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Basma Alawee

Activist, Writer

Born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq, Basma came to the U.S. with her husband as a refugee in 2010, leaving behind her career as an engineer with the Ministry of Oil within the Government of Iraq. As a refugee and activist, her stories and activism have been featured in the media. Most recently, she was nominated to be one of the Athena40 women in the world who are leading change and was the recipient of the 2019 OneJax Humanitarian Award. She was also elected the Florida delegate for the UNHCR Refugee Congress and is a board member of USAHello (formerly, Refugee Center Online) and many other nonprofits. Currently, she is the State Refugee Organizer with the Florida Immigrant Coalition and resides in Jacksonville. Basma is the Executive Director and Co-founder of WeaveTales.

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Program Format:

- In-person
- Virtual

Refugee Stories

Humanize the stories of refugees by giving them a voice and to correct misconceptions about refugees by spreading the truth in their own words. We also document, preserve, and share the stories of refugees around the world for advocacy to support global efforts in peace-building and freedom of the press to help refugees find a home. We seek to let known the untold stories of millions of refugees around the world to bring justice, equity, and peace in helping refugees find a safe and permanent home.

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