

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 your 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>

- *Navigating Friendships* (duration 1 hour)
- *Afghan Culture Guide* (optional, but highly encouraged)
- *Ukrainian Culture Guide* (optional, but highly encouraged, release May 2023)

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