

# HELP FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES NEEDED

The refugee crisis is affecting many people coming for safety to our shores. Assistance is needed throughout our state. Historically, The Emanuel Synagogue has worked with the First Church of Christ in Farmington to support new families. The formed group, called GHRRC, (Greater Hartford Refugee Resettlement Coalition) has decided to try to help 3 families who recently arrived from Syria, presenting to the United States right before IRIS, (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Service) a Connecticut resettlement group, had its monies taken away. Now these families are no longer supported. They are experiencing significant hardships trying to pay rent, find jobs, get household items, learn English, get health care and so much more. We are looking for help for these 3 families, 2 of whom have children.

Please consider donating to the **Refugee Resettlement Fund**. The "Refugee Resettlement Fund" is again available on the Donation Dropdown under Special Designation Funds on The Emanuel Website. All donations are greatly appreciated. Volunteers also are always welcome -- to deliver items, drive family members to appointments or just to have a friendly face introduce new English words. A few household items are still needed including a washer and dryer and cordless vacuum cleaner.

Thank you from The Emanuel Social Action Committee.

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