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Bethany's Response to the Proposed Shutdown of Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, 7/18/2019 — Bethany Christian Services, a global nonprofit that supports children and families – including refugees and the unaccompanied minors seeking safety at the southern border – responds to reports that the U.S. government is considering shutting down the refugee resettlement program in Fiscal Year 2020 with the following statement from Chris Palusky, Bethany's President & CEO:

"America's refugee resettlement program has a long-standing tradition of serving vulnerable families who are escaping religious persecution and violence, and we urge the administration to continue its support of this lifesaving program. It's incredibly disappointing to hear that our nation's refugee resettlement program could be eliminated. Bethany has worked for years to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to refugees and to help them become thriving members of their community and our country. We won't stop now."

Bethany has helped refugees resettle for over 40 years, including working with nearly 650 refugees in 2018. We view the refugee and immigration crisis through the eyes of those seeking refuge from persecution and believe America should be that place of refuge.

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About Bethany

Bethany is a global nonprofit that supports children and families with world-class social services, all designed to help families thrive. Over 75 years ago, we began our work by serving a single child. Today, we work in more than 30 states and more than a dozen countries worldwide, serving more than 50,000 people every year.