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Beachwood Partners with Resident for Afghan Donation Drive

BEACHWOOD, Ohio –October 13, 2021– Beachwood resident Ali Amini immigrated to the United States when he was 12 years old and credits the “amazing support of family and friends” that allowed him to prosper. Now, he’s paying it forward by hosting a donation drive with the City of Beachwood, to benefit the people immigrating to Cleveland from Afghanistan.

“I arrived only with the love and support of my wonderful family,” Amini said.

A donation drive will take place at the Beachwood City Hall parking lot, 25325 Fairmount Blvd., from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17. Requested items in good-to-great quality include:

- Furniture
- Clothing (infant to adult sizes)
- Children’s toys
- Cookware/dishware
- Food (dry goods)

Checks written to the following charities will be accepted, or online donations can be made via their websites: [USTogether](#), [USCRI](#), [Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services](#), [Refugee Response](#), [ASIA](#), and [Building Hope in the City](#).

In addition to these donations, there are many other ways that Amini suggests one could help:

- Loaning temporary storage space
- Providing affordable apartments or homes for rent
- Healthcare support (some will not have access to federal healthcare and won’t yet have employer-sponsored health care)
- Volunteering of your time and skills (lawyers, translators, movers, inventory keepers, transportation, family support)

“Beachwood prides itself on being a welcoming city and one out of every five Beachwood residents was born outside of the United States,” said Beachwood Mayor Martin S. Horwitz. “I

hope our residents and members of neighboring communities will generously provide the items and services these new Northeast Ohioans will require.”

About the City of Beachwood, OH

Founded as a village in 1915, the City of Beachwood was incorporated in 1960. Conveniently located along Interstate 271, Beachwood is home to nearly 2,500 businesses and more than 14,000 residents; based on 2020 Census data, the city has grown more and faster than any other Cuyahoga County community. Beachwood is well-known for its excellent city services, recreation facilities, highly rated schools, and low property taxes. Its diversity of residents is more than four times the Ohio state average. For more information about living and working in Beachwood, visit www.BeachwoodOhio.com.

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