

Welcoming Refugees: Activities/Tasks

1. **Welcome Home:** Set up the apartment for the family. This might not happen until after the family arrives and we can have a signed rental agreement. This entails moving everything in that the family needs to live, including furniture, food, kitchen gear, etc. This will take a lot of work, probably 12 people a whole day. Just think of what it takes to move. We will retrieve what we have stored, transport it to the apartment, move it in and set it up. A group can be used to supply lunch and dinner. The leader would get the people and resources lined up, including making sure we have a key and a truck.
2. **Rental Assistance:** Make a donation to CRIS to help the family with rent. We were advised not to give money to the family. This is not so much time as treasure. The task force might decide to help with money. If so, the leader of this task could put together the request to council and the appeal to the church.
3. **Furnishings and Supplies:** Collect and store furnishings, kitchen and household items, hygiene and cleaning items. This task will go over several weeks. It will include putting together an appeal to the church. We need to find a place to put things. CRIS has given us a list "welcome kit" that we can use as a check list. This should be mostly complete before we tell CRIS we are ready.
4. **Seasonal Clothing:** Provide clothing and footwear for work, school and everyday use for each member of the family. Diapers if applicable. We would need a group of shoppers. Most of this would need to be done rather quickly after we know the family specifics. It was suggested that we take the family out shopping and let them choose. This is going to take a commitment of a few weeks before and after arrival.
5. **Stock the Pantry:** Purchase culturally appropriate groceries for the family. CRIS has given a Food Support list that we can use as a checklist. This will take a few shoppers a couple hours. We could ask the congregation for donations. It was suggested that we might stock the necessities for when they arrive. We should plan on taking the family grocery shopping at least once to show them the way. This is going to take a commitment of a few weeks before and after arrival.
6. **Arrival:** Pick up the family from the airport, transport them home and welcome them. It would be great to have a couple dozen people at the airport to welcome them. It would be nice to have a meal ready. The leader of this task needs to recruit people to welcome, transport and cook. If that is what is decided. We should not overwhelm them at their home but maybe just a couple people to show them around their new home and give some basic information.
7. **Welcome Meal:** This can be part of the arrival team. Prepare a culturally appropriate meal for them to enjoy when they arrive at their new home. CRIS can help with giving up guidelines specific for the family.
8. **Health:** Accompany the family to medical appointments and assist as an advocate for the individual or family's healthcare access. This is going to take time over a few weeks. The leader of this task will work with CRIS to find out what is needed and available. We might want to have medical people from the church involved.
9. **Conversation:** This group will focus on helping the family with English. One member of the family will be required to take English classes at CRIS. It is very helpful for our family to have someone to practice English. This will take a long-term commitment of a couple hours a week.
10. **Financial Education:** Facilitate or provide financial education for the family. This will take a commitment that could last for a few weeks or months.
11. **Job Development:** Help with employment preparation in order to work towards self-sufficiency. This will take a commitment of few weeks. It could include finding places to interview. This will take work, as our culture will probably be very different.
12. **Transportation Assistance:** Arranging transportation. The leader will need to be in contact with CRIS and others to find out where family members need to go and when.
13. **Community Guide:** Introduce the family to our area. This could take a few weeks. It should be fun. It will take getting to know the family and their interest.





Refugee Ministry Volunteer Registration

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

1. **Apartment set up**
 Head up the task Volunteer to set up the apartment
2. **Rental Assistance**
 Head up fundraising Donate
3. **Furnishings and Supplies**
 Organize the gathering of goods Help collect
 Store Deliver
4. **Clothing**
 Organize the collection Donate clothing Take family shopping
5. **Stock the Pantry**
 Organize the collection Donate food Take the family shopping
6. **Airport Arrival**
 Organize the welcome Be a part of the welcome Help with transport
7. **Welcome Meal**
 Organize the meal Donate Food or pick up Food
8. **Health**
 Keep the Schedule Transport Donate professional services
9. **Conversation**
 Assign visits Volunteer to converse Times
10. **Financial Education**
 Match needs with people Mentor
11. **Job Development**
 Human Resource Director Coach Fill out forms
 Transport Headhunt
12. **Transportation Assistance**
 Keep the schedule Transport
13. **Community Guide**
 Set up tours Teach COTA Take family on outing