



# MONTH IN REVIEW

**AUGUST  
2023**

Dear {{Recipient.FirstName}},

As we mark the passing of two years since the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, it is crucial to reflect upon the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for Afghan refugees who have resettled in the United States. Together, they have the **potential to contribute \$1.71 billion** in earnings and \$227 million in tax dollars annually. Nevertheless, tens of thousands remain in limbo — underscoring the urgent need to **pass the Afghan Adjustment Act**. This legislation is essential to secure their permanent status and work authorization in the U.S., allowing them the opportunity to not just survive, but thrive.

Shifting our focus, a federal court has recently **overturned the effective asylum ban** at the southern border — a positive step towards upholding the rights of asylum seekers. While the order was put on hold to allow appeals, it is worth restating: The right to seek asylum is enshrined in both U.S. and international law. Human rights should never be subjected to debate.

The time has come to shift our focus towards supporting the successful inclusion of families seeking safety from persecution. Our asylum processing system should be set up to accommodate the requests of those seeking safety, and their inclusion in our workforce and communities should be at the forefront.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jina Krause-Vilmar".

Jina Krause-Vilmar  
CEO and President

## Upwardly Global Urges the Passage of the AAA



Two years after Operation Allies Welcome brought over 80,000 Afghans to the U.S. following the Taliban takeover, their secure living and working prospects are threatened. Upwardly Global urges Congress to swiftly pass the Afghan Adjustment Act, a bipartisan bill enabling Afghans who've contributed to the U.S. economy and society to attain permanent status. The act, recently reintroduced in Congress, expedites pathways to permanent status, broadens Special Immigrant Visa eligibility, and aids at-risk allies in Afghanistan.

[Read more about the Afghan Adjustment Act and Upwardly Global's work with Afghan newcomers.](#)



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## Crisis Response & Serving Afghan Refugees

Upwardly Global is excited to share [Impact Report: Crisis Response and Serving Afghan Refugees](#), the first in a new series. Each quarter, we will share a new Impact Report providing an in-depth look at a specific area of our work.

In this report, we cover our Afghan response work — including a case study on our Afghan portal, Afghan job-seeker stories, and impact numbers — as well as resources touching on Afghan contributions and Upwardly Global policy priorities.

[Read the report.](#)

[Statement on Federal Court's Decision To Block Asylum Restrictions](#)



A federal court recently blocked the Biden administration's asylum restrictions affecting the southern border. While this ruling is currently on pause to allow appeals, Upwardly Global commends the decision to protect forcibly displaced migrants right to asylum. [Read the full statement.](#)

**Support Job Seeker Learning with the Welcome Society**



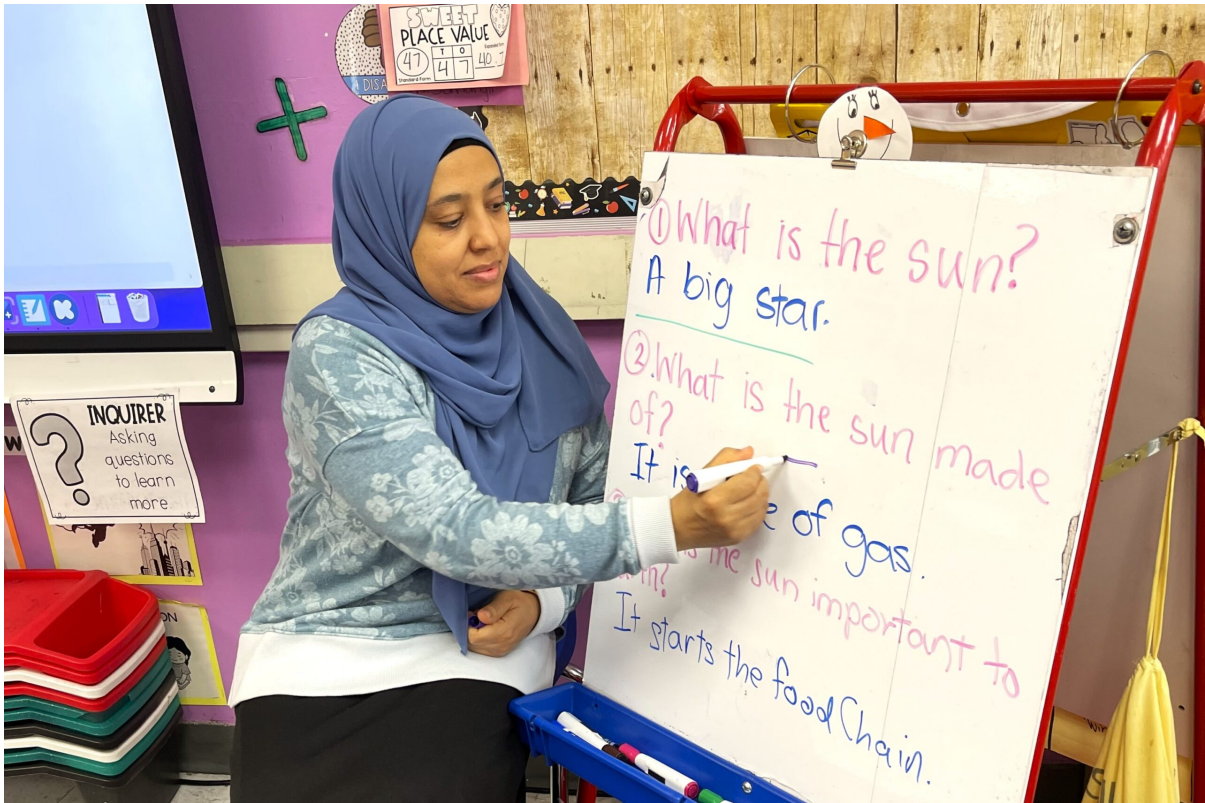
# THE WELCOME SOCIETY

**A Community of Monthly Donors**

August is Back to School month and Upwardly Global wants to celebrate the learning journeys of our former job seekers who come to the U.S. and restart their careers in the face of unique employment barriers.

With a monthly gift, you can join Upwardly Global's Welcome Society and support free access to resources like industry-specific career coaching, reskilling, upskilling, career navigation, and networking events, to help newcomers fully utilize their education and skills in the workforce. [Join the Society today.](#)

**Egyptian Teacher Pursues U.S. Teaching Career**

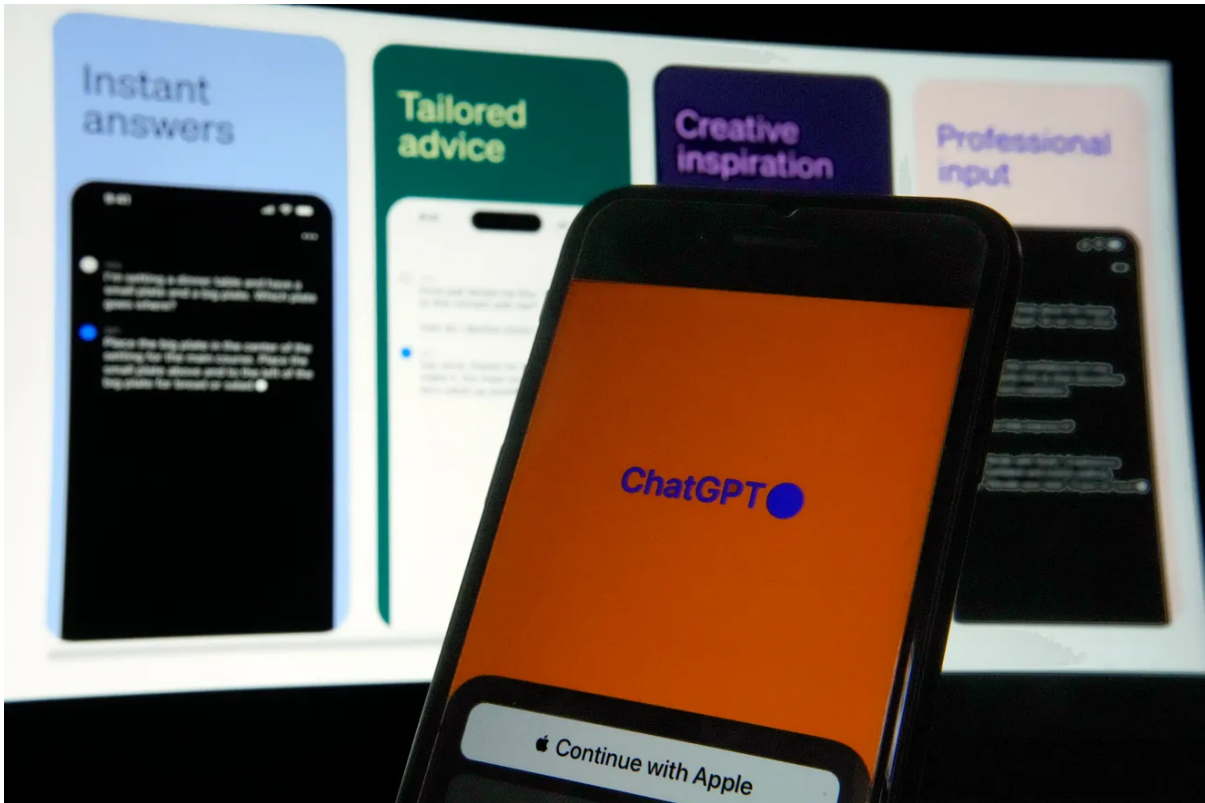


Samah, a 46-year-old teacher from Egypt, moved to the U.S. to help her daughter pursue medical school. Despite her bachelor's degree in education and two decades of teaching experience, she found herself feeling lost and unable to resume her career as an educator.

With help from her Upwardly Global career coach, she was able to navigate the American education system and land work as a substitute teacher. As soon as she receives key documents from her home country, she aims to obtain full licensure.

[Read Samah's full story.](#)

**Upwardly Global in the News**



- Jina Krause-Vilmar, Upwardly Global President and CEO: [President and CEO Jina Krause-Vilmar Talks Federal Asylum Ruling on SiriusXM's Tell Me Everything](#)
- [Joshua Garner](#), Upwardly Global Strategic Communications Director: [Tapping into the unlimited potential of refugees makes good business sense](#) in **The CEO Magazine**
- [Is AI a threat to the job market? Not necessarily, and here's why.](#) in **USA Today**

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18 to 20, Kendra Scott is having a [Kendra Gives Back](#) event where 20% of purchases made with Upwardly Global giveback code **GIVEBACK-ENCJX** will be donated to support Upwardly Global's mission. [Shop for a good cause!](#)

## In Immigration News

- An appeals court allowed the Biden administration's asylum restrictions to resume temporarily after a federal court struck them down for violating federal and international law. [Read more about the asylum ban pause.](#)
- The Department of Homeland Security updated and modernized the Cuban and Haitian family reunification parole (FRP) process, effective August 11, 2023. [Read more about the changes.](#)



## Join Our Team

Upwardly Global is committed to a diverse and inclusive culture where every voice matters. See our current openings to join our team:

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- [Partnerships Lead, Jobversity](#)
- [Staff Accountant, NY](#)
- [Development Associate \(Temporary\)](#)
- [Individual Giving Manager, NY & Chicago](#)



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