

Supporting Refugees at Catholic Charities

Thank you for your inquiry about supporting refugees. We appreciate your willingness to help!
Please read the below information carefully for the current update:

Current updates regarding Refugee-related opportunities:

If you are interested in.....

Monetary donations

- Checks may be written to “Catholic Charities Asheville” and mailed to 50 Orange St., Asheville, NC 28801. Please put “Refugees – Asheville” in the memo field.
- You may donate online by clicking [here](#). Please put “Refugees – Asheville” in the memo box.
- If you would like to speak to someone about a financial gift, please reach out to our Regional Director Jesse Boeckermann: 828-820-5153 or JDBoeckermann@ccdca.org

Tutoring – tutoring is through our community partner Literacy Together in Asheville. They need tutors for refugees and other clients learning English. If you are interested in being a tutor, please reach out to Literacy Together directly:

- 828-254-3442 or info@lit-together.org
- You can also go to their website [here](https://lit-together.org/): <https://lit-together.org/>

Housing for refugees – Please tell us about the housing you have to offer.

- Location
- Is it private/independent? (**No** spare rooms/bedrooms, **no** shared housing/living space.)
- How many bedrooms?
- Is it near public transportation or/and within walking distance to stores?
- Is it temporary? (if so, for how long?)
- Is long term available?
- Would you consider housing multiple adult males? (Sometimes arrivals are single or had to leave their families behind).
- Any other pertinent information.

Employment – we love to hear about employment opportunities. Tell us a few things about the employment opportunities you may have available:

- Location
- Type of work
- Is a language barrier ok? (Many refugees speak limited or no English)

Other Services (i.e. medical services, community resources) – often we have to focus on more immediate needs (i.e. housing, food, transportation); however, we love to hear about other resources. Please tell us few details about the resources you may have available:

- Location and service, you have to offer (i.e. therapist, community event)
- Details about the service you offer (i.e. pro-bono counseling, group hike)
- Is a language barrier ok? (Many evacuees do not speak English)

Clothing donations – Thank you, but we are not accepting donations at Catholic Charities. Please share them with other organizations (i.e. ABCCM, Black Mountain Home for Children)

Furniture and household items – Donations needs are ever-evolving and are often based on need. Please send details of the items you have to offer. Donations should be clean and in good condition.

Donations of other items – We currently have two signups that support our current refugee needs. Click on the *Sign-up* link below.

- Meal Train – provide meals to refugees (no client contact)
- Need Items [Sign up](#) - provides necessary items to new arrivals (no client contact)

Volunteer with Catholic Charities' Refugee Department – Volunteer opportunities evolve and change depending on the time of year and the current needs. If you are interested in volunteering, with refugees, please contact us.

If you have language skills and would be willing to help with translations, communications, etc., please let us know.

If you have questions or concerns, please ask. We will do our best to respond promptly.

Thank you,

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