

# How to Support Afghan Allies and Refugee Resettlement in the United States

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**ABOUT:** This is a non-exhaustive, living informational document on resettlement and welcoming efforts of Afghan individuals in the United States. This list of efforts include but are not limited to volunteer opportunities for airport pick-ups, advocacy, and donations of goods.

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If you are an individual seeking to leave Afghanistan, you can find information here:

- [Immigration Relief for Afghans](#)
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**CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIST:** If you're an organization or individual with resources and/or opportunities you want to share to support the safety and resettlement of Afghan individuals, please request edit to the document and submit with the information you want added to the document in the comment section. Please [email](#) for inquiries.

## National

### → Airbnb

- ◆ [Volunteer to host \(housing\)](#) : Airbnb has partnered with refugee agencies to connect refugees with temporary places to stay. Airbnb has committed to house 20,000 Afghan refugees globally for free. If you have available space, you can sign up to host and be connected with individuals seeking a stay.

### → Afghan American Foundation

- ◆ Donate to organizations on the [Afghanistan Emergency Resource List](#), a compilation of reputable organizations to donate to.

### → American Constitution Society

- ◆ [Volunteer as a pro bono attorney](#) : If you are an attorney and you would like to help with #Afghan #immigration pro bono cases, please let us know by emailing LCEmails@acslaw.org - [Tweet](#)

### → Human Rights First

- ◆ [Volunteer to provide pro bono legal assistance](#): Please complete this form if you would like to be notified of any opportunities to provide pro bono legal assistance to Afghan evacuees. This is intended for use by law firms, lawyers, and law school clinics who can potentially provide legal representation or other legal assistance on a range of immigration-related matters, which may include humanitarian parole requests, SIVs, asylum, P1/2 refugee status, TPS, or family reunification.

### → International Rescue Committee

- ◆ [Email the White House](#) and call for President Biden to act swiftly to protect at-risk Afghans

### → Global Impact

- ◆ [Donate funds](#) to Global Impact's charity partners supporting Afghan refugees in this time of crisis including agencies providing resettlement.

### → Miles4Migrants

- ◆ [Donate airline miles](#) and credit card points to be converted to flights to assist people to safety | | [More info](#)

### → Peace Corps Community for Refugees

- ◆ [Sign up to volunteer](#): PCC4Refugees is seeking your support for our Afghan allies that are being resettled in your state ([see here](#)). Local resettlement agencies need you to ensure our allies are received with welcome.

→ **Refugee Council USA**

- ◆ [Sign up to volunteer](#) with a community refugee resettlement agency

→ **SJSU Human Rights Institute**

- ◆ [Sign up to host](#) Afghan scholars, journalists, and activists at risk at your universities or law schools

## California

→ **Jewish Family Services of East Bay**

JFCS East Bay is here and ready to uphold the Jewish values of welcoming the stranger and caring for the vulnerable, as our staff and volunteers work to resettle these interpreters, drivers, and other workers and their families. Our country has not undertaken a refugee evacuation of this size since the Vietnam War. It is therefore time for JFCS East Bay to put our 144-year history of refugee resettlement into hyperdrive. | [More Info](#)

- [Donate funds](#)
- [Donate materials from the Amazon Wishlist](#)
- [Volunteer to be a community sponsor](#)

→ **Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley**

Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley empowers individuals and families facing life's challenges by providing quality human services inspired by Jewish values. In the South Bay, the organization expects to resettle about 25 people from Afghanistan by the end of the month. | [More info](#)

- ◆ [Volunteer](#) by emailing Lori Cinnamon. Tutor newcomers in English, help conduct job searches, or mentor refugee families.
- ◆ [Assist in finding temporary housing for families](#). Email if you have leads or access to below market rate housing.
- ◆ [Provide transportation](#) for refugees from the airport, to agencies, or to health screenings.
- ◆ [Donate furniture](#) in great condition to individuals resettling

## Colorado

→ **International Rescue Committee Denver**

[Deliver Food Boxes](#)

→ **Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain**

[Donate Items](#) | [Volunteer Signup](#) |

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is a faith based, non-profit human services agency providing adoption, foster care, older adult & caregiver, prevention, and refugee services since 1948. At LFSRM, we have a variety of ways you can volunteer to help refugees. Whether it be compiling welcome baskets or working closely with refugee

families themselves, we offer an array of opportunities suited to your specific preferences. We have five offices in the Rocky Mountain region, each with individual needs.

## DC/MD/VA Area

### Additional lists of resources

KAMA DC - [How to Support Afghans Arriving in the DMV Area](#)

→ **Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW)**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Donate Items](#) (Silver Springs) | Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) is collecting items to assist with local resettlement efforts. See the attached list of recommended items. Items on the attached list can be dropped off at 501 Sligo Ave Mon - Thur 9AM - 4PM

→ **Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) - African Community Center DC Metro** | [Donate](#) | [Volunteer Signup](#) | [More info](#)

The Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) was established in 1983. Currently headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, ECDC was initially formed to focus on the needs of a growing Ethiopian population in the Washington, D.C. Metro area. However, since its founding, ECDC has served newcomers from diverse cultural backgrounds and many parts of the world. In 1991, ECDC became the first community-based organization authorized by the Department of State to resettle refugees in the U.S. Since its inception, ECDC have assisted more than 250,000 people, including refugees, asylees, and Special Immigration Visa holders from across the world.

→ **Homes Not Borders**

[Donate](#) | [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Homes Not Borders is setting up apartments for the influx of Afghan SIVs in our area. We're setting up homes for 6 families so far this week! Please consider sharing & donating to support our cause.

→ **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

[Donate](#) | [Donate Items](#) | [Volunteer Signup](#) | [Work as SIV Cohort Assistant](#)

IRC's emergency response fund for Afghans resettled in Maryland will support Afghan refugee families who have fled their country to resettle in Maryland. The IRC in Maryland

has resettled more than 2,000 SIVs since the program was established in 2008, mostly living in the Baltimore and Suburban Washington area. Before the end of the year, the IRC in Maryland anticipates the arrival more than 200 Afghan SIV evacuees.

→ **Lapis Bistro**

[Donation Wishlist](#)

Lapis DC is helping collect items for Afghan refugees resettling in the DC area. Drop-off locations are Lapis, 1847 Columbia Rd, NW and The Berliner, 3401 K St. NW Aug 18 -27 from 10am to 5pm weekdays only. For more info, e-mail: Fatima@thepopalgroupp.com. See recommended items [here](#).

→ **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) : We are calling for volunteers to support incoming Afghan Allies, Special Immigrant Visa holders, who are being evacuated to the United States. Afghan Allies are currently arriving in the following cities; however, we want to be ready to welcome these families wherever they go! If you are able to volunteer your time to help with services like airport pick-ups, apartment set-ups, or bringing a meal, please sign-up using the button that represents your region or sign-up for the general stand-by list.

→ **Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA)**

[Donate](#) | [Attend the Townhall \(Aug 26\)](#) | [More info](#)

Afghan Allies have begun arriving at Fort Lee, Virginia, and LSSNCA is grateful to play a leading role in welcoming them to our community. As evacuation of our allies before the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan on September 11 is critical to ensure their safety, LSSNCA is mobilizing its community supporters to be a part of this historic welcome of 2,500 individuals in less than six weeks! We need your time, talents, and gifts to help provide transportation, housing, and other basic needs to our new neighbors, many of whom have received just a few days' notice of their departure to the United States.

→ **Muslim Association of Virginia**

[Donate](#) | [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Muslim Association of Virginia is supporting resettlement of thousands of incoming and current Afghan individuals sheltered at the NVCC Annandale campus.

## Indiana

→ **Exodus Refugee Immigration**

[Donate](#) | [Donation Drop-off](#) | [Amazon Wishlist](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#): Exodus has a long history of welcoming refugees and asylees from many countries, cultures, languages, faiths, and political opinions. We began in 1981 with the mission to serve the legal needs of immigrants and Cuban refugees, who had arrived as part of the Mariel boatlift in 1980. Since that time, Exodus has helped thousands of refugees from more than 50 different countries establish new lives in Indiana.

## Iowa

### → USCRI Des Moines

USCRI Des Moines welcomed their first Afghan family from Kabul the weekend of Aug 21. USCRI has staff on the ground in Ft. Lee, Virginia helping process Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders who served alongside the U.S. military in Afghanistan. If you have a congregation or group that would like to work together to make a long-term commitment to help resettle a family, please contact: Laura Thako, [lthako@uscmail.org](mailto:lthako@uscmail.org).

- ◆ [Donate to resettlement services](#)
- ◆ [Donate new or gently used household items](#). Email for a list of needed items and to schedule drop off.
- ◆ [Provide housing to newly arrived families](#). Landlords and property managers please email.

## Missouri

### → International Institute of St. Louis

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

International Institute is preparing for a wave of Afghan refugees. In 90 days, the institute gets them settled from job searches to medical evaluations, to grocery shopping.

## New York

### → Catholic Charities of New York

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#): Catholic Charities of New York is already helping 13 Afghan refugees with housing, furnishings and transportation. The goal is to help as many people as needed.

## Pennsylvania

### → Jewish Family and Community Services

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Pittsburgh): JFCS has just been notified that we will be welcoming an Afghan SIV family who was evacuated from Kabul just in time on Sunday. They have arrived to a military base and are completing processing. We have limited information due to the

nature of evacuations, but we do know that we will soon be welcoming a family of 8! The family consists of the husband, wife, four sons, and two young daughters.

→ **Church World Service Lancaster**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Lancaster): CWS Lancaster is proud to support efforts to bring US allies from Afghanistan to safety in the United States. Currently four CWS Lancaster staff have been deployed to assist in processing recent Afghan arrivals. In addition, CWS Lancaster has indicated our interest in resettling Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) recipients and other Afghan refugees to the Lancaster community. We are ready to assure cases and have received an outpouring of support from staff and community members committed to welcoming.

## Texas

→ **DFW Refugee Outreach Services (DFWROS)**

DFWROS was started to help refugees successfully adapt to their new society. DFWROS identified a gap in services currently available to refugees – mentoring. We believe that to successfully adapt, refugee families must have access to a mentorship program as well as have their basic survival needs fulfilled. Our endeavor is to bridge the gap between refugees and social workers who cannot or do not follow through as guides and mentors.

- ◆ Donate material and good from the [Walmart wish list](#) or [Amazon wish list](#)
- ◆ [Donate to the GoFundMe](#)

→ **Dallas Refugee Project**

Helping Dallas refugees integrate into the local community with empathy, understanding, and respect.

- ◆ [Volunteer to tutor](#) a refugee in middle or elementary school
- ◆ Donate via [Venmo](#) or [Paypal](#)

→ **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Houston / Fort Worth): We are calling for volunteers to support incoming Afghan Allies, Special Immigrant Visa holders, who are being evacuated to the United States. Afghan Allies are currently arriving in the following cities; however, we want to be ready to welcome these families wherever they go! If you are able to volunteer your time to help with services like airport pick-ups, apartment set-ups, or bringing a meal, please sign-up using the button that represents your region or sign-up for the general stand-by list.

→ **Houston Welcomes Refugees**

[Donate](#) | [Amazon Wishlist](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Houston): Refugees arrive in the United States with very little and have to quickly begin their lives over again. Welcome Kits are filled with household items that provide refugees with the starting essentials needed in their new homes. The hope is that these kits would honor refugees arriving in Houston, welcoming them with dignity, while also meeting a very tangible need. Volunteer at a HWR Collection Drive (dates [here!](#))

→ **Refugee Services of Texas**

[Donate](#) | [Amazon Wishlist](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Dallas / Fort Worth / Houston / Austin) : Founded in 1978, Refugee Services of Texas (RST) is a social-service agency dedicated to providing assistance to refugees and other displaced persons fleeing persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group - as well as to the communities that welcome them. RST provides services to hundreds of refugees, asylees, survivors of human trafficking, and related vulnerable populations from over 30 different countries of origin each year. Originating in Dallas, RST now has service centers in Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and Rio Grande Valley.

## Utah

→ **Utah Refugee Connection**

Creating meaningful connections between refugees, the community, and public and private organizations in Utah which support refugees in developing self-sufficient and fulfilling lives.

- ◆ Purchase grocery gift cards for donation to arriving Afghan families. Send to Utah Refugee Connection 6440 S. Wasatch Blvd Suite 100 SLC, Utahsh 84121
- ◆ [Donate from Amazon Wishlist](#)
- ◆ [Donate funds](#)
- ◆ [Donate a welcome kit](#)

## Washington

→ **Afghan Health Initiative**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer to Host / Emergency Housing Sign Up](#): While resettlement agencies are working to get a permanent housing solution, many of our newcomer Afghan refugees will need a place to stay (3-7 days). This short-term emergency housing form will be shared with resettlement agencies.

→ **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Seattle / Tacoma): We are calling for volunteers to support incoming Afghan Allies, Special Immigrant Visa holders, who are being evacuated to the United States. Afghan Allies are currently arriving in the following cities; however, we want to be ready to welcome these families wherever they go! If you are able to volunteer your time to help with services like airport pick-ups, apartment set-ups, or bringing a meal, please sign-up using the button that represents your region or sign-up for the general stand-by list.

## Wisconsin

→ **Jewish Social Services of Madison**

[Donate](#) | [More info](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#) (Madison): JSS' Reception and Placement (R&P) program is a 90-day intensive case management program that assists families and individuals who come through the US Refugee Admissions Program to resettle in the Madison area. Through this program, JSS works with several community partners to provide a fully furnished apartment, access to health care, public benefits and many other services in order to help newcomers settle into their new community. JSS has resettled families and individuals from Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan and Syria among others.

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## More Resources and Ways to Support

- [Twitter Thread by Bushra Ebadi on Ways on Actions You Can Take and Avoid](#)
- [List of Afghan charities and emergency relief efforts to donate to](#)
- [Immigration Relief for Afghans](#) - This document is a non-exhaustive compilation of pathways for migration for Afghans seeking entry to the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada.
- [Women for Afghan Women](#) - Donate to provide safe shelter, resources and aid to displaced women and children in Afghanistan.
- [Afghan Aid](#) - Help provide urgent, life-saving assistance to men, women and children who have been affected by the conflict in Afghanistan.