

World Relief Welcoming Afghan Families to the Triad!

These families will come to the US with the status of parolees (Parolees include vulnerable populations (women, journalists, social activists, etc.) who are granted humanitarian protection and (once screened and vetted) and are given temporary legal protection to come to the U.S. They do not qualify for refugee resettlement services or government assistance (employment services, housing assistance, health and wellness, Medicaid benefits, food stamps, etc.). WR is expecting Congress to act soon to provide greater clarity on the parolee legal status and hope that parolees will be similarly processed like refugees who are provided with a clear pathway toward citizenship and qualify for refugee resettlement services and government assistance.

The need for community assistance is great because of the lack of financing from the US government and the limitations of US resettlement agencies at this time. ***Please consider lending your hands to help these families who have fled a war torn country seeking new homes.***

How you can help new refugees

- **Donate to the Social Action Refugee Settlement Fund at Temple Emanuel to help meet some of the costs of settling these newcomers**

Home set-up team: Join a group of 5-10 people to help gather home items, then prepare and set up home for family before arrival

- Airport Pick up: Welcome newcomers at the airport and drive them to their new home and orient them to their surroundings and their home
- Good Neighbor Team: Join a group of 6-10 people and partner with a refugee family for 3-6 months and assist World Relief with the many aspects of their resettlement and integration into the community through regular interaction
- Tutoring or Mentoring students- many refugee children have been out of school for extended periods of time and need help with core subjects
- such as math and reading and older students need career guidance, tutoring, help with college applications

- Donate needed items such as beds, dressers, table, chairs, sofa, china, pots and pans, etc...Knollwood is working on a place to store items until needed

Who can I contact at Knollwood Baptist Church about joining a group of their volunteers? Dean Clifford at deanmclifford@gmail.com.

Who can tell me more about this volunteer experience?

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