



# WELCOMING REFUGEES THROUGH ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

## Faith/Community Group Commitment Form

Faith and community partners walk alongside resettled refugees as they adjust to a new home and a new life in the United States. These partners commit to support refugees as they seek to lead self-sufficient lives and integrate into their new communities.

<b>Contact</b>	<b><u>Local Resettlement Agency</u></b> <b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Staff Contact:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ _____ _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____	<b><u>Community Group</u></b> <b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Type:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ _____ <b>Contact Person:</b> _____ <b>Home Phone:</b> _____ <b>Cell/Work Phone:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____
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<b>Activities</b>	<b>With which activities will the local faith/community group assist the agency?</b> Please select at least three activities.
	<p><b>Welcome Home:</b> Help set up an apartment for an arriving refugee individual or family.</p> <p><b>Rental Assistance:</b> Make a financial contribution to the local agency to assist in paying for housing.</p> <p><b>Furnishings and Supplies:</b> Collect furnishings, kitchen and household items, hygiene and cleaning items.</p> <p><b>Seasonal Clothing:</b> Provide seasonal clothing and footwear for work, school, and everyday use for each member of the family, and diapers for infants and toddlers.</p> <p><b>Stock the Pantry:</b> Purchase culturally appropriate groceries for the family</p> <p><b>Arrival:</b> Pick up the individual or family from the airport and welcome them to their new home and community.</p> <p><b>Welcome Meal:</b> Prepare a culturally appropriate meal, ready for the individual or family to enjoy immediately upon arrival at their new home.</p> <p><b>Health:</b> Accompany the individual or family to medical appointments and assist as an advocate for the individual or family's healthcare access.</p> <p><b>Conversation:</b> Focus on developing English skills with the individual or family.</p> <p><b>Financial Education:</b> Facilitate financial education for the individual or family.</p> <p><b>Job Development:</b> Help the individual or family with employment preparation in order to work towards self-sufficiency.</p> <p><b>Transportation Assistance:</b> In partnership with local agency staff and case managers, arrange for transportation of individual or family in situations where public transportation is not practical.</p> <p><b>Community Guide:</b> Use your creativity to help the refugee family to learn more about their new community.</p> <p><b>The period of time in which these activities will be performed concludes _____ after the individual or family's arrival.</b> <span style="float: right;"># of days</span></p>

<b>Signatures</b>	We enter into this work thoughtfully and prepared to perform the activities indicated above to the best of our ability. We understand that the local resettlement agency is ultimately responsible for the provision of all core resettlement services, and that this commitment form is not a legally binding agreement. We have been trained in our role and know whom to contact at the agency with questions or concerns.
	Community Group representative: _____ Date: _____ <span style="margin-left: 300px;"><i>signature</i></span>
	Local Agency Director or representative: _____ Date: _____ <span style="margin-left: 300px;"><i>signature</i></span>

<b>Resettlement Office</b>	<b>For Resettlement Office Use Only:</b> Principal Applicant _____ Overseas Case Number _____ Case Size _____	Nationality _____ Denomination (for CWS cases) _____
	Please indicate completion with a check mark:	
	Community group has received in-person training on the resettlement process and their responsibilities for activities indicated above. (FY15 CA Section 8.c.5.a.5)  Training materials can be furnished upon request.	