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Dorcas International Statement re: Migrant Situation on Martha’s Vineyard

As we have for more than 100 years, Dorcas International works to welcome all who seek refuge in Rhode Island. This is what we do, and we stand ready to help any and all, regardless of where they came from or how they got here.

The situation on Martha’s Vineyard is both heartbreaking and confusing. The residents of the island opened their arms and hearts to help, just like the people of Rhode Island did last year when severe upheaval brought Afghans to the Ocean State, and again this year as Ukrainians are fleeing war in their homeland.

This past year has been a time of crisis around the world, and has proven that we, along with our community partners, are well equipped to welcome, assist and support those in need—whether we know they are arriving or not.

At this time, we are working to ensure an emergency plan is in place should Rhode Island experience an event similar to what occurred on Martha’s Vineyard, in order to support such arrivals effectively, efficiently, and humanely.

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