



Building friendships by serving the refugee community



### How we help

Arrive Ministries partners with the local church, government agencies and community-based organizations to provide services for refugees, asylees and other immigrants in the Twin Cities metro area.

#### Refugee Reception and Placement (R&P)

Through the R&P program, our staff provides 30-90 days of case management for newly arrived refugees. With the assistance of churches and volunteers, we welcome families at the airport, arrange housing, provide furniture and other basic needs items, and connect refugees to critical benefits and services for which they are eligible. Currently, we help 300-400 refugees per year make the Twin Cities their home.

#### Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

We administer a cash assistance program that provides refugees and asylees with benefits for up to eight months while they take English classes and search for employment. We serve about 90 clients each year through this program.

#### Refugee Employment Services (RES)

Our Employment Services assist refugees and asylees in overcoming barriers to employment (language, skill level, etc.). We help to locate jobs, provide interview and career counseling and equip individuals with basic job skills.

#### Refugee Social Services (RSS)

Through RSS, we partner with several community agencies to empower refugees with stable housing, immigration help, safe environments, participation in community services and achieving self-sufficiency. In addition, we have BIA-accredited Immigration Counselors who assist refugees and immigrants with the processes of naturalization and family reunification.

### Contact Us

For more information about ministry opportunities, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 612-866-0462 or [mnvunteers@arriveministries.org](mailto:mnvunteers@arriveministries.org).

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## Helping refugees make Minnesota home

### How you can help

Our immigrant neighbors need people to help them understand our culture and navigate our systems. There are opportunities for individuals, families, or small groups to invest in the lives of refugees.

### Provide Resources

Refugees must establish their households in the Twin Cities after arriving with limited belongings and resources. You can bless new arrivals by providing them with basic household goods, furniture and other necessities.

- Give financially
- Gather a welcome kit for an arriving refugee family
- Coordinate a resource drive
- Assist with setting up apartments

### Volunteering Opportunities

**New Neighbor Volunteer** Help refugees and volunteers build relationships and participate in a cultural exchange during the resettlement process. To be a neighbor is to be a friend, a cultural broker, a teacher, and a learner. As you meet regularly with a refugee participating in our R&P or RES programs, you will help with practical skills like learning English or applying for jobs while sharing your life and being open to new perspectives and experiences.

**Resettlement Services Volunteer** Partner with our case management team to welcome and provide R&P services for refugees during their first 90 days in the U.S. by transporting clients and helping them navigate through various appointments: applying for public assistance at the county, applying for Social Security cards, ELL and school registration, etc. You will have the opportunity to interact with refugees from various cultural backgrounds and learn much about local government and social services systems.



*In addition to these programs, we facilitate activities and relationships between local churches and refugees. We believe everyone benefits by ministering to and with our immigrant neighbors. As the Church loves the poor, the widow, and the stranger, it lives like Jesus lived.*

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