



**After five years and 95 participants
from 22 countries ...**

**STILL HELPING YOUNG
MEN DREAM AGAIN**

Before escaping the brutal military that runs his country, Amir learned to care for others from his mother back in West Africa.

His mother's commitment to service also has inspired his desire to care for Americans - as a nurse. That's partly because "when I help, the whole day I am with my mom."

As a 12-year-old boy living in a cramped home with nine siblings, Jose wanted more room for himself. So he built himself a bedroom connected to the small house - and then connected electricity to it. Now, nine years later, Jose is studying electricity in the hopes of helping others build homes.

Both young men, now Viator House participants, are following childhood dreams - and discovering new ones - because people like you have made it possible.

One of our Somali participants once commented about how good it was to dream. Back in his home country, he said, there was no time to dream. Each day was a struggle to stay alive. "But here," he said, "you can dream."

Indeed, Viator House participants can dream. They dream of owning businesses, starting families, even saving their families from the violence they escaped. (In fact, one former participant saved enough money for his parents and siblings to find safety in Europe.)

Here's how Viator House makes room for dreams >

Since opening in 2017, Viator House has welcomed ...

95

**YOUNG
MEN**

22

COUNTRIES

4

**FAITH
TRADITIONS**

Young people can dream when they feel safe

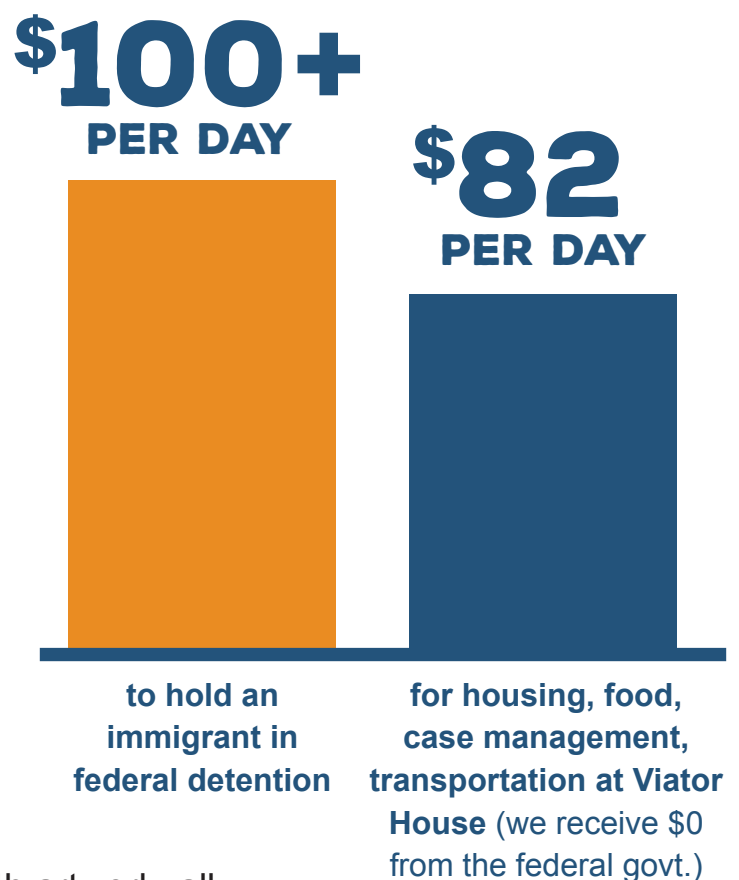
Young men have come to Viator House after horrific experiences at home and along the journey to the U.S. Most have also come from U.S. immigration detention. Some have faced homelessness. So greeting a new participant with a key to his private room provides a foundation of safety that allows him to breathe more deeply, relax more fully.

And through the way they treat participants, house coordinators and case managers have created a culture in the house where young men can let down their guard because they feel respected and cared-for.

Our respect for all faith traditions also adds to that safety, especially since some participants have said that their faith was what kept them going on their long journeys. For many young men, their faith is also a strong connection to all they left behind. Mohammed from East Africa, who memorized the Qur'an as a child, recalled once how comforting it was to have the holy book waiting for him when he arrived at Viator House.

Young people can dream when others recognize their gifts

The stairwell at Viator House is filled with artwork, all coming from the heart and vision of one Guatemalan participant. It is a reminder that the young people coming to our nation are gifts. Our participants show us those gifts daily. Sometimes they are gifts of kindness, patience and self-sacrifice for other participants. Sometimes they are gifts to people outside VHH during monthly service trips.



Young people can dream when they have the opportunity to learn

Case managers spend considerable time helping each participant find an educational setting that meets his needs, whether that is a traditional high school, alternative high school, GED program or in-house tutors. Tutors join in, providing each young man with ample opportunity to grow in subjects from Math and Science to basic English and college Chemistry. But they also do much more, said Jose, who said advice from tutors have helped him “grow up.” It’s been clear, he said, how much each tutor has cared about him and wanted him “to be a success in the future.”

As a result, 16 have graduated high school and 11 have started community college. And some men who never thought they were smart enough to learn English are using it regularly as they navigate life.

Young people can dream when they learn life skills that build independence

Landing that first U.S. job. Earning a driver’s license. Saving money. Participants grow toward independence at Viator House, as case managers and house coordinators do things big and small that teach important life skills. One day a house coordinator might help two participants settle a disagreement while also helping others cook their first meal or use a washing machine for the first time. Another day a case manager might help a participant fill out a job application or negotiate with an employer over a better schedule. A third day a volunteer might help a young man budget for his first apartment or take a tense ride through the cemetery across the street with a participant just learning to drive. All these moments, over the months or years a participant stays at Viator House, build a foundation of confidence.

All participants are in school, studying English or working. Several are doing all three each day.

16
PARTICIPANTS
have graduated from high school

11
PARTICIPANTS
have taken college courses, 1 has finished his Associates Degree

19
PARTICIPANTS
have earned driver’s licenses

70+
VOLUNTEERS
as tutors, mentors, board members and house assistants

500+
DONORS
in 2021



HOME TO 95 YOUNG MEN FROM 22 NATIONS SINCE 2017



BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS & COMMUNITY

Jose, for example, started his first job after timidly asking a supervisor for an application. Three years later, however, he confidently left that job for another after his manager reneged on a pay raise.

Young people can dream when they find camaraderie and community

Races in the swimming pool. Pick-up soccer. Birthday celebrations. Christmas and Eid meals. Hotly-contested video game matches. House gatherings to memorialize loved-ones who've died at home.

All these moments create an international interfaith community of participants, staff and volunteers that reminds each participant on a daily basis that he is important to others. He might have left everything, but at Viator House he has found a community that cares.

Our staff maintains a culture of “in it together.” In that culture a young Christian man might visit a mosque out of respect for a VHH Muslim brother. In the kitchen, you might see men cooking with or for each other, and then tasting each other’s cultural foods. The “in it together” culture fostered at Viator House makes it safe to explore dreams because you know others have your back.

As Amir said while remembering his first day at VHH, “I was surprised (by) the way people treated each other and loved each other, even though they don’t have the same background. They don’t even speak the same language. (But) they all came together...(to) help each other.”

Since opening ...

95 MEN have found a home at Viator House

14 OF THEM WERE UNITED WITH FAMILY or friends in 2021 alone

In 2020 and 2021,

19 MEN MOVED OUT to shared apartments

HOLISTIC SERVICES

For about \$82 per day, Viator House offers a young man seeking asylum in the US:

Case management

Housing and food

Clothing

Hygiene products

Educational opportunities

Tutoring

Wellness checks

Referrals for medical evaluations and services

Referrals for counseling

Stress management

Interfaith spiritual accompaniment

Physical conditioning

Community service opportunities

Cultural adaptation and integration

Social outings

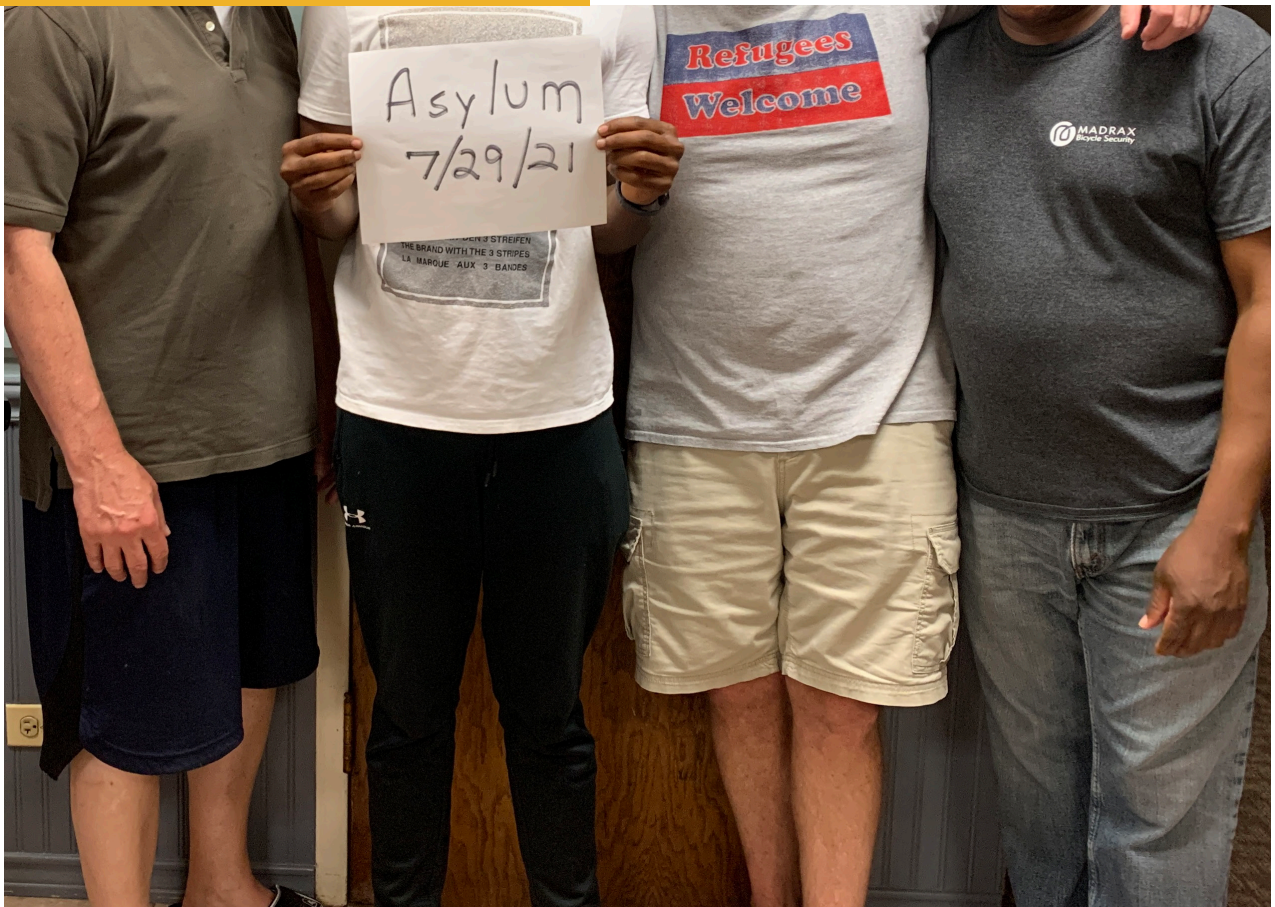
Family reunification

Basic employment training

Indeed, Viator House started as a dream

Br. Michael Gosch followed that dream, bringing the Clerics of St. Viator and, eventually, dozens of volunteers and faith communities along with him. You are part of that dream. Jose and Amir, like all our participants, are discovering and then following dreams. Indeed, while Jose studies electricity, Amir is already bringing comfort to hospital patients as he brings them food in his job at a local hospital. **Together, let's keep the Viator House dream moving forward and watch as young men who bring so much talent to our nation make their dreams come true.**

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