



Each year, hundreds of people from refugee camps around the globe resettle in the Kansas City metropolitan area with the help of agencies approved by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Saint Andrew's Hand of Welcome ministry offers several ways for you to help: donate new or gently used household items, set up an apartment for an incoming family, tutor English as a Second Language (ESL) or citizenship sessions, or buy a share in the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

Keep reading for more details.



CSA

Community Supported Agriculture

Support a resettled refugee family's farm in Kansas City by buying a CSA share in early spring. In return, you receive fresh, locally grown produce each Sunday morning during the garden season, and you build a relationship with a family building a new life and business in Kansas City. Individual produce items are also available for sale each Sunday morning.



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*Seeking God, creating community
and practicing justice with
America's newest residents.*

Donation Drives

Much of the resettlement process relies on donations of new and gently used furniture, household items, and clothing. St. Andrew will coordinate donation drives for items needed to set up apartments for newly arriving families or to support families as they continue to find their place in Kansas City. You can contribute to these drives with new or gently used items requested or with financial donations designated for **Hand of Welcome**.



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me”

Matthew 25:35-36

Move-In Teams

Move-in teams work together to set-up a house or apartment for a newly arriving family. Volunteers work in teams of six or more to assemble needed items from a warehouse, load the moving truck, and unload and set up at the apartment. Furniture and household items are provided by the resettling agency. Training is provided.



This work is physical, but all ability levels can help including those who can drive the 15-foot moving truck. Time commitment is flexible. Move-ins are scheduled in the afternoons, evenings and weekends and take about two hours. Volunteers pick the day and times that fit their schedules.

ESL or Citizenship Tutoring

Helping those new to the United States learn English is an important way to help refugees assimilate into our community. Training is provided and tutors and students work one-on-one (flexible schedule). Tutoring sessions are usually scheduled in the evenings or on Saturdays and sometimes weekday mornings or afternoons. Matches are based on the availability of the student and tutor.

Resettled refugees are eligible to apply for citizenship after five years in the United States. Citizenship tutors assist a classroom teacher and work with small groups of adult students as they prepare for their naturalization interview. Training is provided. Classes are on weekday mornings and volunteers can select days and times that fit their schedules.

