



Refugee Co-sponsorship

Lutheran Family Services (LFS) welcomes hundreds of refugees to Nebraska every year. Newly arrived refugees need support for daily tasks such as shopping, connecting to others in their new community and learning financial literacy.

Your faith, civic, or educational group can empower refugees through co-sponsorship. **Co-sponsors are guides, friends, and advocates for newly arrived refugees, helping refugees become self-sufficient quickly.** By working together, your group and LFS can best assure refugees succeed in their new country.

As Guides: Co-sponsors supply initial food and household items for refugees. They introduce refugees to U.S. culture, acquainting them with important aspects of American life, culture, and customs.

As Friends: Co-sponsors offer friendship, emotional support and encouragement as refugees adjust to U.S. culture. Co-sponsors share in the cultural heritage of refugees and honor their customs and traditions.

As Advocates: To help ensure refugees are not exploited, discriminated against, or taken advantage of, co-sponsors encourage refugees to connect with other refugees for mutual support, and to network with other groups to foster multi-cultural communication and understanding.

Co-sponsors are encouraged to make a 90-day commitment to LFS. This is an ethical, not legal, commitment. And LFS staff will provide you instruction, information, and advice during your co-sponsorship.

Community Based Services Office Locations

124 S. 24th Street
Omaha, NE 68102

2301 "O" Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

300 W Broadway,
Suite #7
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

800 N Washington St
Lexington, NE 68850

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Co-sponsorship Levels

Welcome Team

- Collect all required household and furniture items to furnish a newly arriving family's apartment and set up the home prior to their arrival.
- Purchase culturally appropriate groceries for the new family and stock the pantry.

Support Team

- Welcome Team duties, plus commit to visiting the family at least once a week for 3 to 6 months to provide mentoring and community guidance. Agreeing to provide support for no more than 7 Core Services*. (Mentoring may be provided by an individual or up to 6 team members).

Co-sponsor Team

- Support Team duties, plus agreeing to provide support for at least 8 Core Services*. (Mentoring may be provided by an individual or up to 6 members).

**Core Services- services LFS is required to provide refugee clients. Some core services can be delegated to Co-sponsor teams (i.e. furnishing home, stocking pantry, transportation, etc.) in coordination with the LFS case management team.*

A complete list will be shared during training or upon request.

Ready to get started?

E-mail us at WelcomeRefugees@onelfs.org or
apply at lfsneb.volunteerhub.com.