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**

**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**

**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**

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**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.

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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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