

Good Neighbor Team Co-Sponsor



ABOUT GNT CO-SPONSOR

Good Neighbor Team (GNT) co-sponsors are made up of community groups who are matched with a refugee or other immigrant newcomer(s) through a local World Relief office. These teams commit to walking alongside newcomers for 6-12 months through providing the majority of initial resettlement services upon arrival to the U.S. GNT's help newcomers integrate into their new community through relationships, in-kind donations and volunteer service.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Anyone who is 18+ years of age

HOW TO BECOME A GNT CO-SPONSOR

- 1 Read through the GNT Co-Sponsor Manual
- 2 Form a team of 8-12 people who are 18+ or older
- 3 Complete the GNT application, orientation and local office training
- 4 Complete the Co-Sponsor Knowledge Check e-Course
- 5 All team members must clear the background and motor vehicle record checks
- 6 Develop and submit team Welcome Plan Application
- 7 Sign the MOU, prepare for fundraising and wait to be matched

GNT CO-SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

With the support of World Relief through onboarding and training, GNTs will be equipped to take over key responsibilities like meeting the newcomers at the airport, providing a warm welcome, conducting cultural orientation, arranging housing, supporting access to medical and social services, organizing language tuition, and empowering towards employment that ultimately leads to self-sufficiency.

COMMITMENT



- GNT members will have designated roles and responsibilities
- A 6-12-month commitment
- At least 3 members should have availability during normal business hours

CONNECTION



- Goals are to provide friendship and support that lead to a path of self-sufficiency and integration for newcomers
- Utilize connections and resources to help newcomers navigate opportunities available to them

COLLABORATION



- Ability to raise the financial amount identified by World Relief in order to support the ongoing work of the local office and the clients they serve.
- Provide support around the 9 stability factors: Housing, language classes, employment services, transportation assistance, community connection, health and mental health, financial management, school/parenting, and immigration legal services.