\$150.00	\$214.00
	\$127,813.00	\$127,778.00
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES		
Balance (Total) - Beginning of Year	\$(13,807.00)	\$(11,155.00)
Balance (Total) - End of Year	\$55,058.00	\$6,213.00
	\$41,251.00	\$55,058.00





There are an estimated **11 million** refugees around the world today.



An estimated 612,700 asylum applications were registered in 2013, marking a **28%** increase.



Conflicts, such as those in the **Syrian Arab Republic, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Mali**, continue to force millions of individuals to seek refuge.

Helping Refugees

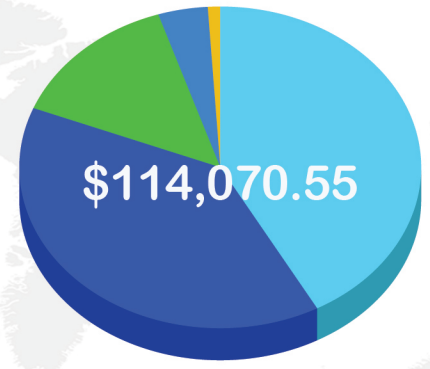


AURA, working through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, offers support to refugees through **casework** and **settlement support**.

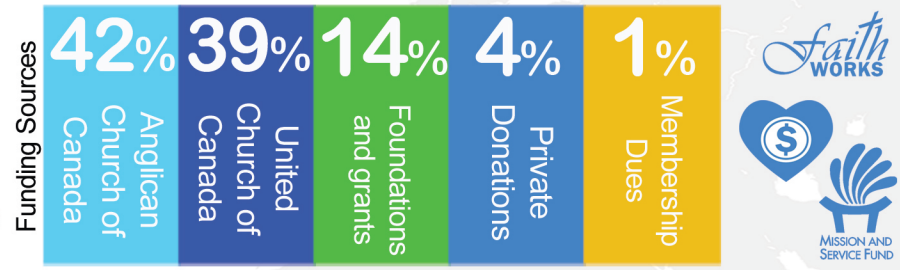
AURA's refugee work in 2013

- 482** Refugee Case Emails
- 648** Refugee Case Phone Calls
- 247** Government Interactions
- 121** One-On-One Consultations
- 47** Active Case Refugees
- 116** Crisis Response Hours

Funding Highlights



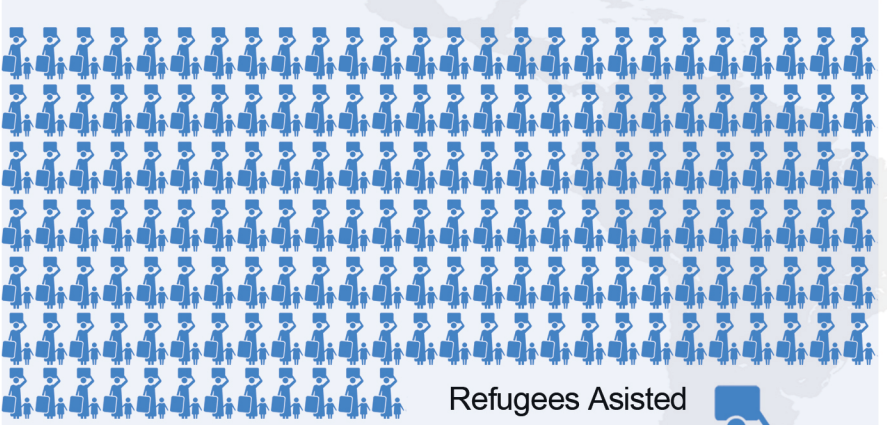
↑ **7%** Private Donations
 ↑ **39%** Foundation & Grants
 ↓ **3%** Church Funding
 Change from 2012



Capacity Building & Education

AURA engages with the community by sharing information and resources about the plight of refugees in order to build understanding and knowledge.

- 127** Community Meetings
- 30** Speaking Engagements
- 15** Sponsorship Trainings
- 7** Information Sessions
- 39** Christmas Gifts for Refugees
- 2876** Volunteer Hours



168
in 2013

Expense Highlights



↓ **4%** Combined Office Expenses
 ↑ **6%** Combined Payroll
 ↓ **34%** Professional Fees
 Change from 2012



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AURA Online

- 38%** More Website Traffic
- 466** Likes Shares Comments
- 41%** More Tweets

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