



Nebraska Region Refugee Resettlement Support

Thrivent Action Team ideas

Picnic

Coordinate an event to welcome a refugee family to the community with food, fun and fellowship. Seed money can be used to purchase picnic food, cutlery and yard games that can be donated to the family.

Seasonal necessities

Gather a team to collect items for the four seasons. Spring/summer supplies may include umbrellas, sandals, life jackets, outdoor games, etc. Fall/winter items may include winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, school supplies, etc. Seed money can be used to supplement the collection, and to purchase totes and clothing organizers.

Resettlement 101

Host a dinner or educational event to raise awareness about the resettlement process. Invite former refugees to share their personal experiences and advice. Seed money can be used to pay for the venue and meal.

Celebration dinner

Welcome a family into the community with a celebratory dinner. Invite local shop owners and other community members to attend. Encourage guests to bring supplies to help with the family's transition (bus tickets, umbrellas, backpacks filled with necessities, etc.).

Room sponsorship

Organize a team to prepare a specific area of the refugee family's home. Use seed money to purchase furnishings, paint and other supplies needed to complete a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom or even a hallway closet.

Mentor development

Host workshops to develop a support network of mentors. Seed money can be used to purchase materials, refreshments, etc.

Fundraisers

Host a concert, dinner, run, walk or bike ride to raise funds for a refugee family. Use seed money to print flyers and pay for event supplies.

Vehicle/home repairs

Gather a team to help repair a refugee family's home or vehicle while also teaching them how to handle similar repairs in the future. Use seed money to purchase tools, a toolbox and other items needed to make the repairs; and after, donate the items to the family.

Lawncare/exterior home care

Organize a team to collect and donate lawncare items to a refugee family. Seed money can help pay for new or used necessities such as a lawn mower, landscaping/gardening tools and even a snow shovel for wintertime.

Partnering organizations

Lutheran Family Services
of Nebraska (www.lfsneb.org)

Refugee Empowerment Center
(refugeeempowerment.org)

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
(habitatomaha.org)

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