

CULTURAL COMPANION

CULTURAL COMPANIONS WALK ALONGSIDE REFUGEES WITH THE GOAL OF DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY TRANSFORMATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

LOCATION: In new family's home, or around the community

TIME COMMITMENT: 3-month minimum commitment at an agreed upon day of the week/time

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Build friendship through visits with refugees in their home and around the community
- Assist in an area such as:
 - English conversation practice
 - Providing practical advice (basic finances, sorting mail, etc.)
 - City bus training
 - Visiting a local library
 - Grocery shopping
- Learn about another's culture, values, and experience
- Explore the local community together
- Communicate consistently with the Volunteer Coordinator
- Track your volunteer hours

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Sensitivity and openness to persons of culturally diverse backgrounds
- High degree of patience, understanding, and flexibility
- Complete the volunteer onboarding process, including the orientations and background check
- Record and report volunteer hours, as detailed in the Volunteer Orientation
- Clear time and space in your schedule to meet weekly with a companion

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Step 1: Fill out an application -- [**CLICK HERE**](#)

Step 2: Follow the steps in the volunteer portal (take the U.S. programs e-learning course, sign up for a live orientation, and complete the background check)

Step 3: Your references will automatically receive an email after you take the online course or attend a live orientation!

Once you complete the steps above, you'll receive an email letting you know that you are all set to begin volunteering!

Questions? Reach out to Angie at Adelgado@wr.org