

Community Sponsorship Local Program Overview

Interfaith Refugee Ministry

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General community sponsorship program description: Welcome Teams are background checked and trained to carry out services as they work closely with the family and the family's case manager. They also provide extras such as birthday parties, baby showers, or various outings to parks and the beach.

Community sponsorship program name: Welcome Team

Time commitment: 3 months

Service commitment: Interfaith asks that Welcome Teams commit to at least 3 core services, which are under the discretion of each individual team. Core services include apartment setup, rental assistance, collect furniture and home supplies, provide clothing, stock the pantry, airport arrival, welcome meal, transportation to health appointment, provide conversation in English, financial education, job development, transportation assistance, and/or community guide.

Financial commitment: The amount of money and/or in-kind donations to be secured by the Welcome Team will depend on the core services to which it commits.

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 refugees without friends or family in the area.

Community sponsorship training: During Welcome Team training, the resettlement program is explained in general. An explanation of the local program is performed by a trainer that goes through each of the Core Services and suggests that a committee be formed for each of them. Through this process, Welcome Teams establish leadership and determine goals for the services they commit to provide. Interfaith provides explanations for each core service and cultural orientation materials as well.

Background checks: Background checks must be done through the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, which costs about \$15.00