

# Join a Refugee Welcome Team

**A Refugee Welcome Team, in partnership with Arrive Ministries, walks alongside refugee families from the moment they arrive in the Twin Cities and throughout their first year of resettlement, providing practical support and life skills, friendship and care.** The Welcome Team is made up of 8-10 adults; children and families are welcome to be a part of the team.

The first month is the most work-intensive to get a family settled with:

1. Meeting them at the airport
2. Helping them settle into a place to live, helping with food & furniture, etc.
3. Helping them learn about public transportation
4. Helping them find a bank, doctor, schools for children, etc.

After the first intensive month, the team will collectively have some form of contact with the family once a week. Each team member should anticipate a once-a-month commitment to make a personal connection with the family.

The time commitment for a Refugee Welcome Team is one year, but of course, if friendships develop, it could bless everyone involved for years.

Team members should be:

- Flexible (families can arrive in the Twin Cities with little more than 24 hours notice)
- Welcoming
- Patient
- Hospitable

**Westwood is hosting an informational meeting on October 26 at 7:00pm at the Bush Lake Campus.** At this meeting, Arrive Ministries will share more about the process of welcoming a family to the Twin Cities and how to get started.

If you are interested in learning more, please click the link below:

<https://westwoodcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1349/responses/new>

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