
Short-term Host Home Volunteer



As part of our services, Arrive Ministries finds housing for newly arriving refugees. Sometimes we are not able to find appropriate housing for new refugees prior to their arrival. Often they are able to stay with family members for a while until we can find a good home or apartment, but this is not always an option. Short-term hosts provide housing and some basic cultural orientation to these individuals and families for 1 to 14 days.

Responsibilities

- Host new refugee families in your home for 1 to 14 days immediately following their arrival at MSP Airport.
 - Provide meals for the refugee family for the duration, or invite the family to make their own meals in your space.
- Begin basic cultural orientation in your home (appliances, cooking, cleaning, etc).
 - Communicate consistently with Volunteer Coordinator (and Case Worker) about refugee needs.

Extra opportunities

- Greet the family at MSP airport upon their arrival.
- Continue Cultural Orientation through short outings such as: grocery store(s), bus rides, post office, library, thrift store, downtown or neighborhood sight-seeing and/or parks.
- Assist case worker in providing transportation to medical, Social Security, DSHS, and other important appointments.
- Facilitate “donation procurement” from your church or neighborhood community, on behalf of refugee family. Gather/sort basic items for family’s first apartment and MN climate.

Requirements

- Willingness and ability to work within the structure of Arrive Ministries’ mission, policies, and procedures
- Willingness to share your home with people of other cultures and religions
- Comfortable interacting with limited English speakers

- Willing to learn-as-you-go while spending time with new families, and ready to go out of your comfort zone to participate in activities with refugees and/or to connect refugees to resources
- Cultural sensitivity, flexibility, patience, and a desire to enjoy time with the refugee family, finding ways to have fun and relaxation together
- The best interest of the refugee family must be a top priority in the minds of all volunteers
- Willing to maintain ongoing communication with the Arrive Ministries case management team (when applicable) and Volunteer Coordinator to ensure a positive experience for all involved.
- Attend a volunteer training, and conduct a home site visit with our Volunteer Coordinator
- Pass a Federal Background Check
- Read, sign and return our Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, Core Values, and Statement on Contextualization documents

Time Commitment

Arrive Ministries asks that those providing short-term host homes be willing to house individuals or families from 1 day to 2 weeks.

Location

Arrive Ministries office - 1515 E. 66th St, Richfield, MN 55423

How do I become a Short-term Host Home?

1. Complete the [volunteer application](#).
2. Read, sign and return our Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, Core Values, and Statement on Contextualization documents.
3. Attend a volunteer orientation.
4. Meet in your home with the Arrive Ministries Volunteer Coordinator.

Contact: For more information, please contact Arrive Ministries' Volunteer Department at 612-746-5633 or email us at mnvolunteers@arriveministries.org.