

# LOCAL OFFICE INFORMATION



# WORLD RELIEF QUAD CITIES



WE HAVE WORKED TO RESETTLE REFUGEES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, PRIMARILY NEPAL, BURMA, DR CONGO, IRAQ AND NOW AFGHANISTAN.

*Laura Fontaine, World Relief Quad Cities, Director*

## HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN QUAD CITIES

World Relief Quad Cities is a not-for-profit agency providing services to refugees and immigrants in Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa. We seek to provide financial, emotional, cultural, and spiritual support to refugees - victims of war and persecution around the world - who are being placed in the Quad Cities. World Relief Quad Cities has been standing for the vulnerable for more than twenty years. Previously World Relief Moline, World Relief Quad Cities began serving refugees in 1999 as a sub-office of World Relief Chicago. Since 1999, we have served nearly 3,000 refugees, immigrants, and secondary migrants in Rock Island County. Today, World Relief Quad Cities is part of a national network of offices through which over 400,000 immigrants and refugees have been welcomed into this country.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available. Popular options include household items drives, food pantry assistance, friendship partners, Good Neighbor Teams, bus trainers and transportation assistants.

“I've been volunteering off and on for about six months, and my church just became part of a Good Neighbor Team with a refugee family this month. We're so grateful for the chance to welcome people to the Quad Cities and help them build new support networks here. It's a joy to be able to help people feel more at home and to get to know our neighbors. For us, welcoming strangers is a fundamental part of living like Christ, and it's a blessing to spend time together with new arrivals. I'm really looking forward to getting to know our partnership family better. Before this, my favorite volunteer task was delivering food - I got to meet lots of different families, which was fun!

- Rev. Kaitie Styrt, Volunteer

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