

World Refugee Day Events 2015

NATIONAL EVENTS

RCUSA World Refugee Day Virtual Town Hall featuring Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-05) – June 16th at 6:00pm EST

Join Congressman Keith Ellison and Refugee Council USA for a virtual town hall to celebrate World Refugee Day and discuss the importance of his bill—The Strengthening Refugee Resettlement Act of 2015.

Representative Ellison will be joined by two of his constituents that will share their experiences as refugees. Other advocates and stakeholders will also join to answer questions and share their perspectives. Discussion topics will include: The Strengthening Refugee Resettlement Act of 2015; What we can do to welcome and help integrate refugees into our communities; The refugee experience in the United States and the services that help them thrive; and the positive impact of refugees in our communities

To join the town hall and pose questions for Representative Ellison, [RSVP here](#). The phone number will be sent to you via email.

RCUSA Twitter #Refugeechat - June 18th 3-4:00pm EST

We'll discuss #Syria, #DRC, Central American Migrants and more. Follow chat moderator @RefugeeAssist and engage with experts from @ECDCUS, @EMMRefugees, @JRSUSA, & @RCUSA_DC. See the invitation here. You can also follow the conversation on the [#refugeechat tagboard](#).

ALASKA

Anchorage- June 19th 4-7:00pm

- One Alaska, Many Traditions World Refugee Day Celebration at Mt View Lion's Park
- Catholic Social Services, Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services
- More info: <http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/events/world-refugee-day/>

ARIZONA

Phoenix- June 20th 8:00 pm

- [Turn up the Volume World Refugee Day Benefit Concert](#): Guests will enjoy live music at one of Phoenix's most exciting venues and a signature cocktail made with fruits grown by refugee farmers. Tickets start from \$25. Crescent Ballroom 308 N. 2nd Avenue
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <http://www.crescentphx.com/event/841891-world-refugee-day-turn-up-phoenix/>

Tucson- June 16th 10:00am -1:00pm

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Citizenship Ceremony Join the Department of Economic Security, the IRC and the refugee community to celebrate the lives and cultures of refugees and the great benefits they bring to the Tucson community. Enjoy free food and music, and witness a citizenship ceremony. Mayor Rothchild, Richard Elias and Charles Shipman will speak. Free and open to the public. At Catalina High School.
- More info: <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-tucson-az/join-us-celebrating-world-refugee-day>

Tucson- June 16th 4-9:00pm

- Family-friendly festivities include world music and interactive drums with Jam 2 Grow; live mural painting led by the Tucson Arts Brigade; games and prizes; face painting and other children's activities; a ceremony honoring and remembering family members and friends; and a program honoring outstanding local employers. The event will also showcase the new Refugee Focus garden and rock garden created in partnership with the Downtown Tucson Partnership. All proceeds from the event benefit programs of Refugee Focus. At Refugee Focus, 120 N. Stone Ave, Suite 220R, above Compass Bank. Cost: Free; donations are accepted.
- More info: www.refugeefocus.org/, 721-4444

CALIFORNIA

La Jolla –June 20th 9am-12pm

- “Opportunities for Her: Recognizing Women Trailblazers” is the theme for this year’s annual breakfast
- Alliance for African Assistance
- More info: http://alliance-for-africa.org/event_details.php?id=65&m=06&y=2015; lamar@alliance-for-africa.org

Los Angeles- June 25th 9:00am-3:30pm

- An afternoon filled with kid-friendly activities, entertainment, light refreshments, and information about the refugee and immigrant services provided by local organizations. 1200 N Vista Ave, West Hollywood
- The Refugee Forum of Los Angeles (A collaboration between 18 Los Angeles County non-profit and government agencies that provide a wide-range of legal, social, and health services to Los Angeles refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking.)
- More info: [Link to a Flyer; Imackenzie@ladiocese.org](#) or 323-667-0489 ext 128

Oakland- June 25th 6:30-9:30pm

- [Escaping Syria Film Screening, hosted by Bay Area GenR](#) at Ninth Street Independent Film Center 145 Ninth Street #250. An award-winning documentary film, “Escaping Syria.” The film shows the daily struggle of four Syrian families living in Iraq’s largest refugee camp, Domiz and one of Lebanon’s poorest regions, Akkar. The cocktail reception and screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker and IRC executive producer Cathe Neukum.
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/789189671179344/>

Oakland June 20th 10:00-11:45am

- [The Refugees of Shangri-La Film Screening, hosted by the East Bay Refugee Forum](#) at the Grand Lake Theater in Oakland. Refugee service providers in the East Bay are getting together to celebrate World Refugee Day by screening “The Refugees of Shangri-La” for the local community. The film follows a group of Bhutanese refugees as they seek a new life in the United States after 20 years in a refugee camp.
- More info: <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-northern-california/join-us-refugees-shangri-la-film-screening>

Orange County- June 13th 5-8:00pm

- Activities for the entire family, an opportunity to enjoy great food, diverse people, lively entertainment, and to celebrate refugees. At the Pearson Park Amphitheatre in Anaheim
- More info: refugeeforumoc@gmail.com; <https://www.facebook.com/events/1402747050051367/>

Sacramento- June 24th 6:00-9:00pm

- [Escaping Syria Film Screening, hosted by Bay Area GenR](#) at 40 Acres Courtyard, 3428 3rd Avenue. Sacramento’s GenR (Generation Rescue) chapter will host a screening of the award-winning documentary film, “Escaping Syria.” The film shows the daily struggle of four Syrian

families living in Iraq's largest refugee camp, Domiz and one of Lebanon's poorest regions, Akkar. The cocktail reception and screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker and IRC executive producer Cathe Neukum.

- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/974996085878004/>

San Diego – June 20th 9:30am to 12:30pm

- The IRC in San Diego joins all refugee-focused agencies in San Diego County for a celebration of World Refugee Day. Guests will enjoy cultural performances, global foods, artisans, crafts, and activities for youth. At Prescott Promenade, 229 East Main Street, El Cajon
- International Rescue Committee

San Jose- June 19th 4:30 pm

- An afternoon celebration of presentations, cultural entertainment, community resources information, children's activities, raffle prizes and food from around the world. At Campbell Community Center in Campbell
- Refugee and Immigrant Forum of Santa Clara
- More info: <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-northern-california/world-refugee-day-celebration-san-jose>

CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport- June 19th 4:40-7:30 pm

- Join the International Institute of Connecticut in Bridgeport for the 5th Annual Refugee Picnic at beautiful Seaside Park. Enjoy fun for all including soccer, children's games, piñatas, ethnic food, and face painting. This is a free event, open to the public.
- International Institute of Connecticut
- More info: call or email Marie Dallas at 203-336-0141 or mdallas@iiconn.org

FLORIDA

Coconut Creek- June 19th 10:30 am-2:00 pm

- Celebrate World Refugee Day with the Broward & Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force. Come have fun at Family Fun Day where you can enjoy games and crafts, raffles and prizes, and music and entertainment. There will also be a special Naturalization and Awards Ceremony honoring refugees starting at 9:00 am. The event includes free admission and free parking.
- Youth Co-op
- More info: www.ycoop.org/en/world-refugee-day

Jacksonville- June 19th 11am-4pm

- 11am naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens then from 12 noon to 4 pm, traditional arts, dance, music, children's parade, and other activities.
- Lutheran Social Services of Jacksonville, World Relief
- More info: 904-524-1316, debbie.ansbacher@myflfamilies.com.

Miami- June 12th 10:00am-12:30pm

- An event to showcase a network of providers, resettlement agencies, and community partners including in Miami. There will be entertainment and an opportunity to network and much more. Free and open to the public. At the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, Building Lobby 111 NW 1st St.
- Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force World Refugee Day Event

Palm Beach- June 19th

- A special awards ceremony honoring refugees, including a naturalization ceremony by USCIS (anticipated 200 individuals for the ceremony), and a variety of activities for Family Fun Day.
- Broward College, Project RENEW Program (ESL), Department of Children and Families, CWS Palm Beach

GEORGIA

Atlanta

- More info: <https://gaworldrefugeeday.wordpress.com/>

IOWA

Des Moines- June 13th 9:30 am-5:00 pm

- Celebrate Hope! Join us for a celebration of refugees worldwide. World Refugee Day Des Moines is a partnership between diverse refugee communities and refugee supporters. We will be hosting a soccer tournament "The World Refugee Day Cup" on Saturday, June 13. The event is free for all at the Valley Community Center, 4444 Fuller Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50265.
- USCRI Des Moines
- More info: www.facebook.com/WRDDSM

Des Moines- June 19th 9:30 am-2:30 pm

- A "World Refugee Day Celebration" will be held on Saturday, June 20 at the Global Greens Farmer's Market at Lutheran Services in Iowa at 3200 University Ave. Des Moines, IA, 50311.
- USCRI Des Moines, Lutheran Social Services
- More info: www.facebook.com/WRDDSM

KANSAS

Wichita- June 20th 11:00-12:00pm

- Panel Discussion at Wichita Public Library at the Wichita Public Library, Central Library, 223 S. Main Street, 3rd Floor Auditorium, Wichita. An informative panel discussion about issues facing refugees worldwide and how the IRC works to help them complete their journey from harm to home in Wichita. This event is free and open to the public.
- International Rescue Committee

Wichita

- An Open House to recognize the resilience and contributions of local new Americans.
- Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry (EWARM)
- More info: <http://www.ewarm.org/>.

KENTUCKY

Lexington- June 18th 9-4:00 pm

- A full-day conference with various sessions to educate members of the community & to provide professional development to those who serve refugees in various service sectors. Topics include K-12 education, health care, housing, government services, and mental health and trauma care, among others. This year the Summit will also include a networking lunch, resource fair, and a refugee round table discussion.
- More info: <https://sites.google.com/site/lexingtonrefugeesummit/>; <https://www.facebook.com/events/426050687556116/>; [event flier](#); #LexWorldRefugeeDay

Louisville- June 16th 11:00am-2:00pm

- A celebration lunch with international food and music from with plenty of fun for both adults and children from arts & crafts, to soccer games, to music & dancing.
- Kentucky Refugee Ministries
- More info: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/n4qqnfl07qinjzi/WRD%202015.png?dl=0>

IDAHO

Boise- June 20th – 9:30 am-1:30 pm

- Enjoy artisan goods prepared by Boise refugees, live music and witness a citizenship ceremony. Free and open to the public at the Idaho Office of Refugees Celebration at Grove Plaza and Capital City Market.
- More info: http://www.idahorefugees.org/home/world_refugee_day/

ILLINOIS

Chicago- June 20th 11am-3 pm

- A potluck lunch, youth activities, a soccer tournament, world music, and more.
- Refugee One
- More info: www.refugeeone.org.

INDIANA

Indianapolis- June 23rd 6:30pm

- A talk by former UN peace builder, Clive Jachnik, ethnic food from local restaurants, refugee artwork, music by DJ Kyle Long, and an opportunity to hear from the programs working to welcome refugees in Indianapolis.
- Exodus Refugee & Immigration
- More info: www.helpcreatehope.org

MARYLAND

Baltimore- June 20th 12-3:00 pm

- Join a block party celebration of Baltimore's refugee and immigrant community, co-hosted with the Baltimore Resettlement Center. There will be live music, dance, and art activities for the whole family. Food, handmade jewelry and crafts will be on sale. Free and open to the public. At Conkling St & Eastern Ave
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-baltimore-md/join-us-world-refugee-day>

Silver Spring- June 9th 3-8 pm

- Free and open to the public at the Silver Spring Civic Center with food, refugee art for sale, a mini market place, and 5 minute free calls abroad from the Red Cross Connecting Families program.
- Ethiopian Community Development Council
- More info: (301) 562-8633 x328, apourciau@ecdCUS.org

Silver Spring- June 4th 3-8:00 pm

- Join the IRC in Silver Spring for an interactive art exhibit and participate in the creation of a community mural celebrating the contributions of refugees in the Washington community. Enjoy food, music, entertainment, a mini marketplace, and art exhibitions. Free and open to the public. At the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, 8230 Georgia Avenue.
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/newsupdate/come-world-refugee-day-event-june-4th>

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids- June 19th 5-9:00pm; June 20th 8:00-am-8:00pm

- International Community Cup 2015 – World Cup Style Fundraising Tournament and kids activities and prizes, an ethnic food tent, various other food and drink options at the concessions stand and teams from various countries playing towards the tournament cup.
- Bethany Refugee Services
- More info: [Event flier](#)

Oakland County- June 27th 2-5 pm

- Will honor refugees and celebrate many gifts they bring to our communities.
- Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
- More info: (248) 663-0646, jarva@LSSM.org

Warren- June 27th 2:00-5:00 pm

- Join Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Catholic Charities, and USCRI for a celebration of World Refugee Day at Halmich Park in Warren, Michigan. There will be food and family entertainment provided. Must present invitation for entry.
- USCRI Dearborn, LSS, Catholic Charities
- More info: LSSM: Anne Pio 248-663-0707 ; Catholic Charities: Farrah Shammam 586-416-1113 ; USCRI: Zeina Hamade 313-581-4420

MINNESOTA

Twin Cities

- Brings together refugees from more than a dozen ethnic groups and other Minnesotans to celebrate the diverse gifts that refugees bring to our state. Free live entertainment, food and vendors from around the world, children's activities, a community resource fair and interactive educational displays.
- More info: <http://tcworldrefugeeday.org/>.

MISSOURI

Kansas City- June 20th 11:00 am-2:00 pm

- This event honors the courage, strength and determination of refugees who are forced to flee their homes under the threat of persecution, conflict and violence. Join Jewish Vocational Services and Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center for a World Refugee Day celebration outside of

Samuel W. Rodgers Health Center. Enjoy fun for everyone with food, entertainment, and a bounce house!

- Jewish Vocational Services
- More info: iconoley@jvskc.org / www.facebook.com/jvskc

NEBRASKA

Omaha –June 20th 10am-4pm

- Includes parades, singing, performances, and fashion show
- Omaha Refugee Task Force
- More info: susan.mayberger@ops.org

NEVADA

Las Vegas –June 19th 11am-1pm

- Resource fair, entertainment and lunch.
- ECDC African Community Center Resettlement Services, Our Lady of Las Vegas, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, State of Nevada Tuberculosis Program
- More info: 702-836-3324 x209; hassore@ecdcus.org

NEW JERSEY

Jersey City – June 25th

- Open House to showcase the newly opened CWS Jersey City Office with a meet and greet session, video segment of an interview being conducted about the journey to the United States by a refugee, food cooked by multi-ethnic refugees, guest speaker and a cocktail Reception.
- Church World Service Jersey City

NEW YORK

Albany- Month of June

- Albany City Hall is proud to feature the incredible talent and resiliency of refugees with the refugee arts exhibit. The art feature will continue in City Hall throughout June; 24 Eagle St, Albany, NY 12207.
- USCRI Albany
- More info: www.refugeesalbany.org

Buffalo- June 18th 5-7:00pm

- The exhibit Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide, stories of refugees relocated to Buffalo from Congo, Burma, Nepal and Iraq, foods from African and Burmese small businesses. You will also have the opportunity to tour Green Shoots for New Americans Brewster Street Farm at 4:30 and 7 pm. At The Daemen College International Center for Excellence in Animation, 2495 Main Street, Suite 530, Buffalo, NY 14214.
- Journey's End

New York, NY- June 12th 2:00-4:00 pm

- CAMBA, Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens, and the International Rescue committee are hosting a World Refugee Day Celebration at 15 Rutherford Place (at the corner of 15th Street) in New York City. Enjoy music, dancing, cultural performances, food, children's activities, a photo booth, and crafts.
- CAMBA, Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens, International Rescue Committee
- More info: call 212-419-3726

Rochester- June 20th 2-6:00pm

- Dancing, music food, StoryCorps, and more.

- World Refugee Day Coordinating Committee
- More info: [Event flier](#)

Syracuse- June 20th 8:30am-2:30pm

- At Schiller Park. The festival will feature a variety of cultural performances and a soccer tournament. The 2015 celebration will include a volleyball tournament and a selection of food provided by My Lucky Tummy. Admission is free.
- InterFaith Works
- More info: Jay Subedi, (315) 449-3552, ext.211; jsubedi@interfaithworkscny.org; <http://www.interfaithworkscny.org/events/world-refugee-day/>

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham- June 27th to July 4th

- Soccer and activities on the field, a picnic area, craft art projects, and cultural exchange performances
- Church World Service

Greensboro- June 20th 10:00am-2:00pm

Music and dance performances, the unveiling of the Greensboro Annual Report on Refugee Communities, and speakers from the community.

Guilford County – June 20th 10am-2pm

- Fun, food, dance, crafts, dancing, and music
- North Carolina African Services Coalition, Church World Service, New Arrivals Institute
- More info: latosha@ascafrica.org

Wilmington- June 20th 10am-2pm

- A walk around Hugh MacRae Park, where you will pass through different “countries” and learn about the refugee situation there, some cultural facts, and meet local Wilmington refugees from various countries. Afterwards, a line-up of music, dance, and cultural performances at Shelters #5 & #6 and taste foods from Burma, Colombia, and Cuba (“potluck style”). A food truck will have food for purchase. Mix with the local refugee community while taking part in FREE family activities such as martial arts, face painting, and other children’s activities.
- Interfaith Refugee Ministry

NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks – June 20th 9am-4 pm

- World Refugee Day celebration designed to raise awareness on the stories and cultures of our world's forcibly displaced persons.
- Lutheran Social Services New Americans
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/GFworldrefugeeday>

OHIO

Columbus- June 20th

- Celebrating the contributions of refugees to the Central Ohio community.
- Community Refugee & Immigration Services
- More info: www.cris-ohio.org

Lakewood, OH- June 20th 5:00-8:00 pm

- From Refugee To Neighbor: Come and enjoy the premier of documentary-style films showcasing the impact of refugees on our community by renowned filmmakers Kevin Kersin, Robert Banks, Paul Sobota, Chelsie Corso, and Chris Langer hosted by the Refugee Services Collaborative. Enjoy world eats, drinks, and live music at the Beck Center for the Arts at 17801 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood, OH 44107.
- Refugee Services Collaborative of Greater Cleveland
- More info: www.rscleveland.org

OREGON

Portland- June 19th 2-5:00pm

- Traditional performances, food and celebration, naturalization ceremony.
- More info: [Event Flier](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

Erie, PA- June 14th 9:00 am

- Here for Good 5K! Run or walk to support and meet your newest neighbors in Erie, PA and celebrate World Refugee Day. USCRI and Wegmans are hosting a 5K where you can run, win prizes, get a free t-shirt and swag bag and learn about your new neighbors. Pick up registration forms at 517 E 26th St. or register online at runsignup.com.
- The International Institute of Erie
- More info: call 814-452-3935

Erie, PA- June 17th 12:00-1:00 pm

- Celebrate World Refugee Day with the International Institute of Erie and the Erie Art Museum for a mid-day art break! Enjoy Congolese, Ukrainian, Bosnian, and Karen Bhutanese art. There will be cultural performances, calligraphy, live music, art and food. 411 State St. Erie, PA 16501.
- The International Institute of Erie
- More info: www.refugeeserie.org

Lancaster- June 18th

- Local restaurant will serve cuisine from refugee countries, staffed by refugees. Meal will be Syrian with speakers discussing refugees from Syria.

Lancaster- June 19th

- Forum on Syrian refugees featuring speakers.

Pittsburgh, PA- June 19th 11:00 am- 2:00 pm

- Come and join us as we celebrate World Refugee Day 2015! This free event is open to the public and will feature performances, children's activities and crafts from local refugee communities in and around the Pittsburgh area. Food will be available for purchase.
- Pittsburgh Refugee Collaborative
- More info: <http://vibrantpittsburgh.org/event/world-refugee-day/>

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga- June 19th 10:00am-3:00pm

- An Open House featuring food, music, and information booths.
- Bridge Refugee Services
- More info: (423)954-1911, www.bridgerefugeeschatt.org.

Knoxville- June 19th 6:00-9:00pm

- Event will feature a TED talk screening, cultural feast, a refugee photo series, kids' activities, music and more!
- Bridge Refugee Services, Church World Service, Tennessee Office for Refugees, Episcopal Migration Ministries
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/677870062343385/>;
<https://www.facebook.com/bridgerefugees/photos/gm.678167925646932/980905875273579/?type=1&theater>

TEXAS

Abilene- June 25th

- Join the IRC in Abilene for a celebration of our volunteers and World Refugee Day. Enjoy cultural performances by IRC clients, children's activities and learn more about the IRC
- International Rescue Committee

Austin- June 20th 11am-3pm

- Activities and entertainment for the family at the Bullock Texas History Museum including food, information about refugees in Austin and free entry to the museum exhibits. A naturalization ceremony held by the United States Citizenship and Immigration services for those who came to the US as refugees.
- Austin Refugee Roundtable, Refugee Services of Texas
- More info: <http://austinrefugees.org/world-refugee-day/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/449228178579848/>

Dallas- June 20th

- Goldman Sachs employees in Dallas will host a Cultural Celebration with the IRC as part of a volunteering giveback day. IRC clients will enjoy food, music and a variety of activities to celebrate World Refugee Day.
- Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks and International Rescue Committee

Fort Worth - June 20, 9am-2pm

- 3rd annual World Refugee Day futbol tournament held at Rolling Hills Soccer Complex
- Refugee Services of Texas
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/544520339032270/>; fortworth@rstx.org, 817.413.3772

Houston- June 13th 1-4pm

- The day will be filled with cultural entertainment, children's activities, and educational exhibits at the University of St. Thomas, 3909 Graustark Street, 77006.
- Interfaith Refugee Ministries and other local organizations
- More info: worldrefugeedayhouston@gmail.com; <http://worldrefugeedayhouston.org/>

UTAH

Salt Lake City- June 23th 6:30-9:00pm

- [Escaping Syria Film Screening, hosted by GenR](#) at Publik Space 975 S. West Temple. Salt Lake City's GenR (short for Generation Rescue) chapter will host a screening of the award-winning documentary film, "Escaping Syria." The film shows the daily struggle of four Syrian families living in Iraq's largest refugee camp, Domiz and one of Lebanon's poorest regions, Akkar. The cocktail reception and screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker and IRC Executive Producer Cathe Neukum.
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1428759904108332/>

VIRGINIA

Arlington, June 20th 1-4:30pm

- **Film screening and panel discussion at the** *Arlington Public Library, Columbia Pike Branch, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr.* Celebration of the contributions of refugees in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area with a screening of the 2014 critically-acclaimed film *The Good Lie*, about a group of “Lost Boys” from South Sudan who were resettled in the United States, followed by a panel discussion about refugee resettlement featuring two Lost Boys who will share their personal experiences. Refreshments will be served.
- Ethiopian Community Development Council
- More info: [Event flier](#)

Charlottesville- June 3rd 6-9:00pm

- The fundraising evening will include a reception with farm-to-table hors d'oeuvres by Harvest Moon Catering, wine by Stinson Vineyards and Jefferson Vineyards, and sparkling cider by Bold Rock Hard Cider.
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <https://engage.rescue.org/events/we-rescue-lives>

Charlottesville- June 20th

- Visit the IRC's table at Whole Foods during Nickels for Nonprofits to learn more about our work. The IRC in Charlottesville is partnering with Whole Foods Market through the Nickels for Nonprofits program in order to raise awareness and funds for refugee resettlement efforts in our community. When you shop at Whole Foods in Charlottesville between now and June 20, bring your reusable bags and ask the cashier to give your refunded nickels to the IRC. Each unused paper bag can be five cents gained by the IRC. Don't forget your reusable bags!

Richmond- June 20th

- Community Resource fair, vendor booths to promote information on jobs, local businesses, housing, healthcare, mental health services, neighborhood associations, faith communities, education, community mentors and more, and kids' crafts and games, rock climbing wall, ethnic foods, music and a bouncy house.

WASHINGTON

Seattle- June 19th 6-9:00 pm

- Join the IRC in Seattle for the 10th Annual ARTvocacy Event. ARTvocacy features one-of-a-kind artwork created by talented refugees in the Seattle community. Guests and artists will mingle while enjoying light refreshments and stunning views from the top floor of the hotel. The evening will also include a naturalization ceremony. Open to the public, \$15 suggested donation. At the Renaissance Seattle Hotel, 515 Madison St, Seattle
- International Rescue Committee
- More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1071269462901003/>

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee- June 20th 10am-8pm

- Bring your lawn chairs and picnic lunch for the Milwaukee World Refugee Day Soccer Championship and ethnic food and dance at Rainbow Park 700 S. 119th Street, West Allis.
- Catholic Charities, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, International Institute of Milwaukee, Aurora Family Service, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
- More info: sxiong@ccmke.org; 414-771-2881 Ext 412

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June 16-18th

- LIRS Migrant and Refugee Leadership Academy
- Includes an Advocacy Day kickoff June 17th at 9:15am. In honor of the U.N. World Refugee Day, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service will host ninety (90) migrants and former refugees for an Advocacy Day in Washington to meet with members of Congress and local policy makers in an effort to influence the creation of pro-refugee policies. The participants hail from 33 states and represent 22 nationalities of origin.
- Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service
- More info: www.lirs.org/2015academy/; <https://www.press.org/events/lirs-migrant-and-refugee-leadership-academy-advocacy-day-kickoff>

June 20th 6-7pm - The Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, 2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC

- Please join the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a special musical performance on the Millennium Stage in recognition of World Refugee Day. Mariela Shaker, a classical violinist from Aleppo, Syria, is a refugee who was granted asylum by the United States and now lives in the Chicago area. On World Refugee Day, Mariela will perform to commemorate the 3.9 million Syrian refugees who have fled their country since the start of the conflict. Free and open to the public. Seating is first come first served.
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- More info: http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=226642&source_type=B