

Refugee Resettlement Program - Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Program

Elementary/Middle/High After-School Program

Students receive help with their homework and further instruction on academic subjects where they need support. The schedule includes snack time, homework, and activities. Enrichment activities include but are not limited to, crafts, educational and interactive games, or outdoor sports. Volunteers are needed to assist staff in all aspects of the program.

Schedule: Mondays and Tuesdays 3:30–5:30 PM

Location: Stoney Trace Apartments in Mint Hill

One-on-One Homework Help and ESL Tutoring

Assist at-risk, newly arrived refugee students with homework and English Language instruction. Students receive assistance with their homework and subjects they may struggle with. The schedule is flexible, primarily after school and on weekends, 1-2 times per week. Resources and training are provided.

Special Activities Instructor/Guide

Share your time and talents. Help us expose our students to new activities/sports with one-time or regular lessons, including tennis, soccer, martial arts, dance, gymnastics, art, science, gardening, etc.

Drivers: Flexible Days/Hours

Drivers and chaperones are needed for occasional field trips throughout the year. Also needed is assistance transporting individual students to/from extracurricular activities. Volunteers could allow students to participate in organized sports, the arts, and other activities they otherwise might not be able to do because of lack of transportation.

Summer Camp Program

Students of all age groups may participate in our 6-week Summer Camp. Activities include ESL classes, crafts, educational and interactive games, outdoor adventures, life skills training, and more. Volunteers are needed in all aspects of summer programs to facilitate activities, teach lessons, and provide transportation. The schedule and location are TBD.

Case Management

Cultural Orientation

This monthly program serves those clients who most recently arrived in the U.S. Classes cover knowing phone numbers and addresses, budgeting, U.S. laws, education, health and hygiene, transportation and housing, employment, and cultural adjustment. Volunteers are needed to assist with program facilitation and classroom management.

Schedule: Will vary, but usually 10 AM-12 PM

Mentorship

Family Mentorship

When Case Management identifies a refugee family that would benefit from mentorship, the family is matched with a volunteer mentor. The mentor will assist with tasks such as understanding and organizing documents/bills, learning American culture and customs, helping with school work, and taking clients to appointments.

Schedule: 1-2 hours/week, 3–6-month commitment



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College-Prep Mentorship

Assist young adults with an interest in higher education. The main goal of this program is to help the student prepare for college, including assistance with admission applications, identifying and applying for financial aid/scholarship opportunities, and choosing appropriate schools and courses.

Schedule: ≥1 hour/week

Co-Sponsorship/Mentor Group Program

These groups support newly arrived refugee families as they acclimate to their new lives in the United States. They assist Catholic Charities Refugee staff with essential resettlement services such as airport pickups, apartment furnishing, transportation to medical and DSS appointments, ESL tutoring, financial literacy, etc. Group size is 5-20 volunteers.

Schedule: 1-2 hours/week, 3–6-month commitment

Warehouse

Donation Assistants/Movers

Volunteers assist staff with picking up furniture donations and loading/unloading furniture on days that apartments are set up for refugee families.

Schedule: Weekday mornings and Saturdays, as needed

Apartment Set-up

Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up apartments for refugees before they arrive.

Volunteers would help to arrange and set up the apartments to make them welcoming and inviting to the new arrivals. Volunteers should have a flexible schedule, as arrivals can happen on weekdays or weekends. Apartment set-up usually takes place during the day, the day before arrival.

Schedule: Flexible, based on arrivals

Location: Warehouse, client home

Primary Volunteer Locations

CCDOC Office: 1123 S. Church St., Charlotte

Stoney Trace Apartments in Mint Hill

Client Homes: Mainly East Charlotte and Mint Hill

Warehouse: 2901 Rozzelles Ferry Rd., Charlotte

General Skills/Requirements

- 21+ to be a mentor
- 21+ to drive clients
- High school diploma or equivalency to volunteer with high schoolers
- 16+ to volunteer with elementary and middle school students
- 18+ for all other positions
- Mentorship positions have a once-a-week commitment. All other positions are flexible.
- All volunteers must complete the Diocesan SAFE Environment process (ccdoc.org/safe) before engaging with any outreach program.

Donations / Next Steps

Donations are always appreciated. For a complete list of donations needed and the next steps to volunteer, visit ccdoc.org/volunteer-in-charlotte.

Contact

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