Refugees in Utah

How You Can Help

Who is a Refugee?

A **refugee** is a person forced to flee his or her country and is unable to return due to persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most refugees are women and children. There are **20,000,000** refugees in the world.

Refugee Resettlement in Utah

- Utah resettles about **1,150** refugees every year; this year the majority will be coming from Burma, Iraq, Somalia and Congo, as well as some from Syria.
- **60,000** refugees from more than 20 countries currently live in Utah.
- **5,000–10,000** continue to need assistance of some kind, especially in job upgrades.

For more information, call **211** or visit uw.org/refugee

Donate Money

Donations help support rent and housing assistance, refugee youth programs, English skills training, and other needs. Call **211** for a list of confirmed agencies to donate to.

Donate Time and Skills

Volunteer your time and skills to help refugees with activities such as Eagle Scout projects, employer mentoring, English language tutoring, family mentoring, financial planning, K-12 tutoring, transportation, and more.

Donate Goods

Items of greatest need include diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, hygiene kits and household supplies. Drop items off at the locations listed at the right.

Volunteer Orientation

Join us for a brief orientation on refugees and how you can help:

- Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 9, 2016 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Utah Refugee Education & Training Center
250 West 3900 South • Salt Lake City, Utah

Drop Off Locations

- DWS Employment Centers (list at **jobs.utah.gov**)
- Refugee Education and Training Center, 250 West 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84107
- Catholic Community Services • **ccsutah.org**
- International Rescue Committee • **rescue.org**
- Asian Association of Utah • **aau-slc.org**

Contact refugeeoffice@utah.gov for more locations.