

Community Sponsorship Local Program Overview

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General community sponsorship program description: Welcome Home Teams aid in a refugee's resettlement through the provision of volunteer and in-kind support in the refugee's first 90 days in the United States.

Community sponsorship program name: Welcome Home Team

Time commitment: 3 months

Service commitment: Welcome Home Teams work alongside the refugee's case manager to welcome families when arriving to the United States. They can choose from a number of service opportunities including, but not limited to, orientation to the refugee's new community and English language tutoring.

Financial commitment: While there is no financial commitment required, Welcome Home Teams are encouraged to prepare welcome kits that include non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items.

Preferred size of community sponsor groups: N/A

Types of cases matched with community sponsors: Newly arrived refugees with friends or family in the area, newly arrived without friends or family in the area, previously refugees with friends or family in the area, previously arrived refugees without friends or family in the area.

Community sponsorship training: Training is provided by the refugee's caseworker and tailored to the group.

Background checks: Background checks cost \$5 at a local police station.