



WELCOMING REFUGEES

Co-SPONSORSHIP INTEREST/MATCHING FORM

This form solidifies your organization’s interest in one of the 4 sponsorship levels. Use the form to help you think about the talents and expertise that will be beneficial during the sponsorship process. Your answers will also help LSS/NCA staff match your team with a family that will benefit the most from your partnership. Once this form is completed and signed, please return it to the staff listed below to begin the co-sponsorship process.

CONTACT	<p>Local Resettlement Organization: Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area 4406 Georgia Avenue NW Washington, DC 20011 Staff Contact: <u>Kiersten Rossetto</u> Phone: <u>202-723-3000 ext. 284</u> Email: <u>RossettoK@lssnca.org</u></p>	<p>Co-Sponsor Organization: Name of Organization: _____ Address: _____ _____ Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>
CASE	<p>Refugee Family Preference: (NOTE: The more particular your congregation’s preference , the less likely LSS/NCA staff will be able to place your team with a family. Please indicate “no preference” to be assigned the refugee family most in need of your support.)</p> <p>Family Size: _____ Country of Origin: _____ No Preference (Check here) _____</p>	
COMMITMENT	<p><u>Please select the level of sponsorship your organization is interested in providing:</u> (For further reference please see the LSS/NCA Sponsorship Levels Flyer)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Home Raiser: (One year commitment) Prepare housing arrangements and collect basic needs for the arriving refugee family, ensure family can maintain housing by providing rental assistance to LSS/NCA, and provide 3 additional core areas of sponsorship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Layer: (Six month commitment) Prepare housing arrangements and collect basic needs for the arriving refugee family and provide 3 additional core areas of sponsorship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Architect: (Six month commitment) Offer mentoring to help refugees adapt to new community.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter: (Three month commitment) Host donation drives at home, in the community, or at church to collect furniture, toiletries, and other basic needs for refugee family.</p> <p><u>Level 1 and Level 2 Sponsors: Please select your THREE additional core areas of service:</u></p> <p><u>The Basics - Choose At Least One:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stock the Pantry: Purchase culturally appropriate groceries for the family.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arrival: Pick up the individual or family from the airport and welcome them to their new home and community.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Meal: Prepare a culturally appropriate meal, ready for the individual or family to enjoy immediately upon arrival at their new home.</p> <p><u>Education – Choose At Least One:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health: Accompany the individual or family to medical appointments and assist as an advocate for the individual or family’s healthcare access.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conversation: Focus on developing English skills with the individual or family.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial Education: Facilitate financial education for the individual or family.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Job Development: Help the individual or family with employment preparation and/or securing employment in order to work towards self-sufficiency.</p> <p><u>Friendship – Choose At Least One:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Assistance: In partnership with LSS/NCA staff and case managers, arrange for transportation of individual or family in situations where public transportation is not practical.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Guide: Use your creativity to help the refugee family learn more about their new community.</p>	

(Interest form continued on next page.)



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CO-SPONSOR INFORMATION

Do you plan to co-sponsor in partnership with another organization or local congregation? _____ YES _____ NO
If so, which organization/congregation? _____

The ability to communicate to our refugees in their native language is beneficial in sponsorship relationships but is not required. Does your co-sponsorship team have the ability to communicate in any of the following languages?

- Arabic
- Farsi
- Dari
- Pashtu
- Tigrinya
- Other: _____

Professional mentorship is essential in helping a refugee find employment, build networks, and grow in their profession. Many of our refugees served as professionals in their home countries or have aspirations to finish their education in their career field. The professions below are those professions that are most often sought by our refugees. Does your co-sponsorship team have expertise in any of the following?

- Nursing
- Dentistry
- Engineering
- Law
- Accounting

Are you planning on utilizing committees to fulfill your sponsorship responsibilities? If so, which ones?
(Note: ALL members directly working with the refugee families will require a background check.)

- General Coordinator (Co-Sponsor Contact)
- Employment Team
- Finance Team
- Food & Clothing Team
- Housing & Furnishing Team
- Transportation Team
- Welcome Team
- Other _____

SIGNATURE

This form is filled out to the best of our ability. We enter into this work thoughtfully and fully prepared to perform the activities required in co-sponsorship. We recognize that LSS/NCA is ultimately responsible for the provision of all core resettlement services, and that this interest form is not a legally binding agreement. We are ready to get started!

Co-Sponsor Representative: _____
Printed Name Title

Signature Date

LSS/NCA Representative: _____
Printed Name Title

Signature Date

Outreach Coordinator use only:

Manager assigned: _____

Date manager assigned: _____

State of Co-Sponsor Case: MD VA

Case Manager use only:

Date Case assigned to co-sponsor: _____

Initials of Manager: _____