Please complete the following information and mail or fax to:

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program
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Fax: 1-815-399-1731
Or Call: 1-815-399-1709
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Website: catholiccharities.rockforddiocese.org

□ YES, I’m interested in volunteering.
□ Send me full details and an application today.
□ Call me at (     ) _____________.  The best time to call me is _____________________

The Rewards

- Allows us to experience joy of helping victims of war and violence rebuild their lives.
- Increase our fellowship within the parish community.
- Gives us the privilege of personally observing and learning about another culture.
- Strengthens our faith as it is translated into social action.

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A United Way Agency
Who We Are

There are 16 million refugees worldwide who have had to flee their homelands because of persecution due to their religious or political beliefs. Our goal is to provide a compassionate response to this crisis by assisting refugee families to begin their new life in America. We provide initial food and housing, meet the family at their point of arrival, assist them to obtain social security cards, enroll the children in school, provide English classes for the adults and health screenings and physical exams for all. We provide cultural orientation and help them to find a job, always with the goal of early self-sufficiency.

How can you get involved?

Anyone, anywhere can be a volunteer. No special qualifications are needed—only a desire to reach out and help another human being. No matter what your talents, no matter how much or little time you may have to give...you can help provide new life opportunities for refugees. There are many ways you can be a volunteer.

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As a volunteer, you might...
- Greet refugees upon their arrival
- Find appropriate housing for refugees
- Collect needed household goods and furnishings
- Assist them in budgeting
- Introduce them to their new neighborhood or community
- Find jobs for employable refugees
- Teach them English
- Provide transportation
- Be a friend

Each volunteer has special talents. And there is always room for innovation. You can help refugees in a way that is best suited for you.

Mission Statement

Migration and Refugee Services carries out the commitment of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, and forced migrants, immigrants, and other people on the move. Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as, but not limited to, minors unaccompanied by parents or adult guardians and the victims of human trafficking. The commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate the every person is to be welcomed by the disciple as if he or she were Christ Himself and in the right of every human being to pursue, without constraint, the call to holiness.

Vision Statement

Creating a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belonging.