

# REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT 101

**01.** Refugees are individuals who have been forced to flee their home country due to persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Refugees are granted status before they arrive in the United States.

**02.** There are currently 82.4 million forcibly displaced persons in the world and of those 26.4 million are refugees.

**03.** Resettlement is the action of when refugees move from their original homeland to a new and foreign place in the world.



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## VOLUNTEER TODAY

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#### CORE VALUES

*Collaboration*

*Integrity*

*Excellence*

*Innovation*

*Respect*



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Everything You Need to Know  
About Refugee Resettlement  
and the International  
Institute's (IISTL)  
Program



## Provide **FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

When Sponsoring a Family IISTL  
Accepts Three Options

**Level 1:** 500-\$1000 with a  
three-month commitment.

**Level 2:** \$1000 - \$2800 with a  
six-month commitment.

**Level 3:** 2800-5000 with up a  
six-month commitment.

- This option is available to groups who are able to support larger families of five, six, seven and eight.

Community Support (CS) groups will use the money at their own discretion and provide a monthly expense report with receipts IISTL.

## What are **THE FIRST STEPS?**

- 1.) Make a group with 5-10 members. Each group must have a group leader/representative
- 2.) Submit your group application to the Institute
- 3.) Every person in the group must complete a background check
- 4.) Group members sign and agree with a confidentiality agreement as well as attend a community support orientation

## Community Support **VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES**

While every family and situation is unique some responsibilities can include:

- Housing Set-Up
- Helping the family practice English
- Helping the family understand budgeting and finances
- Learning their neighborhood like bus stops, grocery stores, medical clinics and more
- Advocate for refugee needs and many more!

### **The Importance of Allyship:**

- Allyship provides a sense of understanding to the challenges and hardships people of under-represented communities face
- Allyship promotes:
  - Self-awareness
  - Understanding others
  - Relationships and trust building
  - Ongoing learning