



Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.

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Empowering refugees and immigrants since 1983

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Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. Receives \$300,000 Donation

From The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Arlington, VA- On October 31, 2016, representatives from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints presented ECDC with a gift of \$300,000. The contribution includes \$60,000 in cash and \$240,000 for household items.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints donated this generous gift in commendation and appreciation for ECDC's work with refugees and immigrant communities. Before receiving the award, ECDC President Tsehaye Teferra and Senior Vice President Allene Wright both spoke about ECDC's history and mission and thanked the Church for their partnership.

In his presentation of the award, Bishop Dean M. Davies said: "We express our sincere commendation and appreciation for the work of the Ethiopian Community Development Council and for the relief that your organization brings to so many who would otherwise suffer from exploitation, hunger, and neglect." Davies continued "Recognizing the tremendous assistance that you provide to thousands of refugees who arrive in the United States in search of a better life, we desire to support your efforts by donating \$300,000 to your organization."



ECDC Headquarters staff with representatives from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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ECDC is one of nine voluntary agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. With a special focus on African refugees, ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland. For more information about ECDC visit <http://www.ecdcus.org/>