

HOPE

for the Holidays™



Global Refuge

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled and grateful that you have chosen to participate in this year's Hope for the Holidays™ program. Year after year, our amazing supporters across the country come together to share hope with those seeking safety in the United States.

Our new neighbors have persevered through incredible challenges to find refuge in the United States—and while many are no longer in immediate danger, their journeys are far from over. They are now navigating the ever-changing policies that threaten their security in their new communities and the challenges of maintaining their immigration status. And unfortunately, many may never reunite with their families.

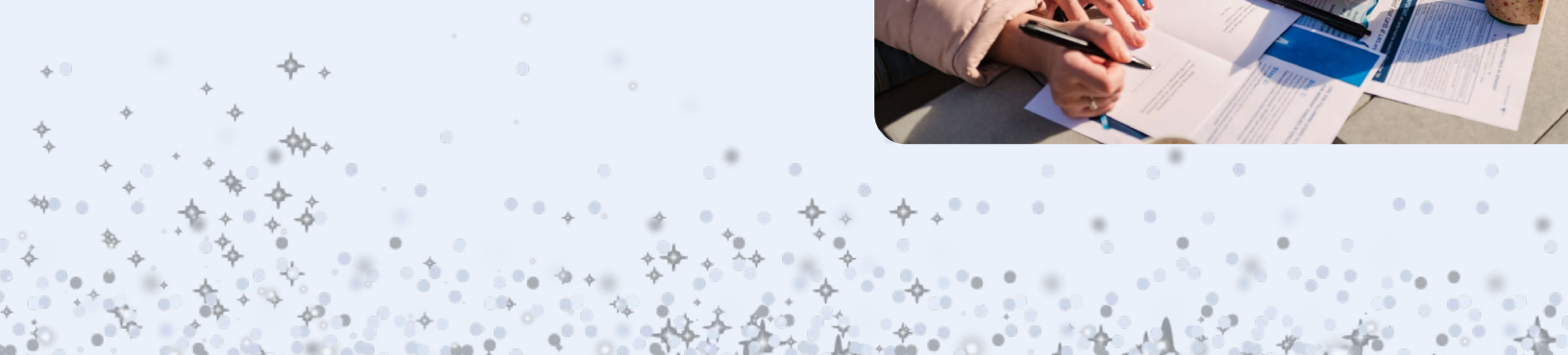
By participating in Hope for the Holidays, you are extending a moment of hope and humanity to those who have been through the unimaginable. During a time of uncertainty, your generosity and kindness assure our newest neighbors that they are still welcome. Your messages of hope remind our friends that they are not forgotten.

As we enter a season of friends, family, and celebration, let us share the gift of connection with those who may be feeling insecure or alone. Let us remember those who may be thousands of miles away from family and the homes they were forced to flee. Join us in sharing warmth, welcome, and hope for the holidays.

Blessings,



Rev. Dan Beirne
Director for Mobilization and Faith Relations



Use the following steps to write holiday cards for refugees and other immigrants in our communities:



IMPORTANT:

All cards must be mailed by December 5th.

Send your cards at globalrefuge.org/Hope

STEP 1:

Write messages of hope and encouragement in English and/or Spanish on holiday cards. Draw a picture or share your favorite poem, quote, or scripture to personalize the card. Sign the card (first name and city/state). **DO NOT put cards in individual envelopes.** Please place all cards in one large manila envelope or box.

STEP 2:

Visit globalrefuge.org/hope to fill out an electronic cover sheet. Please include the number of cards you are sending! Once the electronic cover sheet is submitted, you'll receive information on where to send your cards.

STEP 3:

Mail the cards to the address provided. Our **Hope for the Holidays™** partners will make sure that your cards are received by our refugee and other immigrant neighbors and friends.

STEP 4:

Help support the newcomers receiving your cards by donating at globalrefuge.org/GiveHope.

STEP 5:

Invite your family, friends, and faith community to write their own cards as well!

Thank You!

Global Refuge is proud to serve refugees and other immigrants, and we cherish our network of unwavering supporters.

Thank you for joining us as we work to remind our newest neighbors that they are not alone. This year, it is more important than ever to be a beacon of welcome and kindness for those who sought safety on our shores. We all have a unique opportunity to change the harmful narratives about newcomers and instead celebrate the gifts refugees and other immigrants bring to communities across the country.

To support you in this important work, Global Refuge has developed a number of resources that can be shared with your congregations, community groups, family, friends, and whoever else wants to join the work of welcome.



Journey to Welcome Educational Simulation Exercise

An educational, service-based activity great for students, youth groups, and adults.

- Download at globalrefuge.org/Journey.



Disinformation Resources:

Learn the facts about our newest neighbors and combat harmful rhetoric with facts, stories, and more.

- Explore at globalrefuge.org/GetTheFacts.



Neighbor Kit Service Project Opportunity:

Pack kits of household, hygiene, and other necessary items to help support refugees and other immigrants in your community.

- Visit globalrefuge.org/NeighborKits to learn more.

Global Refuge is here to support you!

Email outreach@globalrefuge.org with any questions you may have and visit globalrefuge.org/Get-Involved to explore all the other ways you can support the work of welcome.

**Peace and many blessings to you
and your families this holiday season.**



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