**Cultural Companion Volunteer Position**

Cultural Companions come alongside refugee and immigrant families who could use a friend to help them adjust to life in the United States, practice English, and build community.

**Reports To:** Volunteer Coordinator

**Location:** Offsite

**Time Commitment:** 6 months, at least 2 hours per week

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Visit individual/family regularly to build relationship
* Listen and get to know the individual/family you are matched with
* Answer questions about aspects of life in Spokane
* Empower individual/family to learn and solve problems
* If cleared to drive, occasionally help with transportation to appointments if available
* Log volunteer hours and maintain contact with volunteer coordinator and case manager, if applicable

**Skills and Qualifications:**

* Ability to work with people from different cultures and with low English proficiency
* Ability to think critically and problem solve
* Must pass a background check through Sterling Volunteers

**Orientation & Training Requirements:**

* General World Relief Orientation (2 hours)
* Virtual Trainings-Discount Code **wrspokane** to make trainings free
  + [Navigating Friendships](https://worldrelief.thinkific.com/courses/navigating-friendships-spokane)
  + [Embracing Socio-Economic Differences](https://worldrelief.thinkific.com/courses/friendships-embracing-socio-economic-differences-spokane)

**Suggested Trainings**

* [Embracing Cultural Differences](https://worldrelief.thinkific.com/courses/friendships-embracing-cultural-differences-spokane)
* [Navigating the Effects of Trauma](https://worldrelief.thinkific.com/courses/friendships-navigating-the-effects-of-trauma-spokane)
* [Navigating Religious Differences](https://worldrelief.thinkific.com/courses/friendships-navigating-religious-differences-spokane)