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BURMESE REFUGEES MOVE INTO APARTMENT FURNISHED BY SALT LAKE ATTORNEYS

(Salt Lake City, UT – May 17, 2010) – A family of Burmese refugees recently moved into a fully-furnished Salt Lake City apartment courtesy of volunteers from the law firm of Snell & Wilmer. For the last four months, members of the firm have been collecting furniture, kitchenware, linens, clothing, pots and pans, dishes, lamps, pillows, toys to make the apartment on Vine Street welcoming to the family who will occupy the apartment this month. Firm members also have made financial contributions to the project.

According to Leeza Evensen, a partner at Snell & Wilmer who is chair of the firm's Salt Lake City Community Involvement Committee, the father and three children, two boys ages 12 and 10 and a daughter age 8, will come to Salt Lake City from Burma. They will be living in a two-bedroom, one bath apartment on Vine Street.

"We have undertaken quite a number of community service projects and this one has really captured the enthusiasm of the firm. It is really gratifying to see the commitment of all the people in the office to help those in need," says Evensen.

The project is coordinated by the Catholic Community Services' Refugee Resettlement Program which provides comprehensive resettlement services to refugees from various regions of the world. According to Aden Batar, Refugee Resettlement Program Director, during their period of adaptation to a new environment, the goal is to help them towards self-sufficiency. Trained case managers help the new residents with housing, jobs, ESL and special services designed to help them establish new lives in Utah.

"We count on our community partners like Snell & Wilmer to be able to serve people coming to our country who have virtually nothing. The volunteers from Snell & Wilmer give their time, energy, and compassion and that's what makes our programs so successful," Batar said.

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