



### REFUGEE 101

Learn the facts about refugee resettlement and gain knowledge on the struggles and successes of new Americans.

Aug 27 5:00-7:00pm

To RSVP, please email [cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com](mailto:cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com)

### REFUGEE 201

Refugee 201 is for those who have already attended the Refugee 101 and are considering moving forward to become a volunteer with TRM.

Aug 23 7:00-8:30pm

To schedule for you or your group, please email [amy@tucsonrefugeeministry.com](mailto:amy@tucsonrefugeeministry.com)



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and Fry's will make a donation to us!

24 households are currently supporting TRM by shopping at Fry's and contributed \$98 in donations between September and November.  
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1. Log in to your Fry's account online (or make one here if you don't have one already).
2. Go to My Account and click on Account Settings.
3. Click on Edit under Community Rewards and type in 40507 or Tucson Refugee Ministry.
4. Select the box next to TRM and save changes.
5. Shop away and support TRM!

**Thank You!**



JUL/AUG/SEPT 2018 Building a Bridge between the Church and the Nations at our Doorstep

## SUMMER IN REVIEW



### World Refugee Month June 2018

Tucson celebrated World Refugee Day on June 16th. Organizations and churches from all over Tucson gathered to recognize



refugees. 10 children from 9 different countries received

their citizenship, and many community workers were recognized for their dedicated involvement with refugees. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it such a beautiful event for refugee parents and children!



## INTERNATIONAL KIDS KAMP July 2018

**322** campers from all over the world including Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Congo and the United States

**98** AMAZING volunteers from 29 churches in Tucson and beyond!

**5** incredible days together filled with songs, crafts, games, stories, service projects, field trips, and so much more!

### Here's what one volunteer said...

*"What a fun, crazy, exhausting, life-giving week I had with my kids and so many of my precious friends at Intl Kids Kamp. The thing I realized once upon a time is that it's easy for me to live too comfortably and judge others when I view them from afar, when they're just a face. But the moment you take a step toward them, learn their story, and make someone a friend instead of just a nameless face, you're changed. You care about them and those they represent. You want to learn more and most certainly, you're left wanting to live differently, in a way that loves more inclusively and through action. These beautiful refugee children have been through SO much in their short lives and so often they're treated as less than. What a privilege to love and serve them and dance together and make crafts and eat snacks and hug and chant and simply, become friends. And when the time comes to leave and say bye and they won't let go of me, in tears... I know I am the one who was the most blessed and the most changed by this week."* -Brittany Brown

[www.intlkidskamp.com](http://www.intlkidskamp.com)

## Partner Refugee Ministries

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Refugee Resource Center  
randiesiafletcher@gmail.com

Tutoring for Tucson  
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Victory Technology  
smithnitanrick@dakotacom.net

We mobilize, train and vet volunteers then these partners engage and connect them with refugee and asylum-seeker families.



## PORTRAIT PROJECT

Hand painted portraits by local artist Genii Pell. Behind each face is an incredible story of a journey to a new life in the US. With your donation, TRM can continue to act as a support to agencies and a catalyst to connect volunteers with refugee friends.

Newsletters and important announcements are sent out by email in a more timely manner.

If you would like to subscribe to our e-newsletter and help us save money please send a note to [cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com](mailto:cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com)



TRM is 100% donor powered. Would you consider partnering with us and giving a tax-deductible gift to TRM?

VISIT:

[www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com](http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com)  
Reach out to our refugee neighbors and help mobilize churches by investing in this ministry TODAY!

## Holiday Exchange Ramadan



Tucsonans met their Muslim neighbors during Ramadan at their homes, the park, the mosque, etc. to promote peace and build bridges. It was a great season as people came as strangers and left as friends!

Look for opportunities in December for Christians to host Muslims for Christmas.

## LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES!

### Refugee Resettlement Summit

August 29-30, Phoenix, AZ

The Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program is planning a statewide conference. The purpose of the Summit is to bring refugee stakeholders together to plan and strategize for refugee resettlement in Arizona. They have specifically invited the faith community to come and be part of these meetings. The event is planned for August 29-30 in Phoenix. Come and rub shoulders with the agency staff and others who serve refugees.

[WWW.AZREFUGEESUMMIT.COM](http://WWW.AZREFUGEESUMMIT.COM)



## REFUGEE HIGHWAY PARTNERSHIP

Helping the Church Serve Forcibly Displaced Peoples



North American Roundtable  
October 24-26, 2018,  
Chicago, IL  
Register Online



Southwest Regional Roundtable  
January 11-13, 2019  
Franciscan Renewal Center -  
Phoenix  
More details and registration to follow soon!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TRM acts as a catalyst to connect volunteers to our partner ministries, agencies, and other organizations. Here are some of the current needs:

**ELLA Center** (English Language Learning for Adults) - looking for volunteers to sit with the students and help them navigate English lessons on Monday and Tuesday mornings. No preparation is needed- just show up and be you!

**Tutoring for Tucson** - looking for more tutors to help in all subject areas at Roberts Naylor school on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. If interested, please contact Kevin at [skiaz86@gmail.com](mailto:skiaz86@gmail.com).

**Sports Equipment** - A growing number of refugee youth have had the opportunity to play in AYSO sports. If you or your church group can bless refugee youth by gathering these needed items, please contact Vicky Bradley at [vickybrad@gmail.com](mailto:vickybrad@gmail.com).

35 soccer balls (size 5)  
15 soccer balls (size 4)

40 pairs of shin guards (sizes youth medium and youth large)

40 pairs of youth soccer socks

Big 5 gift cards to purchase soccer cleats

Email Cherie at [cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com](mailto:cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com) to receive our TRM Announcements that we send out periodically with some of these specific needs.

## Director's Note

Refugee resettlement is down 70% compared to this time last year. Although the US was set to welcome 45,000 refugees this year, only about 25,000 are expected to be resettled. We don't know what the presidential determination will be next year, or if refugee resettlement will still be happening. Resettlement agencies are struggling to stay open. A big 76% of white evangelicals supported the travel ban, and only 25% of evangelicals think the US should be responsible for refugees (according to a recent poll). Is this window of opportunity to welcome the nations to our doorstep closing?

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