



Rebuild Housing Networks

We are actively seeking property owners and landlords with availability and interest in renting to our newest refugee-background neighbors.

Housing Specifications:

- 1-3 Bedrooms
- Rent between \$1,000-\$1,500
- Close to public transit
- Safe, sanitary

No Credit History/No Rental History

One of the challenges that our refugee families face is that many times they don't have a credit or a rental history to use as proof that they are a good renter. Landlords and rental companies use these two metrics to determine who is eligible to rent and who may not be. We need landlords that understand the refugee story and how great they would be to have as renters.

Benefits of renting to refugees

Refugees have come from very difficult situations and are strong, determined, and hard-working people. They are driven to create a safe and stable environment for their families. This means they will do their best to be good renters who are respectful of property, neighbors, and property managers.

How to communicate expectations to a refugee renter?

We teach our families how to be good renters and take care of their homes. We also act as an advocate and liaison between families and property managers with maintenance issues and other needs. Often, this is due to language barriers. We will be available for the family and for you if any problems arise.

How can a refugee afford to pay rent?

Using their one-time governmental grant funds, Arrive Ministries' case managers create a budget to pay for the security deposit, 1-2 months of full rent and 3-4 months of half rent. The family's low-income assistance programs allow them to cover the other half during those months. Most families start to pay full rent on their own around month 5 or 6. This provides them with the needed time to connect with their job counselor and find employment.

How do I conduct a background check on a refugee?

Although little information will show up on a conventional background check for refugees who are new to the country, refugees are thoroughly screened before entering the country. The U.S. State Department conducts a rigorous screening process of refugees before being admitted into the U.S.