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# World Relief Announces Opening of New Location in North Texas in Response to Increased Refugee Needs

**Dallas, TX (March 1, 2023)** – In response to an increased number of refugees arriving in Northern Texas, today World Relief is opening a new office in Dallas County to meet the community needs for refugee resettlement services. World Relief North Texas Dallas County office services are now being made available to provide support to refugees in the initial stages of rebuilding their lives in Texas.

“As refugees continue to enter our communities, we are grateful to provide them with a warm welcome by expanding World Relief’s refugee resettlement resources in our state,” **said Garrett Pearson, Office Director of World Relief North Texas.** “With over forty years of serving the refugee community in Texas, we have experienced first hand how our state is made stronger by their presence and contributions, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to play a role in helping them rebuild their lives in their new home.”

World Relief’s Dallas County office will build upon the resettlement services provided by its longstanding Fort Worth location, helping newly arrived refugees and other vulnerable immigrants in the process of securing housing, finding employment, adjusting to a new culture and integrating into the Dallas community. The new location anticipates welcoming at least 80 refugees in its first year of operation. As in all World Relief locations, the new Dallas County office will work closely with local churches and volunteers to facilitate the integration process.

“Refugees are a uniquely vulnerable group of people who need support when they first arrive in their new communities,” **said Aerlande Wontamo, Senior Vice President of US Programs at World Relief.** “At World Relief, we aim to provide them with resources and support that empowers them to start their lives in the United States with confidence.”

To learn more about World Relief’s refugee resettlement work in Texas and how to get involved, please visit [worldrelief.org](http://worldrelief.org).

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## About World Relief

[World Relief](http://WorldRelief.org) is a global Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. The organization was founded in the aftermath of World War II to respond to the urgent humanitarian needs of war-torn Europe. Since then, for over 75 years, across 100 countries, World Relief has partnered with local churches and communities

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