

ALL SAINTS

All Saints Refugee Volunteer & Donation Info

All Saints was fortunate to have the Rev. Jason Mohn from Exodus World Services as our guest preacher on Sunday, August 18.

We are now starting to collect items to welcome a refugee family to the United States.

Here's all you need to know about collecting the welcome pack and about welcoming refugees, asylees, and other migrants to Chicago.

Shopping List LINK:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/34541198051/false#/invitation>

You can shop for many items right now. Other items will become necessary once we are matched with a family.

- Please make sure to list your email address.
- All items should be new.
- Bring your items to church and place them in the Reading Room by September 8.

Here are some FAQs about other ways to help:

If you want to spend time working with newly arrived Chicagoans:

- Exodus runs several programs to connect people to refugees and help them get settled, with a minimum commitment of three months. For more information, see: www.exodusworldservice.org/serve-chicago-area/#neighbor
- Exodus has several training programs to help people learn more about refugees and how to help them. To learn more or to register, check www.exodusworldservice.org/register for the latest information.
- Rainbow Railroad: If your family or a group of friends would like to provide extensive support to refugees, Rainbow Railroad works to resettle LGBTQI+ people in the United States. This is a big commitment with a big need. For more information, go to: www.rainbowrailroad.org/support-an-lgbtqi-refugee-in-the-us

What about used items?

Exodus asks that we give new items to our refugee family. There is a network of volunteer-run free stores in the area that carry both new and used items for refugees, asylees, and migrants, as well as for people moving from homelessness into housing.

In particular, they need silverware and cookware (no peeling Teflon). If you have things that might work, contact Annie Logue: (annielogue@gmail.com) to either arrange pickup or drop-off, or connect you to the free store managers. Also, if you find an abandoned Amazon carrier bag, please snag it! They are so useful.

Can I donate money?

Sure! To donate to Exodus, go here: www.exodusworldservice.org/give/

One oddity of the State Department's refugee program is that refugees are expected to buy their own plane tickets or borrow money (that they must repay) from the US government. If you have frequent flier or credit card miles that you aren't going to use, you can donate them to www.miles4migrants.org/donate-miles4migrants/

Can I help you with this, Annie?

Absolutely! Send me a message, annielogue@gmail.com

Thank you so much for all you do. Those of us whose ancestors migrated from Europe were probably settled with the help of local churches. We're just paying it forward.

