

Refugee Resettlement Program

New program. Same mission.

Transitional Housing

Experience leading skill-building programs and navigating housing and community resources

Adult Basic Education

Experience serving immigrants and refugees through education and supportive services

**HOPE
& OPPORTUNITY**

Refugee Resettlement

CMC will assist refugees with housing, help them navigate the new culture, and connect them with resources, education, and employment opportunities so that the families become self-sufficient as quickly as possible.

Who we'll help:

families | workers | artists

REFUGEES

doctors | students | farmers



whose lives have been interrupted by

genocide | war | terrorism

CONFLICT

ethnic cleansing | persecution



and have lost everything they know, love, and need to **SURVIVE & THRIVE.**

After fleeing to neighboring cities or camps in search of safety, only a fraction are able to establish **NEW BEGINNINGS** in the U.S.



How we'll help:

Pre-arrival

- Arrange for safe and affordable housing
- Set up apartment
- Set up medical appointments



Reception

- Greet family at airport and transport to new home
- Walk through new living space with family
- Provide a warm, ready-to-eat, culturally appropriate first meal



Services

- Enroll in employment services and English classes
- Register children for school
- Provide cultural orientation
- Connect to other community services as needed



MYTH

Refugees are just starting to arrive in Iowa.

Iowa has a long history of welcoming refugees. In the 1970s, Iowa resettled Vietnamese refugees and assisted East European refugees in the '80s and '90s.

FACT



Bright FUTURES



New HOMES

MYTH

It's easy for refugees to get to Iowa.

Many refugees live in camps for 10 to 15 years before arriving and must complete a series of rigorous interviews and security screenings that can take years.

FACT

MYTH

Refugees are unable to find employment.

"Once refugees have adjusted to... life after resettlement, they can provide substantial contributions to the workforce and economic development."
--Chmura Economics & Analytics

FACT



United FAMILIES



Regained FREEDOM

MYTH

Refugees receive taxpayer dollars for a long time.

Government-funded support is only available for a limited time. Non-profits (like CMC!) may offer additional support past initial resettlement, but our goal and their desire is for self-sufficiency.

FACT

How you can help welcome our new neighbors:

LEARN

Help dispel myths and create a safe and inviting culture.

Refugees.org is a great place to start!



VOLUNTEER

Set up an apartment, provide transportation, cook a warm meal, or teach English! Sign up at **cmc-cr.org/resettlement-volunteers**



GIVE

Financial resources are always needed to ensure quality services. Visit **cmc-cr.org** to give online and help kick-start this new program.



 **Catherine McAuley Center**
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 **U.S. COMMITTEE**
FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

Visit **cmc-cr.org** to get involved at the Catherine McAuley Center.
For more information on refugee resettlement, visit **refugees.org**

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