

Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Opportunities

Friendly Match:

Mentor a newly arrived refugee family by providing companionship and general acculturation support as they adapt to life in the U.S. Bridge the gap between newcomers and host communities by connecting families to community resources and opportunities while providing much-needed “in-the-field” and supplemental assistance to case managers; together, we work to promote and establish their self-sufficiency.

Time commitment: At least 5 hours per week for 4 months

Linguistic Liaison:

To help refugee families access urgent and necessary services by facilitating a linguistic exchange (interpreting/translating) by personally accompanying individuals/families to community appointments.

*Time commitment: On call, 3-4 hours a week for 3 months Languages needed:
Farsi, Arabic, Swahili, Somali, and French*

Administrative support:

We serve every immigrant efficiently and professionally, but we rely upon a collective sense of teamwork and shared responsibility to support clients in a compassionate and considerate way. In order to accomplish this great task and to carry forth the mission of JFS, we need volunteers to support our efforts in the office. By aiding in office and administrative duties, this volunteer will increase the efficiency of casework completion and assist in efforts to document service provision, contributing to the team as we continue to support immigrant families in a valuable way.

Time commitment: At least 5 hours per week for 3 months

Cultural Orientation Presenter:

Educate, inform, and train refugee families in fields that pertain to their successful assimilation into American culture. JFS provides newly arriving refugee families with ongoing cultural orientations to improve their quality of life in the U.S.

Time commitment: 5 hours a week over the span of 4 months

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