# LOCAL OFFICE INFORMATION



# WORLD RELIEF CHICAGOLAND

FOR OVER 40 YEARS,
WE'VE BEEN WELCOMING
REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS
ACROSS CHICAGOLAND!

Welcome to World Relief Chicagoland!

I am so thankful that you are joining the World Relief community! My own journey with World Relief started through volunteering and it was life changing. As a volunteer not only was I able to make a difference in someone's life, but I was also deeply impacted, challenged, and I grew in my love for God and for people.

My prayer for you is that your journey would be filled with impact, both in and through you. In the challenges, I invite you to lean into what you are learning. In the joyful moments, lean into celebrating with those around you.

Over the years, volunteers have made the community of World Relief a better place and I believe that together, we can continue to build a community where everyone can belong.

Thank you for starting your journey today.

Susan Sperry, World Relief Chicagoland, Director

## HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN CHICAGOLAND

At World Relief Chicagoland, we come alongside refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations as they rebuild their lives in the United States. For over 40 years, we've been welcoming immigrants and refugees across Chicagoland, starting with refugee resettlement in Chicago and DuPage County (1979), and later in Aurora (1999). For decades, we have empowered churches, community organizations and people like you to adapt to the challenges of the moment for the sake of refugees. As needs have increased in recent years, we have expanded our work beyond refugees to include all immigrants in vulnerable situations.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have many volunteer opportunities, both weekly relational roles and occasional roles that meet important needs. For the most up to date list of volunteer opportunities, please visit <u>our website</u>, and to learn more about what Items families need donated now, please visit us <u>here</u>.

"Serving in the ESL program has helped me love my diverse city even more, and the students inspire and remind me to love my neighbor each week by their joy, enthusiasm, tenacity, and gratefulness."

- Sarah, World Relief Volunteer

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