

BECOME A PARTNER IN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT



THE PROBLEM

Today, there are over 108 million people around the globe who have been forced or have made the painful choice to leave their homes. Threatened by violence and persecution for who they are, what they believe or who they befriend, they leave behind everything familiar to seek a life free from fear. Over 10,000 refugees from more than 35 countries have been resettled in the Rochester area since the year 2000. And yet, too many of these brave women, men and children continue to struggle as they seek to rapidly adjust to a new country, language and culture. Rather than flourishing in our community, many struggle to overcome unexpected vulnerabilities and systemic barriers to integration.

But together we can address this challenge.



CHURCH & VOLUNTEER
ENGAGEMENT



UKRAINIAN
SUPPORT



REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT



FAMILY LITERACY
CLASSES



GOOD NEIGHBOR
TEAMS

OUR WORK

We live out our mission to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable by providing vital services, building just and welcoming communities and bringing people together.

In our first two years in Western NY, we helped 300 refugees and other immigrants find hope and rebuild their lives in Western NY. This coming year, we plan on doubling our work by resettling an additional 300+ refugees, while simultaneously growing our Ukrainian support program and launching a Family Literacy Program and support program for other immigrants in vulnerable situations.

SPOTLIGHTS

250

trained
volunteers

165

arrivals from
10 countries

118

Ukrainian
clients

45

church
partners

8

Interns

GET INVOLVED

We specialize in mobilizing local partners like yours to welcome, befriend, and serve their new neighbors both during and after the initial service period. With your help, we can continue to come alongside refugees and immigrants as they begin their journey on the path to belonging.

Will you help us fill in the G.A.P.S by Giving, Advocating, Praying and Serving?

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



GIVE

Help us provide 100 Food, Cleaning, and Hygiene Kits for every newly arrived family

Our office is seeking to raise \$200,000 locally this year to cover our current and additional costs. This is one-tenth of our overall operating budget.



ADVOCATE

Our trained staff have helped churches grow in advocacy through: Preaching, Sunday School, Book Studies, Tabling, Presenting to Mission Boards, Pastors Lunches and more!

The 70,000 Afghans evacuated to the U.S. do not have permanent legal status. Help us enable our Afghan allies and friends to rebuild their lives in safety.



PRAY

We believe that God hears and responds to our prayer. Join us in praying for our world, our country, our city, and our newly arriving neighbors in your church and throughout the week



SERVE

Help with a one-time service project, start a Good Neighbor Team, or join one of our Volunteer Teams: Home Set-Up, Conversation Partners, Transportation, Hosting, Cultural Companions, Airport Welcome

NEXT STEPS

Sign up to Give, Advocate, Pray and Serve directly on our website:

worldrelief.org/western-ny

or

Reach out to Heritage Munyakuri at (585) 233-3464, hmunyakuri@wr.org