### **Cultural Companion Volunteer Position**

Cultural Companions come alongside refugee and immigrant families who could use a friend to help them adjust to life in the United States, practice English, and build community.

**Reports To:** Volunteer Coordinator

Location: Offsite

**Time Commitment:** 6 months, at least 2 hours per week

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

Visit individual/family regularly to build relationship

- Listen and get to know the individual/family you are matched with
- Answer questions about aspects of life in Spokane
- Empower individual/family to learn and solve problems
- If cleared to drive, occasionally help with transportation to appointments if available
- Log volunteer hours and maintain contact with volunteer coordinator and case manager, if applicable

#### **Skills and Qualifications:**

- Ability to work with people from different cultures and with low English proficiency
- Ability to think critically and problem solve
- Must pass a background check through Sterling Volunteers

#### Orientation & Training Requirements:

- General World Relief Orientation (2 hours)
- Virtual Trainings-Discount Code wrspokane to make trainings free
  - Navigating Friendships
  - o Embracing Socio-Economic Differences

# **Suggested Trainings**

- Embracing Cultural Differences
- Navigating the Effects of Trauma
- Navigating Religious Differences