# LOCAL OFFICE INFORMATION



## WORLD RELIEF SOCAL

FOR OVER 34 YEARS,
WE'VE BEEN WELCOMING
REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS
ACROSS SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA!

Welcome to World Relief Southern California!

When you partner with World Relief, you engage in a journey of walking alongside refugees and immigrants from across the globe as they rebuild their lives in the U.S.

While refugees and immigrants may face the challenges of adjustment and integration, they can also be an incredible blessing to the community and volunteers that receive them. At World Relief Southern California, our goal is to bridge differences, facilitate long-term, and reciprocal relationships between volunteers and immigrants.

Thank you for coming on this journey of welcome!

Heather Kwak, World Relief Southern California, Director

### HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN SOCAL

Southern California has a deep and diverse history of welcoming refugees and immigrants from across the globe. Most notably, in 1975, over 20,000 Vietnamese refugees came through Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA. Currently, there are over 300,000 Vietnamese immigrants living in Southern California. Most recently, SoCal has welcomed refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Iran, Central America, Burma, and former USSR countries. For over 34 years, we've been welcoming refugees and immigrants across Southern California.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1. Immigration Legal Services Volunteer
- 2. Youth Mentor for Little Brushstrokes

  Refugee Kids Art Program
- 3. Good Neighbor Team(whole church or community group partnership

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