



Welcoming newcomers since 1939

Global Refuge (formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. We have been a leader in resettlement for 85 years, dedicated to the “long welcome” – supporting immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees through advocacy, care, and empowerment to restore a sense of home.

Our Work

Global Refuge provides services for newcomers, including refugees, unaccompanied children, asylum-seekers, and special immigrant visa (SIV) holders, and operates through a combination of direct service and its network of over 75 community-based affiliates in 42 states. Since its inception, Global Refuge has served and assisted more than 750,000 individuals as they rebuild their lives in the United States. Global Refuge’s mission is to act as a witness to God’s love of all people and stand with and advocate for immigrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice.

Advocacy

- We advocate for humane immigration policy.
- We stand for community integration and opportunity to access the American dream.
- We convene communities and congregations in the work of welcome.

Care

- We welcome newcomers.
- We resettle refugees.
- We serve unaccompanied children.

Empowerment

- We encourage people of faith to support newcomers.
- We build communities in which strangers become neighbors.
- We empower immigrants and refugees.

Our Services



Refugee
Resettlement



Case
Management
Services







Employment
Training and
Engagement



Social Services
and Foster Care
for Children

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