



## **Welcoming Refugees Remotely: Pre-Arrival**

*How to support refugees during the COVID-19 pandemic*

- Set-up an Amazon Wish List for donations for a newly-arrived family and ask your faith community to ship those items to the office. Contact the office for a list of items needed for the home.
- Order a welcome meal for a newly arrived family from a local restaurant to support local immigrant businesses during the uncertain time. Many restaurants are offering delivery or take out.
- Have your children make welcome cards to be given to the children of newly arrived families. Mail them to the office so the caseworker can give them to clients upon arrival.
- Set up a backpack drive and order backpacks with supplies and send them to resettlement offices so that when schools open refugee children have the supplies they need.
  - [Elementary Classroom Supplies](#)
  - [Secondary Classroom Supplies](#)
  - [Backpacks](#)
- Do the schools in your community have uniforms? Consider hosting a school uniform collection drive and send the donations to the office for refugee students once they are able to attend school.
  - [French Toast Uniforms](#)
- Make a donation to your local office so they can continue to provide services during this difficult time.