

LOCAL OFFICE INFORMATION



WORLD RELIEF WESTERN WA

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ALONGSIDE THE COMMUNITY
TO WELCOME REFUGEES TO
WESTERN WASHINGTON



Dear Volunteer,
I want to personally and on behalf of all my colleagues at World Relief to welcome you to the team. At World Relief, we believe in everyone's God given talents and skills to walk alongside newly arriving refugee and immigrant communities. You, our volunteers, are vital to accomplishing this work, and we value you joining us. Here, we strongly believe in the importance of mutually transformative relationships. You will find very soon that this is essential to our vision of seeing every refugee and immigrant welcomed by, rooted in, and empowered for community. I hope you will find our work and your role in it worthy of your commitment, dedication, and expectations. I also hope you will be stretched, challenged, and experience something new. You have an excellent team supporting you through this process, and we're very glad to have you partnering with us.

Medard Ngueita, World Relief Western WA, Executive Director

HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN WESTERN WA

Since 1979, we have worked alongside the community to welcome refugees to Western Washington - following a philosophy of co-empowerment and listening to the community. Founded in response to the needs of refugees fleeing wars in Southeast Asia, we grew to support refugees, asylees, asylum seekers and immigrants from all around the world as they rebuild a sense of home in Western Washington.

At World Relief Western WA, we value empowerment, cultural diversity, integrity, and mutually transformative relationships and provide services to all individuals, regardless of color, gender, or belief. We strive to be a sustainable and holistic center of compassion and practical support by offering a suite of services to meet community needs and build welcoming communities. Together, we envision every refugee and immigrant welcomed by community, rooted in community, and empowered for community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For a more updated list of our volunteer opportunities at our King and Whatcom County locations, you can visit our [website HERE](#).



As a music teacher, Deb Collins recognizes the value in learning and loves to share that passion with others. She also sees the immense value in self-advocacy, and loves to walk alongside parents as a volunteer with the Family Literacy class. She explains how at home she feels, and how she thinks of her role at WRS as "not as a job, but as a way of life." Deb notes how "the choices we make today will impact unknown others in the future."

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