How to Help Refugees Resettle in Colorado

Donate to, volunteer with, and/or intern with a Colorado resettlement agency:

- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains
- ECDC/African Community Center
- International Rescue Committee
- Jewish Family Service (temporary resettlement agency)
- Project Worthmore (temporary resettlement agency)

“First Friends/Cultural Mentor” volunteers in the Northglenn/Thornton areas are especially needed right now!

Donate to local organizations or front line supporters:

- Colorado Refugee Connect and click the “Filter Organizations +” to select locations and services
- Clothing: A Precious Child and Send Relief/Lovewell (ahulst@sendrelief.org) are accepting clothing donations for Afghan and other refugees
- Welcome.us and select state and/or category

Donate to local or state funds to support resettlement:

- Broomfield Community Foundation’s Local Evacuee Resettlement Fund
- State of Colorado’s Colorado Afghan Evacuee Support Fund
- Donate food & other supplies to Ruby’s Pantry, which delivers welcome kits to new arrivals.

Help a specific resettled family or group of resettled families get on their feet:

- Volunteer with the Broomfield Resettlement Task Force (formerly the Broomfield Afghan Evacuee Task Force) via this google form
- Join the Broomfield Resettlement Task Force’s Facebook group Colorado Afghan Resettlement Support
- Subscribe to the Broomfield Resettlement Task Force’s email newsletter
  - April 11, 2022 newsletter
  - May 5, 2022 newsletter
- Support the Task Force Boulder: Boulder for Afghans volunteer/sponsorship group
- Volunteer to be a community sponsor or form a sponsor circle

For employers, hire a refugee:

- Get hiring information from Welcome.us at Refugee Hiring Guide
- Get hiring information from Tent at Employer’s Guide to Hiring Afghan Refugees
- Email contact African Community Center job developer Anna Hanel at ahanel@acc-den.org to let her know of job openings, especially near public transportation
- Email Heather Poynter-Lausch at Heather.Poynter-Lausch@state.co.us to share information regarding your openings and needed skills
- Contact Gabe Moe-Lobeda at gmoe-lobeda@jewishfamilyservice.org or call 720.248.4620 to share information regarding your openings and needed skills
- Email info@lfsrm.org to learn how the Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains Refugee & Asylee Programs can serve as a business solution for your company or to obtain a list of companies who already employ refugees
Assist with legal help:

- Colorado lawyers or interested lay people wanting to help Afghans apply for asylum can contact Tracy Harper, Asylum Workshop Coordinator for the Colorado Afghan Legal Project at THarper@ccdenver.org
- Volunteer with the nationwide Afghan Asylum Project
- Volunteer with Human Rights First Project Afghan Legal Assistance via this google form
- The Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) will be assisting minor Afghans with their immigration cases. Sign up for volunteer training before June 9 at this link, or email probonochildrens@rmian.org with questions.
- Find relevant information from the American Immigration Lawyers Association at Resources for Assisting Afghan Clients

For landlords, rent to refugees:

- Email Kristen Blackburn with African Community Center at kristen@acc-den.org to get information about renting to Afghan families
- Contact Gabe Moe-Lobeda at gmoe-lobeda@jewishfamilyservice.org or call 720.248.4620 to get information about renting to Afghan families
- Contact Danielle Winter, housing coordinator at Lutheran Family Services, at Danielle.winter@lfsrm.org, to get information about renting to Afghan or other refugee families

If you know Afghan women who want to connect with other Afghan women or who are interested in working in Early Childhood Education:

- Pamoja – a collaboration between Empowering Communities Globally and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains – has a program for women who are newcomers from Afghanistan to prepare them to enter the early care and learning workforce. The program is led by Afghan women who have already resettled in Colorado. For information, email info@empoweringcommunitiesglobally.org

For more resources and information including Welcome Packets for Afghans and Ukrainians, visit the Colorado Refugee Services Program.