

ORGANIZATIONS WHO SERVE REFUGEES IN TUCSON

Resettlement Agencies

Catholic Community Services: Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) of Catholic Social Service provides resettlement services to welcome refugees into their new lives and community. The services include case management, links to employment, job readiness training for adults, transportation, housing, short-term financial assistance, English as Second Language class for adults, and school registration for children. 140 W. Speedway, Suite 230 Tucson, AZ 85705
Phone: (520)623-0344 www.ccs-soaz.org

International Rescue Committee (IRC): The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster.

2100 N. Kolb Rd. #103 Tucson, AZ 85715

Phone: (520)319-2128 ext#130 www.rescue.org/tucson

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, Refugee and Immigration Services: For more than thirty years, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) has resettled refugees in Tucson and Phoenix and provides a comprehensive package of employment assistance, case management and other supportive services, including refugee K-12 education support for parents, schools, teachers and students. We work very closely with a valued group of community partners, congregations, referral agencies and volunteers to provide refugees with a welcoming community that supports achievement of their families' dreams. LSS-SW is committed to showing kindness, doing justice, and serving those in need. To get started volunteering to help refugees with LSS-SW, sign-up at <http://bttr.im/12rk9>. 120 N Stone Ave, Suite 220R Tucson, AZ 85701

Phone: (520)721-4444 www.lss-sw.org/refugeeservices

Community Based Outreaches

Adult Basic Education for College & Career: Adult Basic Education for College & Career (ABECC) division includes classes in High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation, English Language Acquisition, Citizenship and more. The Refugee Education Program (REP) offers an English-language learning program. Instruction that is designed for students from the lowest literacy levels through college entrance levels. Courses focus on practical English skills that help refugees function independently on the job and in daily living. ABECC offers many opportunities for volunteers to serve as tutors, classroom aides or as support staff. *Minimum time commitment and training required.* Montserrat Caballero mcaballero1@pima.edu

Arizona Welcomes Refugees: An informal network made up of people who want to welcome refugees to Tucson and the surrounding area. There is no official leadership or hierarchy but there is a Facebook page and there is a monthly potluck on the first Thursday of each month at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the community room at 7 P.M. Join on Facebook and find out all that is going on! arizonawelcomesrefugees@gmail.com

Iskashitaa Refugee Network: A grass roots organization that helps rebuild refugee lives through partnerships with volunteers and local organizations. Iskashitaa creates opportunities to better integrate refugees into the larger Tucson community, gleaning and redistributing local fruits. Programs emphasize community connections, sharing, and English language practice to build community of refugees and volunteers. Barbara Eiswerth, Director 1406 E. Grant Rd. Bldg. #2, 857 (520)440-0100 Kate Jewett-Williams, volunteer@iskashitaa.org; www.iskashitaa.org

Karenni Konnection: Connecting the Tucson Karenni to the local Christian community through mentoring, tutoring, shared friendship and celebrations. Paula Starker, Director paula.starker@gmail.com

Literacy Connects: A Tucson non-profit that connects people of all ages to a world of opportunities through literacy and creative expression. They offer English Language Acquisition classes for adult immigrants and refugees. While many of their students are refugees, the classes are not refugee-specific. www.literacyconnects.org

Noor Women's Association/Congregation Or Chadash: Noor assists the neediest refugees to make the transition to life in the United States. The number one priority is assisting widows and single mothers. All clients are recommended by the 3 receiving agencies.

noorwomentucson@gmail.com www.noorwomen.webs.com

Owl & Panther: The Owl & Panther Project works with refugee families (especially children and youth) who have been impacted by trauma, torture and traumatic dislocation through programming that involves expressive arts, service and time in nature in order to foster the feeling of belonging and community. Abby Hungwe, Administrative Director www.owlandpanther.org

Refugee & Immigrant Ministry: Refugee & Immigrant Ministry (RIM) seeks to empower and integrate refugees and asylum seekers into the life of our community, and to walk alongside those encountering hardships. An outreach of Northminster Presbyterian Church. Pete Seiferth, Associate Pastor pseiferth@npctucson.org www.npctucson.org

Refugee Resource Center: Providing pathways to success through education, internships, and job skills training. Randiesia Fletcher, Director refugeeresourceaz@gmail.com
www.rrcaz.org/

Tucson Box of Hope: A non-profit community service ministry that encourages others to give to the less fortunate in Tucson. Collecting donations and providing free food, clothing, hygiene items, and more to the door steps of those in need including refugees, veterans, and others. Jesus Sandoval, Director impact@tucsonboxofhope.org

Tucson Refugee Ministry: Tucson Refugee Ministry *inspires* the Church to be an agent of hope and compassion for refugees, *equips* volunteers through training and resources, and *mobilizes* Christians to welcome and serve the nations here in Tucson... and beyond. Since 2006 TRM has been partnering with the refugee resettlement agencies to help facilitate practical ways that Christian believers can love and serve refugees. Jennifer Timpkins, Director jennifer@tucsonrefugeeministry.com www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com

Tutoring for Tucson: Providing tutoring in all subject areas for middle and high school students from our refugee community at Roberts-Naylor K8. Kevin Bredehoft skiaz86@gmail.com

Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP): The Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) administers refugee resettlement services and time limited cash and medical assistance for eligible beneficiaries. Linguistically compatible and culturally responsive case management and employment services support refugees in achieving economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible after their arrival in the United States. Services are intended to best advance refugees' effective resettlement in their new Arizona communities. These services are linked to initial Reception and Placement Services, are prioritized by need categories, and are available for up to five years from an eligible beneficiary's arrival or grant of legal status in the United States. 1455 S. Alvernon, 2nd Floor Mail Drop 6223 Tucson, Arizona 85711 Phone: (520)872-9008

Refugee & Immigrant Service Provider Network (RISP-net): The Refugee & Immigrant Service Provider Network (RISP-net) has a 15 year history in Tucson. It originated with the Family Passages Program at La Frontera, Tucson. Currently the coalition is administered by Jacquie Villa-Base through a continuing grant from La Frontera. Serving on the RISP-net Steering committee are Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program representatives, Directors of the three Refugee Resettlement Agencies (IRC, RF, CCS), representatives from the community at large, the medical community, the Tucson Police Department, and three refugee Mutual Assistance Associations (MAAs)... the Bhutanese Mutual Assistance Association of Tucson (BMAAT), the Liberian Association of Tucson (LAT) and finally, the Burundi Arizona Heritage Organization (BAHO). The Refugee & Immigrant Service Provider Network Community Meeting has a Bi-Monthly schedule. The meetings are in January, March, May, July, September and November.