

LOCAL OFFICE INFORMATION



WORLD RELIEF MEMPHIS

OVER 4,000 HOURS OF
VOLUNTEER INVOLVMENT IN
THE YEAR 2021 WITH 318
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

“For nearly a decade now, World Relief Memphis has been serving the refugee and immigrant community in Memphis. Alongside the local Church, we welcome our newest neighbors to the 901, helping them rebuild their lives in the U.S. by providing support in several areas, whether it be by learning English, navigating the school system, or by finding employment.

None of that, however, would be possible without the help of volunteers like you. Your generous giving of your time and talents helps our families by providing a key stability factor that our staff never could: community connection. Together, we are building a city of welcome for our newest neighbors, and it all begins with you.

Thank you.

PJ Moore, World Relief Memphis, Director

HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN MEMPHIS

Prior to World Relief Memphis' opening in 2012, Catholic Charities was the only resettlement agency in Memphis. Through their work, many families and individuals were resettled from Southeast Asia. In 2012, World Relief Memphis opened its doors for the first time after urging from the local church. Seeing the chance to be the hands and feet of Christ by welcoming and loving our neighbors, the local church had petitioned for World Relief to open a local office in Memphis. Shortly thereafter, we began receiving our first families. Many refugees were coming from Iraq, Somalia, Burundi and Nepal, but over time we began receiving individuals from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Syria and South Sudan in addition to asylees from Cuba and Venezuela. In response to the recent events in Afghanistan, we have also begun welcoming Afghan parolees.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Good Neighbor Team
2. Roadrunner
3. Conversation Partner
4. Youth Mentor
5. Co-Sponsorship

“When I signed up, I committed to at least a year, but I want to keep this thing going because I want to see where he goes. The most important part of life is connecting with other people and trying to leave a positive impact on other people.

- Jordan, Youth Mentor

There's a big need for the English help that World Relief is providing...I enjoyed meeting people from different parts of the world and hearing their stories.

-Ed Thompson, Conversation Partner

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