



CRIS WELCOME TEAM

Commitment Form

This form is to help your community group, faith institution, or business begin to think about your role as a welcome team with Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS). Your partnership can greatly aid and enrich the resettlement process for a newly-arrived individual or family.

Welcome Team Name: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Community Group/ Faith Institution/ Business (if applicable)

Welcome Team Representative:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Assistance with the following activities is requested of all CRIS Welcome Teams:

- Airport Arrival:** Be at the airport to greet and welcome the individual or family as they arrive in their new home! Their assigned CRIS caseworker will be there to transport them, but you may be asked to help transport luggage if you are able.
- Welcome Meal:** Provide a culturally appropriate hot meal, ready for the individual or family to enjoy immediately upon their arrival at their new home.
- Welcome Kit:** Provide the household items every individual and family must be given upon arrival. By donating them, you are assuring the cost of the items is not deducted from their resettlement funds.
- Rental Assistance:** We ask for at least \$1,000 to help cover a deposit and one month's rent. This is one of the most challenging expenses for people to cover when they first arrive, and your help will provide a little extra time to find a source of income.

Please select the other activities with which your team would like to assist:

- Home Furnishing:** Collect furnishings and household items beyond the Welcome Kit.
- Stocking the Pantry:** Purchase at least one week's worth of culturally-appropriate groceries.
- Welcome Home:** Set up an apartment in preparation of an arriving family or individual.
- Seasonal Clothing:** Help provide seasonal clothing and footwear for work, school, and everyday use for each family members, including diapers for infants and toddlers.
- Conversation:** Help develop written and spoken English skills. This activity can include helpful discussions about the education system, finances, American culture, etc. It can also be a way for you to develop a more personal relationship with the family or individual and learn from them about their culture and background.
- Community Guide:** Use your creativity to help the family or individual learn about their new community. This can include site-seeing and introductions to public transportation and important places.
- Transportation:** Help get the family or individual to at least some of the many appointments necessary upon arrival. This activity requires close communication with CRIS staff.

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 (CRIS) is ultimately responsible for the provision of all core resettlement services. We have been trained in our role, and we know whom to contact at the agency with questions or concerns.

Welcome Team Representative: _____ Date: _____
signature

For Resettlement Office Use Only:

Principal Applicant: _____

Case Size: _____

Case Number: _____

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Nationality: _____

Arrival Date: _____

90 Days: _____