Helping Afghan Refugees in the US

- **The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is hosting "The Afghan Crisis: How to Help Our Neighbors,"** a webinar discussion about the situation on the ground in Kabul, our advocacy efforts, and tangible ways to help our Afghan neighbors. The discussion will be on **Tuesday, August 24 at 4 p.m. EDT**, and you are welcome to share this event with your networks. Registration is available here.
- **General US-Wide Resources:**
    - Resettlement Agencies (nonprofit organizations) and those operating in your area.
    - **The International Rescue Committee (IRC)** has several volunteer opportunities **across the US.** Find a local activity here: https://www.rescue.org/volunteer
    - **Refugee Council USA:** Local resettlement agencies have volunteer opportunities ranging from front desk help support to English language instruction. Check out some of the opportunities or contact us at info@rcusa.org and we'll help to connect you.
    - **Catholic Charities** works all over the US: https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help/
    - **HIAS** also works all over the US. They accept in-kind donations: https://www.hias.org/get-involved/volunteer/kind-giving-opportunities
- **DMV Area**:
    - For those in the DMV area, **KAMA DC** has put together an extensive list of local efforts to assist Afghans arriving in the area, donation portals, and volunteer opportunities. Please find the list here.
    - You can sign up here to volunteer with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) who are resettling Afghan newcomers. Volunteer for airport pickup, apartment setups, and/or meals for Afghans.
    - Pashto and Dari INTERPRETERS are needed to assist Afghans arriving for resettlement at **Dulles International Airport in Virginia**. Please email: hdmrc@fairfaxcounty.gov with subject line "Afghan Interpreters."
    - Pashto and Dari INTERPRETERS are needed immediately at NOVA Community College in **Annandale, Virginia**. Volunteers are asked to show up ASAP at 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA.
- **Around the US:**
    - **Denver, CO:** The ECDC African Community Center, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, the International Rescue Committee, and Bridges Colorado are helping Afghan newcomers resettle.
    - **Atlanta, GA:** Volunteer with Catholic Charities Atlanta: https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/volunteer/; New American Pathways

has volunteer and in-kind donation opportunities: https://newamericanpathways.org/get-involved/

- **Buffalo, NY:** These organizations are helping Afghan refugees: Journey's End Refugee Services, Jewish Family Services of Western New York and Catholic Charities.

- **Jacksonville, FL:**
  - Lutheran Social Services Of Northeast Florida: The agency is at 4615 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, FL 32207; (904) 448-5995; and contact@lssjax.org. For more information, go to lssjax.org.
  - Catholic Charities Jacksonville: Please email cestevez@ccbjax.org to inquire about our volunteer opportunities.

- **Chicago, IL** - RefugeeOne is the largest organization helping refugees in the area.

- **Texas:**
  - Volunteer with the Refugee Services Texas to help Afghan refugees who will be resettled in the state (apartment set up, cultural orientation, welcome team, transportation, among others)
  - Houston - Volunteer/Donate to Alliance Refugees Services Program. They are supporting SIVs (Special Immigrant Visa) holders from Afghanistan.
  - Dallas - Mosaic Family Services - To volunteer/donate items to refugee families, email Mosaic's Volunteer Coordinator, Katie Jenkins at katiej@mosaicservices.org.
  - Austin - Austin Public Health contact information here.

- **Pennsylvania:**
  - Directory of PA Refugee Service Contractors by the PA Department of Human Services here.
  - Philadelphia: The National Service Center (NSC), a refugee resettlement agency, has volunteer opportunities here. The NSC also has an Amazon Wish List for items to help stock a refugee's home.
  - Philadelphia: Help resettle refugees with temporary housing via HIAS Pennsylvania's partnership with Airbnb's Open Homes initiative, through which you can "use your extra space to provide a welcoming stay for refugees." More information is available on the HIAS Pennsylvania website.
  - Philadelphia: Realtors and landlords who can provide affordable housing to refugees for six months to a year should contact community engagement specialist Anneke Kat at community@hiaspa.org.

- Philadelphia: If you are a business and can donate goods, appliances, and services (such as house cleaning). Contact NSC's Adi Altman at aaltman@nscphila.org or HIAS Pennsylvania's Kat at community@hiaspa.org.
- Philadelphia: Church World Service (CWS) needs volunteers for pre- and post-arrival support, welcoming arriving refugees, and arranges financial sponsorship for families.
- Pittsburgh: Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS),
- **St. Louis, MO:** St. Louis Mosaic Project, International Institute of St. Louis, and Jewish Vocational Service.
- **Raleigh-Durham, NC:** USCRI North Carolina Field Office (USCRI-NC) and World Relief Durham.
- **New Jersey:** Welcome Home Jersey City will help Afghan newcomers.
- **Las Vegas, NV:** ECDC African Community Center in Las Vegas and Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.
- **Cleveland, OH:** Global Cleveland, International Institute of Akron, Asian Services in Action (ASIA), Refugee Response, and USCRI Cleveland.
- **Portland, OR:** Catholic Charities of Oregon, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and Lutheran Community Services.
- **Salt Lake City, UT:**
  - Full list of agencies serving refugees here.
  - Catholic Community Services is accepting in-kind donations, has volunteer opportunities, and helps folks that want to become foster parents.
  - Utah Refugee Connection is also accepting in-kind donations and has resources for hiring refugees
  - Refugee & Immigrant Center Asian Association of Utah serves Afghan refugees. You can get involved here.
- **California**
  - **Sacramento, CA:** World Relief Sacramento has programs for those who would like to host Afghan refugees.
  - **Bay Area, CA:** Jewish Family and Community Services, East Bay and City of Fremont Afghan Refugee Fund.
- **Arkansas**
  - Northwest Arkansas: http://www.canopynwa.org/co-sponsor-team
  - Central Arkansas: https://www.dolr.org/catholic-charities/immigration-little-rock#how-you-can-help

- ■ Memphis Area:
  https://worldrelief.org/memphis/get-involved/afghan-allies/

FAQs on sponsorships in the United States and Canada:

- The UUSC provides resources on sponsoring Afghan refugees [here](#).

Fundraising Campaigns for Emergency Response:

- [Aschiana Foundation](#): Emergency food and necessities for children and their families.
- [Ayenda Foundation:](#) Education, humanitarian relief, and child welfare.
- [The Bayat Foundation](#): Immediate domestic needs.
- [Creating Hope International/Afghan Institute for Learning](#): Emergency response efforts.
- [Eagle Online Academy](#): Emergency funds to help their students escape.
- [Enabled Children](#): Emergency Response, food distributions at orphanages and IDP camps in Kabul.
- [Friends of AUAF](#): Supporting women in higher education in Afghanistan and the American University of Afghanistan
- [Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security](#) campaign to protect Afghan women
- [International Rescue Committee](#): On-the-ground assistance.
- [Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women](#): Safety and support for women entrepreneurs.
- [Lamia Afghan Foundation](#): Education, food, necessities for internally-displaced persons (IDPs).
- [Women for Afghan Women](#)
- [Turquoise Mountain](#): [Critical support campaign](#).
- [WISE Afghanistan](#): Emergency food and relief; assistance distribution. @wise-afghanistan (PayPal)
- [Vital Voices/Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security](#) Emergency Fund to Help Afghan Women and Girls