WHAT WE DO

• LSG’s Refugee and Immigration Services walks alongside refugees and immigrants on the path from arrival to citizenship. RIS welcomes refugees, creates the refugee family’s first home, helps them secure the documents they need, guides them through their first experiences in a new culture, and prepares them for citizenship.

• RIS aims to help refugees and immigrants achieve economic self-sufficiency, integrated successfully into their new communities and country, and strive for citizenship.

Building welcoming communities by serving, empowering, and advocating with refugees and immigrants.

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REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
www.lsga.org
WHO ARE REFUGEES?

- People who cannot return home for fear of losing their lives.
- People whose own government cannot or will not protect them.
- People who are persecuted for their religious or political beliefs.
- People who flee war or genocide.
- People who are brutalized by a military regime.
- Refugees are invited to the U.S. by the Department of State and are eligible to work.

OUR SERVICES

- **Resettlement***: Intensive services include providing for the day-to-day needs of newly arrived refugees: an apartment, food, health screenings, orientation, legal documents, and school registration for children.
- **Social Adjustment***: Extended case management services to assist families with home management, accessing medical care, and emergency situations.
- **Cultural Orientation***: Cultural orientation to recently arrived refugees. Topics include transportation, home management, healthcare, computer skills, and employment.
- **Employment***: Orients newcomers to the American workplace. Offers employment counseling, job placement services, and post-employment follow-up.
- **Matching Grant***: Additional support empowers refugees to quickly find a job and reach early self-sufficiency. Through intensive employment services, matching grant provides refugees with an alternative to public assistance.
- **Immigration***: RIS offers Immigration Legal Services, including consultations, citizenship classes, and assistance with immigration documents.
- **Detention Visitation and Pen Pals***: LSG’s Friends in Hope volunteers bring hope, compassion, and friendship to detainees in immigrant detention centers through visits and letters.

*Also in Savannah

VOLUNTEER

Compassionate members of local communities, congregations, schools, and organizations welcome refugees and immigrants in many ways:

- Furnishing homes
- Collecting and donating essential items
- Tutoring in English and other studies
- Identifying employment opportunities
- Driving refugees to appointments
- As “First Friends”, mentoring refugees during acclimation to their new homeland
- As Friends in Hope, providing a compassionate presence to immigrants in detention

Many of our volunteers are themselves former refugees, eager to empower others to forge happy and successful lives in the U.S. Donations are always needed, including financial support, furniture, household items, and clothing.

Donations are always needed to welcome refugees!