

The Four San Diego Refugee Resettlement Agencies

Alliance for African Assistance

- ✚ Contact for current needs: (619) 286-9052, info@alliance-for-africa.org
<http://www.alliance-for-africa.org/>

Catholic Charities

- ✚ Contact Nadine Topozado for current needs: 619-287-9454, NTopozada@ccdsd.org
<https://www.ccdsd.org/>

International Rescue Committee

- ✚ We can always use diapers of all sizes, Walmart or grocery store gift cards, hygiene kits and/or school backpacks.
 - Current in Kind Needs pdf
 - Backpack Drive - Suggested contents pdf
- (619) 641-7510, SanDiego@Rescue.org
<https://www.rescue.org/united-states/san-diego-ca>

Jewish Family Service

- ✚ [How San Diego Congregations and Communities Can Respond to the Refugee Crisis pdf](#)
 - ✚ [JFS Refugee Supply Drive pdf](#)
 - ✚ [Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Opportunities pdf](#)
- 858-637-3093, etlevab@jfssd.org
<http://www.jfssd.org/site/PageServer>

Support Organizations

Alliance San Diego

- ✚ Ready Now San Diego
Alliance San Diego has a project called Ready Now San Diego that helps provide resources for immigrant families. You can find more information on the Ready Now San Diego website: www.readynowsandiego.org.
- ✚ Weekly Community Calls

Folks can also stay up to date on current immigration news and other social justice issues on Alliance San Diego's weekly community calls. To join the calls, people need to sign up on the Alliance San Diego Website: [Alliance San Diego Weekly Community Calls](#)

Erin Tsurumoto Grassi, Human Rights Coordinator, [619.431.0885](tel:619.431.0885) (direct), [619.269.1823](tel:619.269.1823) (office)
www.alliancesd.org

American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)

- ✚ Volunteers to help us with our ESL (English as a Second Language) program for the newly arriving Syrian families by accompanying Syrians to ESL centers, or teaching English directly as part of a team.
- ✚ Financial help to bring picture dictionaries, workbooks, computers and tablets to families, and to reimburse the volunteers' gas and time.

The ADC is the largest and oldest civil rights organization for American Arabs. The San Diego chapter has initiated a program to reach the largest group of new Syrian Americans in the United States! There are over 200 Syrian families and about 1500 individuals who must learn English as a first step to getting their driver's permits and licenses, and finding jobs.

The ADC created a pilot program called Teach and Learn Literacy that is currently taking care of about 13 families. We are working under the umbrella of the Syrian Community Network - Heart 4 Refugees. Other partners include PANA (Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans). Teach and Learn Literacy is training volunteer ESL teachers with basic methods of teaching and sensitivity training. We aim to reach 75 families by the end of the summer through teams that go directly to the families' homes.

- [Teach and Learn Literacy pdf](#)

If congregations are interested in learning more about the Middle Eastern community, the ADC, Karama and other local organizations are happy to make presentations.

[619 787-8505](tel:619.787.8505) doris.bittar@gmail.com

California Immigrant Policy Center

- ✚ Inquire about assisting advocacy efforts for immigrant and refugee rights in the California Legislature.

The California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) is a statewide non-profit organization that advances pro-immigrant policy at the state and local level, focusing on issue areas such as health and human services, worker's rights, detention and deportation, immigrant integration, as well as workforce development and adult education. CIPC plays a leadership role in Sacramento, working alongside lawmakers, advocates, policy makers, and community members to support policies that benefit all Californians.

fgomez@caimmigrant.org www.caimmigrant.org

Casa Cornelia Law Center

✚ Donations to support their work.

Casa Cornelia Law Center (CCLC) is a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm providing quality legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations. Casa Cornelia has a primary commitment to indigent persons within the immigrant community in Southern California. It seeks to educate others regarding the impact of immigration law and policy on the community and the public good. The mission and spirit of Casa Cornelia is rooted in the tradition of service of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus and that of its founder, Cornelia Connelly. It encompasses the belief that God has chosen to need men and women in every age to reveal God's love and to make known the reality of God's saving presence through their service to others.

LawCenter@CasaCornelia.org

<http://www.casacornelia.org/>

Christ Ministry Center

✚ Shelter.

Christ United Methodist Ministry Center is an ecumenical, non-profit faith-based urban ministry agency of The United Methodist Church (UMC) and home to several diverse congregations who share worship and education space. CMC has taken a leadership role in responding to Haitians entering San Diego.

parson@christsd.com (619) 284-9205

<http://www.christsd.com/>

Helping Hands for Relief and Development

✚ Contact for current needs.

HHRD is committed to serve humanity by integrating resources for people in need. We strive to provide immediate response in disasters, and effective Programs in places of suffering, for the pleasure of Allah.

Issam, (760) 681-0755, issam.lagrichi@hhrd.us

<https://www.hhrd.org/>

ICNA

✚ Contact for current needs.

ICNA Relief USA seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters. ICNA Relief USA strives to build healthy communities, strengthen families and create opportunities for those in despair while maintaining dignity and advocating for basic human needs.

mohamed@icnarelief.org

<http://icnarelief.org/site2/index.php>

Leichtag Foundation

✚ A Giving Circle to Support Syrian Refugee Needs in San Diego pdf

Multifaith Giving Circle is a Leichtag Foundation program supporting Syrian refugees new to San Diego with pooled donations. The circle will provide those of different faiths the chance to meet, study shared values, and work toward a common philanthropic vision. In a constructive and supportive environment, participants will learn about and from each other as well as from field experts. Logistics and giving amounts will be part of the group's start-up with administrative support provided by the Leichtag Foundation. We would love to have your congregation's participation.

Sharyn Goodson at sharyn@leichtag.org to learn more.

<http://www.leichtag.org/>

Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA)

✚ Financial support for their efforts.

The Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) is a research, public policy, and community organizing hub dedicated to advancing the full economic, social, & civic inclusion of refugees. <http://www.panasd.org/> (619) 732-6793, Ramla@panasd.org

St. Luke's Episcopal Church - North Park Project/ Episcopal Refugee Network

✚ We would like volunteers to help at the Tuesday and Thursday morning food distributions. Volunteers are needed to transport food from the food bank to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the North Park area and to St. Alban's in El Cajon. Others are needed to help sort and package the food in preparation for the distribution. Volunteers should be able to stand for up to 2 hours and those helping with transportation should be able to lift up to 25lbs.

The North Park Project is an effort to connect with the wider community to offer a vision of new Christian communities in the 21st century. This is being done through outreach with the goal of creating small groups and mentoring potential leaders. One effort is directed at refugee women based on work with the wider refugee community in San Diego. There is a bi-weekly bible study that is mostly Christian African refugee women and is held in translation (Arabic and English) and this will soon expand to include a more social group for refugee women hailing from anywhere and professing to any religion.

ERN hosts food distributions, tutoring programs and assists newly-arrived refugees with translation, and transportation services to social service and doctor appointments. ERN has 4 employees, 3 are the caseworkers, and are themselves refugees. ERN is a separate nonprofit and a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese.

Lisa DuMolt, dumolt@cox.net

<http://www.stlukesnorthpark.org/standwithrefugees>

Somali Family Services

- ✚ Some urgent areas include housing as refugees are having difficulty to get affordable and available housing. Furthermore refugee children are facing a great risk of bullying at public schools including hate crimes and discrimination. Families don't understand the system and often cannot take any action against these incidents.
- ✚ Provide financial support.
- ✚ Support greater awareness and education and share it with the community about the refugee causes and challenges that they are facing on a day to day basis, to give these refugees a voice and a platform to be recognized.

Somali Family Service, guided by its community champions, helps Somali and other refugee and Immigrant families in becoming responsible, independent and contributing members of San Diego through its programs that promote health, educational and economic success, and leadership efforts.

619-265-5821

<http://www.somalifamilyservice.org/>

Survivors of Torture

- ✚ Our clients' needs are dynamic and change according to the individual. Ideally, what we have found works best is that members of religious congregations come to one of our one-hour (non-fundraising) Journey to Healing tours held at our Old Town location. In this way, they get a much better feel for not only what we do but also how and why we provide the kinds of services that we offer. Simultaneously, we get a feel for the congregations - their interests, capacities, etc.

We can offer a special tour just for the congregation or members can attend one of our public tours that we offer to the community. The next three community tours (which are listed on our website) are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 18, 6 to 7 pm

We would request RSVPs to be sent to Niki Kalmus, our community relations manager, who I have cc'd on this email. She would also be the point person to work with to schedule a special tour for a specific congregation.

The mission of Survivors of Torture is to facilitate the healing of torture survivors and their families; educate professionals and the public about torture and its consequences; and, advocate for the abolition of torture.

619-278-2400, survivors@notorture.org

<https://notorture.org/>

Syrian Community Network

- ✚ Congregations can be involved in the Adopt a Family or Mentorship program, where people can be matched with families and help them with doctor appointments, SSI appointments, transportation. This can be as much or as little as people are able to do.
- ✚ Teach and Learn Literacy pdf
- ✚ Syrian Community Network has partnered with an innovative digital platform to make it easier for citizens to help Syrians. This new interactive mobile app, Udara, provides citizens with simple tasks based on their skills and interests, offering tangible help to Syrian refugees here in our country. The tasks vary, from sharing content on social media to raise awareness and engage in advocacy, to giving SCN supporters the option to volunteer and engage with refugees in person.

We are very excited to share this platform with our followers and supporters near and far. Please contact help@perennial.online if you have further questions.

<https://udara.online/?campaign=4>

SCN goals are to partner with refugee resettlement agencies in providing support to the newly-arrived Syrian refugees; connect refugees with appropriate services and community resources available; foster a relationship between the Syrian refugees and the larger San Diego community; and, establish cultural competency for staff working with Syrian refugees as well as for Syrians who need to learn about their new culture in the US.

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