

Refugee Transitions' "World of Difference Benefit Dinner"
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Volunteer Speech: Minoo Ayat

Good evening, my name is Minoo. I was introduced to the Refugee Transitions program by my daughter Paria about 6 months ago. When I attended the orientation held by Elsa I was very impressed. As an immigrant, I could relate to the challenges and frustrations one might feel when he/she arrives to the U.S. as their new home. Working with MuSah has been a fulfilling and humbling experience for me. She is beautiful inside and out. I think the learning process has been mutual. As I try to teach her about her new community and America, I have been learning grace, patience, and a positive attitude from her. MuSah is always eager to learn and has become more open about sharing her thoughts, feelings and asking questions. She is a great story teller and in our weekly visits I have seen a big improvement in her confidence for self expression. I am honored to be working with her.

