How You Can Help Refugees in 2021

Become educated. Did you know: Over 700,000 refugees have resettled in the United States since 9/11. During that time, none have carried out an act of terror.

Learn more about how JFS resettles refugees each year in Silicon Valley, helps them get their first jobs in America, and helps them become responsible citizens.
  - Learn about our program and meet our staff. Contact Zoya Lazer: zoyal@jfssv.org, (408) 357-7452.
  - Stay up to date on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/jewishfamilyservicessv/

Volunteer to work with refugees: Even during the shelter in place, there are volunteer opportunities! Tutor newcomers in English and help conduct job searches. Mentor refugee families and help them acculturate to life in the United States. Drive families to appointments. Contact Lori Cinnamon: loric@jfssv.org, (408) 357-7456.

Help newly arrived refugees find housing in Silicon Valley. Contact Caroline Golpashin at carolineg@jfssv.org or (408) 357-7449 if you can temporarily house refugees or have access to below market rate housing.

Provide transportation for refugees when they arrive in the U.S. (from the airport, to government agencies to help them receive benefits, and to health screenings). Contact Azita Eshagh: azitae@jfssv.org, (408) 357-7457.

Tell JFS about job opportunities, and hire refugees at your business. Contact Nellie Rochon-Ellis: nelliere@jfssv.org, (408) 357-7459.

Donate furniture in great condition. Contact furnituredonation@jfssv.org

Create Welcome to America Baskets or sponsor an Embrace-A-Family Board. Contact Caroline Golpashin at carolineg@jfssv.org or (408) 357-7449

Donate to support local refugee resettlement and acculturation programs: JFS’ refugee programs need YOUR support to assist and protect the people who need our help. Learn more here.

Thank you for being a force of good in the world!