

Community Sponsorship Local Program Overview

World Relief Upstate SC

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General community sponsorship program description: World Relief Upstate partners with the local church and community groups to welcome and serve refugees helping them to move from stability to integration. Over the past 5 years, they have seen hundreds of refugees from different continents find safety and stability in the Upstate. World Relief has witnessed families be reunited, children return to school, and authentic relationships formed between clients and community members. Volunteers can help as transportation support for appointments, assist with homework or language support, and as teams to help families as they integrate to the area.

Community sponsorship program name: Welcome Teams

Able to work with community sponsors outside of service area: Community sponsors operating outside of the service area can contribute through Welcome Kits or financial contributions.

Time commitment: At least 6 months

Service commitment: Welcome Teams are expected to commit to providing services such as apartment set up, recruiting volunteers to furnish apartments, providing transportation, language support, etc.

Financial commitment: There is no financial commitment required, but Welcome teams are encouraged to raise between \$1,000 to \$2,000 depending on the size of the family. World Relief asks that the money be held by the community sponsor group and spent directly on the refugee.

Preferred size of community sponsor groups: Depends on the size of the family or if its an individual, typically ranging from 8 to 25 individuals.

Types of cases matched with community sponsors: Newly arrived refugees with friends or family in the area, previously arrived refugees with friends or family in the area, previously arrived refugees without friends or family in the area, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders, Asylees, Secondary Migrants, and Parolees.

Community sponsorship training: World Relief has a 3 hour training and provides some materials. Their staff is also available for questions and support after a volunteer is matched with a client.

Background checks: World Relief has an online background check that they send to their volunteers via email. There is no cost at this time for the volunteers.