

Community Sponsorship Local Program Overview

World Relief Triad

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General community sponsorship program description: Good Neighbor Teams are groups of 5-12 people who are partnered with a refugee or immigrant family for a minimum of 6 months and work to assist World Relief Triad staff with various aspects of the resettlement and integration process through a minimum of weekly encounters. GNTs have a passion for loving their neighbors and helping others rebuild their lives in the midst of a welcoming community.

Community Connection Teams are small groups of people who facilitate relationships between members of the existing community and newcomers. Committed to loving their neighbors, CCTs partner with a refugee or immigrant individual or family for a minimum of 6 months and work to provide social interaction and a network of friends through monthly relationship building activities, such as gatherings at team members' homes or social outings.

Community sponsorship program name: Good Neighbor Teams; Community Connection Teams

Time commitment: 6 months

Service commitment: World Relief Triad works closely with the teams to determine which services will be provided by the team members and which will be provided by WRT staff. All teams are expected to provide relationship and community connection.

Financial commitment: A financial contribution of \$1,000 from Good Neighbor Teams and \$250 from Community Connection Teams is encouraged, but not required. World Relief will hold back 100% of the money raised by sponsors to defray the cost of community sponsorship management.

Preferred size of community sponsor groups: 5-12

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, previously arrived refugees with friends or family in the area, and previously arrived refugees without friends or family in the area. World Relief Triad's programs are open to SIVs, Asylees, Asylum seekers, and secondary migrants, though they have not engaged those populations previously.

Community sponsorship training: World Relief uses orientation videos to give background on their organization and the people they serve. Volunteers are required to attend a 2.5 hr in-person training that covers World Relief's volunteer philosophy of mutual transformation, how to help without hurting, and basics of cross-cultural communication and relationship building. Additionally, they provide a manual for each of their community sponsorship opportunities.

Background checks: They require an online background and motor vehicle check through HireRight. They are unsure of the cost, but understand that it might vary.