

# April

## STAR: Students Together Assisting Refugees

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### STAR BAKESALE

Despite its inception less than 4 months ago, STAR (Students Together Assisting Refugees) is already moving mountains within Cary Academy. Our club met last month to discuss the Ukraine refugee crisis. As we read stories of families torn apart and forced to flee, STAR decided to help out. Club members threw ideas out, nothing was too ambitious. The motivation in the room to help out was palpable. "A bakesale" was the idea that immediately caught the club's attention. STAR decided to have a bake sale for Ukraine refugees and donate the money to Americares, a global organization dedicated to bettering the lives of Ukraine refugees.

### What a Success!

Over the course of three days and hundreds of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and cakes, STAR raised over \$500 to help Ukrainian refugees displaced by the Ukraine war. Moreover, STAR also created hundreds of blue-yellow ribbons to wear to show solidarity with Ukraine. These ribbons were free and distributed throughout the day at the bake sale counter. Over the three days, a large amount of the school population proudly wore the blue-yellow ribbons on their backpacks or shirts. STAR members sold their hand-made baked goods while explaining the situation in Ukraine. Many students stated how the bake sale made them aware that the Ukraine refugee crisis is the "fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II" or that "nearly 9 million people were forced to flee their homes". Not only raising over 1/2k, but STAR's bakesale also helped spread awareness of the growing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. While giving the fudgy brownies and red velvet cupcakes, STAR gave away links and ways to donate to Ukraine. Overall, what a success!





## Picture Gallery

Ukraine bakesale



See more about the Ukraine Bakesale on our website!

## APRIL UPDATE

1. **Sea Route Deaths:** More than 3,000 people drowned or were lost at sea when they tried to reach Europe in 2021. UNHCR released a new strategy on the final week of April to provide alternatives to the journey's involving "packed, unseaworthy, inflatable boats"- stated by UNHCR spokesperson [1].
2. **Uganda Support:** Uganda has become a point of arrival for over 35,000 refugees requiring humanitarian assistance. Uganda is home to the largest number of refugees of the entire African continent. UNHCR is working to provide assistance to Uganda for housing 1.5 million refugees.
3. **Central African Republic (CAR):** Seven countries have united to help the 1.4 million displaced people in the CAR. Solutions involve employment opportunities, access to social services, and more. CAR's minister is hopeful of this additional support [1].
4. **Rio's Carnival Parade:** Rio hosts its Carnival parade and invited 20 refugees to help refugees integrate into Brazil. The event includes a documentary that focuses on the lives of five refugees in Brazil.



RIO CARNIVAL

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