

## Solidarity and Refugees

If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

As noted last week, Catholic Charities of Oregon is expecting to see an increase in refugee arrivals in the coming months and they need volunteers and donations! There are many ways to support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please take a look at these opportunities and get involved.

#### **Informational video from Catholic Charities regarding volunteering and donations:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raE8tQNZO\\_E&t=1181s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raE8tQNZO_E&t=1181s)

#### **Refugee Services Volunteer Training:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305gjKc8vu>

This online training is required for volunteers who 1) will have direct contact with clients

2) are interested in learning more about the global refugee crisis, the refugee resettlement process, and what that looks like in Oregon

#### **Restart Kit Creation with Refugee Care Collective:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305g3sR8dV>

Refugee Care Collective (RCC) has supported Catholic Charities of Oregon by providing necessary household items, called Restart Kits, to furnish our clients' homes since 2016. Creating Restart Kits with our friends at RCC is a great way to make a meaningful impact on our clients! You will play a key role in welcoming refugees and making sure their homes are complete.

#### **Refugee Services Airport Welcome Team:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305gzEHbdg>

As a member of the Airport Welcome Team, you will join Catholic Charities of Oregon at Portland International Airport to welcome new refugee families to America. Our volunteers help us greet refugee families with signs and smiling faces to make them feel welcome.

#### **Refugee Services Apartment Setup Team:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305g3tTy3S>

As a member of the Apartment Set-Up Team, you will help to prepare apartments for refugees before they arrive in the U.S. Helping with an apartment set-up is a great way to support recently arrived refugees without requiring a long-term commitment.

#### **Refugee Services Transportation Support Team:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305g7gEhdi>

Lack of transportation can be a huge barrier for our families, since driving is often necessary to access food, employment, community centers, healthcare, and other vital resources. By providing transportation, you will meaningfully support our clients in adapting to their new homes.

#### **Cultural Navigator:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305gXksPJQ>

Cultural Navigators provide regular, on-going support to newly arrived families settling in the Portland area. Volunteers act as a mentor/guide to refugees--assisting with basic English skills, familiarizing the family with their new community (parks, grocery stores, libraries, etc.) and orienting families to daily life in the US (mail, bill paying, etc.) in an effort to ensure self-sufficiency in their new home.

#### **Donation Pickup Team:** <https://cerv.is/m?0305gN8dkdM>

Volunteers in the Donation Pick Up Team collect donations to furnish our clients' new homes. Collecting donations is a great way to meaningfully support recently arrived refugees without requiring a long-term commitment.

If you have questions about volunteering at Catholic Charities of Oregon, email [volunteer@ccoregon.org](mailto:volunteer@ccoregon.org) or call the Volunteer Helpline at (503) 688-2536.