



Red, White, and Do!

A CELEBRATION OF COLLECTIVE IMPACT

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The Stave Room, Atlanta, GA
*Fundraising Event Supporting
New American Pathways*



New American Pathways®

HELPING REFUGEES AND GEORGIA THRIVE

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Tonight's Schedule

Silent Auction
+
Golden Ticket Sales
CLOSES at 8:00 PM

Food Stations
open at 6:30 PM

Program Begins

Golden Ticket Drawing

Live Auction

Friend of Freedom Award:
Mirwais Nawab Jalali

Paddle Raise

Community Builder Award:
Georgia Natural Gas: Maurice Baker

Check Out

Leadership Letter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2026 Red, White, and Do Gala!

When we launched Red, White, and Do: A Campaign of Collective Action in early 2025, we knew that navigating today's challenging environment would require steadfast support from a diverse group of sponsors, staff, advocates, donors, and volunteers. The commitment of this group would be essential to achieving our mission: "Helping Refugees and Georgia Thrive."

Over the last eighteen months, this community has been more than generous. You funded a new food security program, providing over 1,000 food boxes and more than 500 gift cards to families in crisis. You advocated for policy change, volunteered at events, educated friends about our work, and donated to keep our mission alive. Your actions have enabled us to welcome our new neighbors and continue supporting them on their pathway to citizenship.

Tonight we gather to both celebrate that impact and to renew our commitment to the challenges ahead.

As part of that celebration, we are proud to recognize **Mirwais Nawab Jalali** as our **Friend of Freedom**. His journey as a refugee has inspired him to open doors for others. Through his commitment to employment and professional support, Mirwais invests in the dreams and potential of fellow refugees. His dedication is helping create

pathways to meaningful careers and lasting independence, allowing other new Americans to thrive.

We also have the pleasure of honoring **Georgia Natural Gas** with our inaugural **Community Builder Award**.

Their sponsorship of this Gala for the last 10 years is just one of the ways GNG and New American Pathways have collaborated to support communities in need. This relationship demonstrates the positive impact that is possible when a nonprofit and corporate partner come together with a shared purpose to create meaningful value for both organizations.

And finally tonight, we thank you. Your commitment to this mission has been demonstrated through your actions over the last year. We celebrate all that has been accomplished and the lives we have supported. There will be more to do, but we can move forward inspired by our shared successes.

Thank you for being part of our journey.



Yours in Service,

Paedia Nixon, CEO



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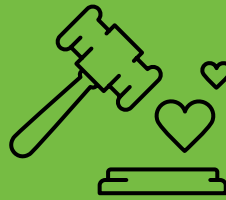
HELPING REFUGEES AND GEORGIA THRIVE

4 Ways to Support Tonight

(tap/click to visit our website)



RAISE
your paddle to
invest in new
Americans' dreams



BID
at the Live
Auction on 3
amazing prizes



BUY
a Golden Ticket
to win the trip
of a lifetime



WIN
an item
at the Silent
Auction

Awards + Honorees

FRIEND OF FREEDOM HONOREE: **Mirwais Nawab Jalali**

The Friend of Freedom Award is given annually to an individual with a refugee or immigrant background who has demonstrated great leadership, courage and resilience.

Mirwais plays a key role in UNIFI Aviation's program to hire 500 additional refugees by 2027. He has helped more than 500 refugees at the Atlanta and Houston airports find employment opportunities and enter the workforce.



Originally from Afghanistan, Mirwais was a military officer working alongside the U.S. Government before fleeing during the fall of Kabul in 2021. He holds a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering, a bachelor's degree in GIS, and a master's degree in Management, along with several professional certifications in various fields. Mirwais is also fluent in several languages and, alongside his professional career,

works as a sports trainer and coach.

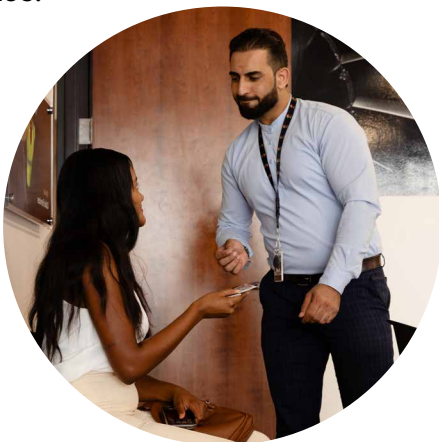
His activities extend beyond recruitment. Alongside his professional work, Mirwais volunteers to support immigrants and refugees in various areas, including helping them learn to drive, providing translation and assistance during medical and immigration appointments, and working with organizations that provide services to immigrants.

Mirwais resettled in Georgia through the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and joined UNIFI soon after. Through his work as a recruiter, Mirwais has helped hundreds of refugees secure jobs, achieve economic stability, and take their first steps to independence.

Passionate about helping fellow new Americans achieve their dreams, he works tirelessly to create new professional opportunities. Linh Hoang, Employment Engagement Coordinator at New American Pathways, says this about his impact:

“Mirwais has been an invaluable partner to New American Pathways, opening doors to meaningful employment at Unifi and helping many of our clients take important steps toward stability, self-sufficiency, and a brighter future for their families.”

Mirwais is a key partner in New American Pathways' employment programming, and we know his dedication and commitment will have an impact for years to come.



Awards + Honorees

COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD: **Georgia Natural Gas**

**Presented to Maurice Baker,
Manager, Community Relations**

The Community Builder Award is given to an organizational partner of New American Pathways who has demonstrated a deep commitment to our mission of helping refugees and Georgia thrive.

We are thrilled to present the Inaugural Community Builder Award to Georgia Natural Gas. For over a decade, they have been a consistent partner in our mission, investing in event sponsorship, dedicated board service, and active engagement across all levels of the organization. With nearly \$2 million donated to local communities each year, Georgia Natural Gas is deeply committed to being a driving force for lasting change. New American Pathways is immensely grateful for their continued partnership and commitment to our mission.



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This award is presented to Maurice Baker, Manager of Community Relations at Georgia Natural Gas. Maurice has been the driving force behind this partnership, dedicating his career to ensuring lasting community impact from Georgia Natural Gas. He says: “I am particularly proud of our partnership with New American Pathways. This collaboration allows us to impact communities that we might not normally have access to. Their dedication and tireless efforts to support those in need resonates with our mission and values.”



Investing in dreams and building futures.

Tonight we are inviting you to invest in the dreams and futures of the individuals New American Pathways serves. For many families, they come to Georgia looking for safety and a fresh start. They've spent years putting their dreams on hold. But with the right tools, support, and determination, thousands of new Americans each year can dream again. Tonight, your generosity can help turn survival into stability, jobs into careers, and dreams into reality.

\$10,000: Workforce Accelerator

Raise your paddle to help New American Pathways launch the new Workforce Accelerator Program, a comprehensive way individuals can receive training, support and resources to move towards their dream job.

\$5,000: Healthcare Navigation

This paddle raise will support families with healthcare navigation and resources when they experience a medical crisis, or have their healthcare access removed because of policy changes outside of their control.

\$2,500: Training + Childcare

If you raise your paddle at this level, you will help provide English training, certifications, or childcare support, so parents can attend classes, complete workforce training,

earn industry-recognized credentials, and pursue higher-paying careers. When these barriers are removed, opportunity becomes possible.

\$1,000: Workforce + Financial Literacy

Your gift will support Workforce and Financial Literacy Coaches who work one-on-one with participants to build career pathways, strengthen financial capability, connect them to education and training opportunities, and help them achieve the goals they once thought were out of reach.

\$500: Green Card Support

This paddle raise level will provide green card and other immigration application support to refugee families, making sure they have the highest level of immigration status in which they are eligible.

\$250: Transportation

Raise your paddle to provide transportation assistance or driver's education classes that help participants travel to classes, interviews and employment, removing one of the most common barriers to success.

\$100: Food Boxes

This last level supports New American Pathways' ongoing food security program. You will provide essential food for eight people for a week, making sure they have their basic needs met while they work towards those dreams.

Golden Ticket

WIN THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

**One Golden Ticket.
Five Dream Destinations.
Your choice!**

Your Dream Destination is One Golden Ticket Away!
Enter for your chance to WIN an unforgettable getaway
to the destination of your choice: TUSCANY, BALI,
THAILAND, DUBLIN, or GREECE.

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

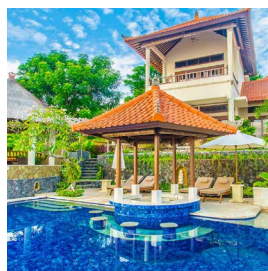
TUSCANY, ITALY

- 5 Nights | Luxury Resort & Spa
- Relax at Cortona Resort & Spa in the heart of the Tuscan countryside. Includes daily breakfast, dinner, and a massage and spa experience for two.



BALI, INDONESIA

- 7 Nights | Ocean Views & Island Bliss
- Enjoy a Deluxe King Ocean View stay in Amed, with daily breakfast and massages for two. Take in breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean.



THAILAND

- 5 Nights | Luxury Beach Escape
- Stay at Pullman Phuket Panwa Beach Resort along picturesque Markham Bay. Includes daily breakfast and beautiful views of the Andaman Sea.



DUBLIN, IRELAND

- 5 Nights | City & Whiskey Experience
- Stay in the heart of Dublin at Maldron Hotel Kevin Street and enjoy a Whiskey Masterclass for two.



SANTORINI, GREECE

- 5 Nights | Island Beauty & Black-Sand Beaches
- Stay at Voca Hotel & Suites, just steps from a black-sand beach. Includes daily breakfast and access to Santorini's iconic villages and scenery.



GET YOUR GOLDEN TICKETS

1 Ticket — \$100

3 Tickets — \$250

7 Tickets — \$500 *BEST VALUE!*

**The more tickets you purchase,
the more chances you have to win!**

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Reservations must be booked within 12 months of notification, and travel must be completed within 24 months of notification. Once confirmed, all reservations are final. Packages may not be transferred or resold. Blackout dates: Thanksgiving week, Christmas week, and New Year's Day week.

Live Auction

International Chef's Dinner

**An Authentic Afghan Culinary Experience
with Chef Breshna Alemi**



Gather around the table for an exclusive Afghan-inspired dinner for 8–10 guests, lovingly prepared by Chef Breshna Alemi. Originally from Afghanistan and also a resident of Tajikistan, Breshna is a talented chef, mother of four, and member of Refugee Women's Network's Chefs Club since 2024.

Known for her exceptional cooking and warm hospitality, Breshna has become one of the club's most sought-after chefs. She has completed extensive training in food preparation, presentation, and business management and is now a lead chef at the Decatur Farmers Market, where she frequently sells out. Breshna has participated in more than 48 markets and 17 catering events and regularly contributes to RWN fundraisers and community events.

YOUR AFGHAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- Qhabeli Rice — Afghan basmati rice with sweet carrots, raisins, and warm spices
- Borani Banjan — roasted eggplant with a flavorful tomato-based sauce (vegan & vegetarian)
- Afghan-Style Chicken — Chef Breshna's flavorful signature dish
- Fresh Salad — a refreshing accompaniment to the meal
- Apple Dessert — Chef Breshna's special homemade creation

AN EVENING TO SAVOR & SHARE

Enjoy an intimate dining experience celebrating **Afghan flavors, culture, and community**—right around your table. Gather. Savor. Celebrate. Experience the warmth of Afghan hospitality.

Terms and conditions:

Dinner is for 8–10 guests. The winning bidder will coordinate with Refugee Women's Network to find a mutually agreed-upon date, time, and location. Dinner must be completed by 09/30/2027. The meal will be prepared and brought to the winner's home. Chef Breshna will present the meal and share about the ingredients and cultural background and will leave once the dinner has started. Gratuity, beverages, and alcohol are not included.



Jade Mountain Resort Escape

Win the ultimate luxury tropical getaway from Delta Vacations!



Escape to the breathtaking island of Saint Lucia for an unforgettable luxury getaway. Enjoy spectacular Caribbean views, exceptional cuisine, and world-class hospitality at **Jade Mountain Resort**, one of Saint Lucia's most extraordinary destinations.

Travel **First Class on Delta Air Lines** and experience four nights at the iconic Jade Mountain Resort, a consistently top-rated AAA Five Diamond resort overlooking the Caribbean. This exclusive escape also includes private airport transfers and a unique bean-to-bar experience featuring farm-to-table ingredients sourced from the surrounding area.

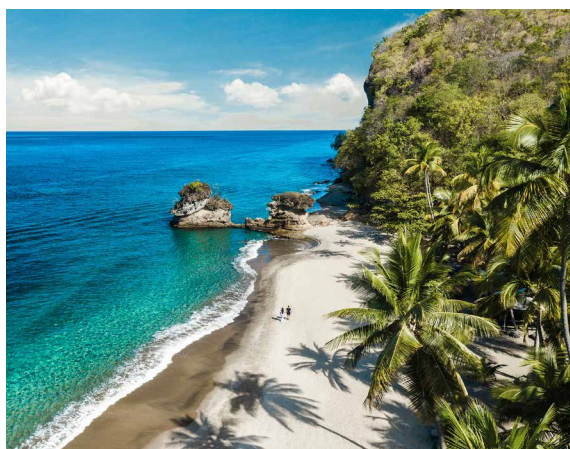
YOUR VACATION INCLUDES:

- **Roundtrip First Class airfare for two** on Delta Air Lines
- **Four-night hotel accommodations** at Jade Mountain Resort
- **Private roundtrip airport transfers**
- **Bean-to-bar experience:** Cruise by catamaran to Jade Mountain's Emerald Cocoa Estate for a hands-on chocolate-making experience. Create your own chocolate bar using estate-grown cocoa!

PARADISE AWAITS

Indulge in breathtaking views, exceptional cuisine, and world-class hospitality while experiencing the beauty and tranquility of Saint Lucia.

Terms and conditions: The winner must book between **1/03/2027-10/10/2027** and travel by **12/31/2027**; blackout dates and standard terms & conditions apply. [View the full terms and conditions.](#)



North Georgia Mountain Escape

One-Week Cabin Retreat Near Hiawassee, Georgia



Escape to the mountains for an unforgettable **one-week stay in a beautiful 3-bedroom cabin near Hiawassee, Georgia**. This peaceful retreat sleeps up to eight guests and offers the perfect combination of relaxation, adventure, and breathtaking scenery.

Spend your days exploring the **private hiking trail**, enjoying scenic mountain views, or heading to nearby **Lake Chatuge**. When it's time to unwind, soak in the **hot tub**, gather around the **fire pit**, or relax by the fireplace. With a treehouse, grill and smoker, Wi-Fi, and a big-screen TV, the cabin has everything you need for a memorable mountain getaway.



YOUR MOUNTAIN RETREAT INCLUDES:

- Sleeps 8 with 2.5 baths
- Hot tub & fire pit
- Private hiking trail & treehouse
- Scenic mountain views
- Fireplace, grill & smoker
- Wi-Fi & big-screen TV
- Minutes from Lake Chatuge

YOUR WEEK ALSO INCLUDES:

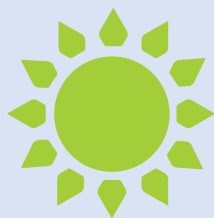
- **Two wine flights at Crane Creek Vineyards** — Sip and savor local wines at this beautiful North Georgia vineyard.
- **\$75 Garnish & Gather gift card** — Enjoy fresh, seasonal meal kits featuring locally sourced ingredients from Georgia family farmers.

THE PERFECT NORTH GEORGIA GETAWAY

Relax. Explore. Unwind. Make memories in the mountains.

Terms and conditions: Must be booked in advance. Subject to availability.

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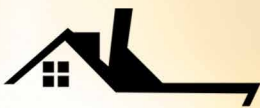
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Bottle Pull Sponsors



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Event Co-Chairs:

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Catering:

ZEST Catering

Dessert Catering:

Refugee Women's Network

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Santiago Paramo

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