

## **Afghan Family Partnership**

Now that Summer is fully upon us, we are hoping that someone in the congregation either has, or knows someone who has, a working Air Conditioning window unit that they would donate to the Family. Their house has air conditioning but the upstairs is a challenge to keep cool. Their landlord has agreed to install it if we can find one for them. Please call either Sue Davis (550-2014) or Sue Scott (630-5662) if you are able to help with this need.

We continue to give thanks for the talents of Dr. Crews, the Webster Groves dentist just across the street from the church. He has already offered to help with one of the children's significant dental needs when she is through with her orthodontia work in several years. All three of your Core Partners have met Dr. Crews and are extremely impressed with his professionalism and his giving heart. It turns out that he has done mission based Dental work for the poor but Covid put a stop to that for now. He is happy to work with the Family as he wants to give back to the community. If you are a patient of his, please thank him for all that he's doing. And, if you're looking for a new dentist, you can't do any better than to pay a visit to Dr. Crews.

Last Saturday, Sue and Allan Scott helped drive the family to the Welcome Neighbor St. Louis outdoor picnic. There was a nice turnout with the children enjoying face painting and balloon creations. Once again, the children were able to connect with friends and the parents visited with friends, too. It was a potluck so lots of delicious Afghan food was there to make it feel a bit like home.

Last Sunday, the oldest daughter, Marzia, had her twelfth birthday celebration at Sue Davis's home. The photograph today is of the entire family enjoying some time in Sue and Glenn's beautiful yard. A donation from one of Sue's friends provided Marzia with some art supplies (she is a budding artist!) and some summer clothes. Her mother told Sue that Marzia was "very happy". Such a gift to be able to bring joy to this family.

Lastly, we are finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel regarding two missing Social Security cards for the mother and one of the children. It has taken well over twenty hours of time spent on the phone and in the Social Security offices to get it straightened out (at least, we're pretty sure it's straightened out!). The reason this was so important is that missing Social Security cards means that the pathway to Citizenship was at a halt. It has been of great concern to father and mother ever since we've met them and it will be a big relief to them when these are in their hands.

Please don't forget that gifts of BP gas cards are still needed and appreciated. This is one of the family's biggest expenses and all help is appreciated. Please give any cards to Beth Kaslauskas. You can leave them in her church mailbox.

In Partnership,

Sue Davis, Noreen Mayfield and Sue Scott