

# REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: HOW YOU CAN HELP

This interactive .pdf (with clickable links in green) is organized alphabetically by cities where LCSNW has refugee services. Please note that these needs change based on the needs of those arriving to the Pacific Northwest. **Please check back often to [lcsnw.org](https://lcsnw.org) for the latest .pdf.** If a listed city is not near you, then please know your **donation** is the best way to serve our new neighbors, who will need support for years to come.

**For other inquiries regarding refugees, please email [SIV@lcsnw.org](mailto:SIV@lcsnw.org).**

Be aware that arriving individuals and families happen after the lengthy process of paperwork and transportation, which can add weeks to the timeline of arrival to the Pacific Northwest for refugees. If there is a wait in getting back to you, it is not because there is not a need! We will keep you connected and be in touch when you can offer the most help. Thank you so much for your compassion and desire to help our new neighbors!

**This document currently includes Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Vancouver as of 10.25.2021.** Scroll down to the city name below to see specific needs and how to get in touch to offer help.

## Portland, OR

**Donations:** This is the best way to **support these families**. Financial contributions help us put staff in place that will be able to address needs in culturally appropriate ways. It provides direct support for rental assistance, food security, seasonally appropriate clothing, home goods, immigration needs, and more. Contact: Jennica Stephenson ([jstephenson@lcsnw.org](mailto:jstephenson@lcsnw.org))

**Housing:** Finding long-term housing is a critical need. We are grateful to have access to short-term housing options with AirBnB and will not need hosting arrangements. Please reach out if you are a landlord, have an ADU (Additional Dwelling Unit), or can provide other long-term housing arrangements outside of your own home. Please contact [VolunteerManagement@lcsnw.org](mailto:VolunteerManagement@lcsnw.org)

**In-Kind Donations:** We work with a community partner, Refugee Care Collective, in collecting and distributing refugee restart kits. You can visit their **website** for information about what the various restart kits should contain and where/when to drop them off. If you would like to offer any other in-kind donations, please contact [VolunteerManagement@lcsnw.org](mailto:VolunteerManagement@lcsnw.org)

**Storage Space:** LCSNW is full to the brim with donated items and cannot currently accept more donations of furniture or household goods. We are in need of additional storage space before we can accept any more items. Contact: [VolunteerManagement@lcsnw.org](mailto:VolunteerManagement@lcsnw.org) **subject line "Storage"**.

**Volunteering:** Because we are experiencing such high levels of interest, we are currently not able to accept new volunteer requests. We will need volunteers in the future, including for our "adopt-a-family" holiday program. If you would like us to contact you for future opportunities, please fill out this **form** and we'll look forward to connecting with you later.

## Seattle, WA

Seattle has an Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) foster care program that is currently seeking individuals and couples to provide safe homes for refugee and immigrant youth. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, we invite you to attend an upcoming info session. To sign up, contact us today [fostercare@refugeesnw.org](mailto:fostercare@refugeesnw.org) or (206) 694-5780. Visit [www.refugeechildren.net](http://www.refugeechildren.net) for additional information.

## Spokane, WA

**Fostering:** Spokane has an [unaccompanied refugee minor foster care program](#). If supporting a refugee youth is something your family or others in your social network are interested in, we hope you will consider working with us. For more information about our program or to sign up for one of our monthly info sessions, email us at [theirhope@lcsnw.org](mailto:theirhope@lcsnw.org) or call 509-747-8224.

**Physical Item Donations:** Visit our [AmazonSmile site](#) to purchase items delivered directly to our office that will benefit children in our foster care programs that are transitioning to independent living.

**Meals:** [Provide a meal](#) for one of our monthly foster parent, youth, or volunteer victim advocate meetings. Alternatively, prepare a few days' worth of culturally appropriate meals for the family. For information, please call 509-747-8224 or email [theirhope@lcsnw.org](mailto:theirhope@lcsnw.org).

## Vancouver, WA

**Donations:** This is the best way to [support refugee families](#). Financial contributions help us put staff in place that will be able to address needs in culturally appropriate ways. It provides direct support for rental assistance, food security, seasonally appropriate clothing, home goods, immigration needs, and more. Contact: Eva Luchini ([eluchini@lcsnw.org](mailto:eluchini@lcsnw.org))

**Housing:** We are looking for short-term host housing, preferably an ADU (Additional Dwelling Unit). We are also looking for long term apartment rentals. Please reach out to [vancouverrefugees@lcsnw.org](mailto:vancouverrefugees@lcsnw.org)

**In-Kind Donations:** Many community members have built re-start kits to supply refugee families with basics for their new home. **We will have a one-time drop off opportunity on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm at Crossroads Community Church. A table will be set up in front of the Admin Building, under the overhang: Address: 7708 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98662. Please only drop off completed kits.**

**Storage Space:** Unfortunately we will not be collecting any like-new furniture until we have secured more storage space. We are looking for a large storage area. If you know of a warehouse or similar type location that has large space for us to use for 6-9 months, please contact:

Eva Luchini ([eluchini@lcsnw.org](mailto:eluchini@lcsnw.org))

**Volunteering:** We are grateful for volunteers! Please contact us at [vancouverrefugees@lcsnw.org](mailto:vancouverrefugees@lcsnw.org) for more information about opportunities to volunteer! Thank you!