Welcome the Stranger





Faith and community groups are invited to partner with Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston to mentor a refugee or refugee family for 6 months or more. The goal is to help our new neighbors feel welcome and adjust to life in Houston. Co-sponsors help refugees with resources, such as furniture, rental support, English language skills, cultural guidance, and much more!

Welcome Home: Help set up an apartment for a refugee or family.

Rental Assistance: Make a financial contribution to Interfaith Ministries to assist in paying for housing.

Furnishings and Supplies: Collect furnishings, kitchen and household items, hygiene and cleaning items.

Stock the Pantry: Purchase culturally appropriate groceries for the family.

Arrival: Pick up the individual or family from the airport and welcome them to their new home and community.

Health: Accompany the refugee or family to medical appointments and assist as an advocate for health care access.

Conversation: Focus on developing English skills with the refugee.

Financial commitment for a typical family of 4 is between \$7,000 to \$10,000 for 6 months.

Financial Education: Facilitate financial education for the refugee.

Job Development: Help the individual or family with employment preparation in order to work towards self-sufficiency.

Transportation Assistance: In partnership with Interfaith Ministries staff and case managers, provide public transportation orientation, arrange for transportation of individual or family in situations where public transportation is not practical.

Community Guide: Use your creativity to help the refugee family to learn more about our community.

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