FRIENDSHIP PARTNER

Friendship Partners come alongside refugee and immigrant families needing a friend to help them adjust to life in the United States, practice English, and build community.

Reports To: Volunteer Coordinator

Time Commitment
Hours per Week: 2+ hours per week, Duration: 6+ months

Responsibilities
• Visit individual/family regularly to build a relationship of trust
• Share you lives through meals together, introductions to your community, visits to parks, libraries, places of interest
• Help them sort through mail, instruct on how to use household cleaners, explain cultural norms
• Empower and train your individual/family to learn and solve problems rather than doing them for them
• If cleared to drive by World Relief background check, occasionally help with transportation to appointments
• Ask family/individual what would help them
• Log volunteer hours and maintain contact with volunteer coordinator and case manager, if applicable

Requirements
• Support of World Relief mission and values
• Sensitivity and openness to persons of culturally diverse backgrounds and with low English proficiency
• High degree of patience, understanding, organization, and flexibility
• Current driver’s license and insurance coverage and willingness to drive others in your vehicle, including children
• Must pass a criminal background check through Sterling Volunteers (cost $35)

Initial Training required of all World Relief Volunteers
• Complete Volunteer Application on the World Relief Volunteer Portal https://worldrelief.powerappsportals.com/?wroffice=spokane
• Complete US Programs New Volunteer Orientation (link on the Volunteer Portal)
• Attend Local Volunteer Orientation (1.5 hours)

Additional Role Specific Training
Complete the following online courses on The Workshop within the first two months of service: https://worldrelief.thinkific.com/pages/world-relief-spokane
  o Navigating Friendships (duration 1 hour)
  o Afghan Culture Guide (optional, but highly encouraged)
  o Ukranian Culture Guide (optional, but highly encouraged, release May 2023)

*NOTE: Use Coupon Code: wrspokane to waive course fees when you register