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HOME FOR REFUGEES

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Based in the greater Los Angeles area, we are a Christian nonprofit founded in 2017, who coaches faith groups from all backgrounds and religions and a wide range of community groups across the United States to help resettle refugees in their communities.

MISSION

To empower refugees to **sustain new homes**, find new hope, and fully experience life.

VISION

For every refugee to have a home that supports **safety**, **freedom**, and **dignity**.

GUIDING BELIEF

Within every city where a **refugee** resettles exists the **resources** to help them find a **place to call home** through the support of their new **community**.



60 MILLION+

DISPLACED PEOPLE WORLDWIDE, ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS AGENCIES.

20 MILLION+

OF THOSE ARE REFUGEES.

MAJORITY OF REFUGEES WILL SPEND THEIR LIVES IN REFUGEE CAMPS.

1%

OF REFUGEES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE RESETTLED IN A NEW COUNTRY

THE U.S.

ONE OF **26 COUNTRIES** CURRENTLY RESETTLING REFUGEES.



OUR WORK

Home Teams are Community Sponsorship Teams formed in partnership with Refugee Resettlement Agencies.

Support includes:

- **Setting up** the refugee's new home.
- **Helping access** public benefits and finding healthcare.
- **Enrolling children** in school.
- **Facilitating job searches** to promote independence.
- Assisting with **essential tasks** for a strong start in the U.S.

WHO WE HELP

- Men, women and children who are forcibly displaced fleeing **war**, **persecution** and **political** upheaval.
- We help give a good start to newly arrived Refugees, Special Immigrant Visa holders, Asylees, and Asylum-seekers.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- Home for Refugees is a **501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization**.

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- Commitment to donors: **Donor's rights** guarantee the **trust** of the general public and prospective financial partners
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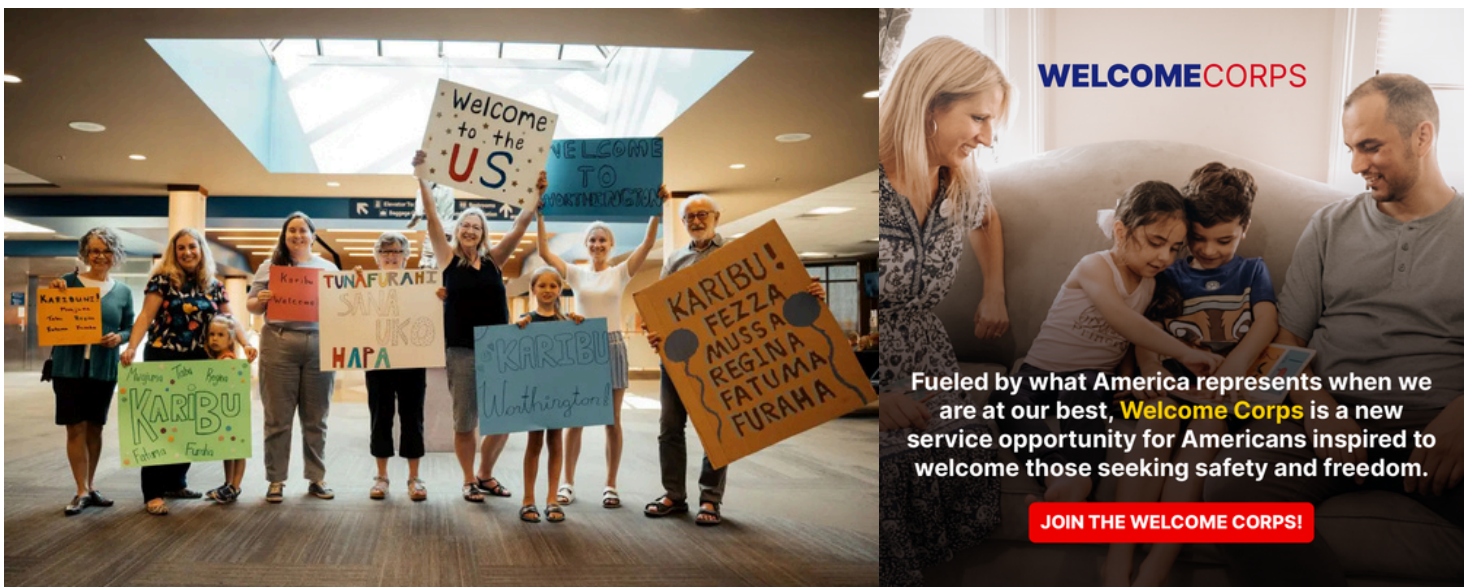


12 NEW ORGANIZATIONS JOIN THE WELCOME CORPS TO HELP SPONSOR REFUGEES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17, 2024—Today, 12 organizations joined the Welcome Corps as Private Sponsor Organizations. These groups will help Home for Refugees recruit and support volunteers to sponsor refugees through the program. The program will help and guide volunteers in giving essential services, building relationships with local community groups, and supporting refugees throughout the process.

“Home for Refugees USA mission is to create opportunities for the community to help their new refugee neighbors to rebuild their lives in their new homes. We have seen, since 2016 when our work began during the Syrian refugee crisis, how refugees revitalize communities through the mutual, transformational friendships they form with their volunteer Private Sponsor Group. Thanks to Welcome Corps and the introduction of private sponsorship of refugees, the future of resettlement in the United States has arrived. Home for Refugees is excited to join this new welcoming movement to help more refugees achieve safety, freedom, and dignity.” said **Minda Schweizer, Executive Director of Home for Refugees USA.**

Through the Welcome Corps, eligible U.S. citizens and permanent residents work in teams of five or more to assist refugees resettling under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). Refugees will receive support with securing housing, welcoming refugees at the airport, enrolling children in school, helping adults to find jobs, and getting driver's licenses.



To become a Private Sponsor Group visit welcomecorps.org.

The new organizations are:

- Alight
- Catholic Charities of Onondaga County
- Church World Service
- Ethiopian Community Development Council
- HIAS
- Homes for Refugees USA
- International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
- International Rescue Committee
- IRIS – Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services
- Rainbow Railroad
- WelcomeNST
- World Relief

About Welcome Corps

The Welcome Corps is a U.S. government community service program that launched in January 2023. It allows people to sponsor refugees from around the world. It is the most significant innovation in U.S. refugee resettlement in over 40 years. The program is implemented by six organizations with expertise in refugee resettlement and integration, led by the Community Sponsorship Hub. The Welcome Corps aims to mobilize at least 10,000 U.S. volunteers in 2023 to support refugees through private sponsorship.

For more information visit WelcomeCorps.org.

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Subject: 12 New Organizations Join the Welcome Corps to Support Refugees

Hi Gaby Mungarro,

Home for Refugees is excited to share that **12 new organizations** have joined the Welcome Corps as Private Sponsor Organizations to help Home for Refugees **recruiting and supporting** U.S. citizens and permanent residents sponsor refugees under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). Private Sponsor Organizations will help and guide volunteers in giving essential services, building relationships with local community groups, and supporting refugees throughout the process.

I would love to meet with you and share more about our mission and how this is important to the **future of refugee resettlement in the U.S.** We can grab a coffee or schedule a call at your convenience to discuss further details.

Please find the attached press release for additional information or visit [WelcomeCorps.org](https://www.welcomecorps.org) and <https://www.homeforrefugeesusa.org/>.

Best regards,

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