



Friends of Refugees

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Friends of Refugees empowers refugees in Clarkston, Georgia, through opportunities that provide for their well-being, education, and employment. We are striving for abundant life in a flourishing community. Join the Story—find your fit as a volunteer today!

EMBRACE REFUGEE BIRTH SUPPORT: Support a Pregnant Refugee or New Mother

Pregnant refugee moms need help getting to doctor visits and sometimes need an advocate during the birthing process. New moms need someone to check up on them and to drive to prenatal, post-partum, and new-baby pediatric appointments. Volunteers can also help by facilitating a class, helping with childcare, picking up attendees, or bringing snacks. Discover how you can get involved in the Friends of Refugees Embrace Program. (Various days & times.)

AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION: Support a Refugee at the Jolly Avenue Garden

The Jolly Avenue Garden offers six agriculture and nutrition programs to refugees ranging in age from infants to the elderly. Join us for the monthly volunteer day and help our high school employees with various garden tasks. (2nd Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm.) Assist our gardeners with conversational English. (Times & days are flexible.) Get to know the precious children at the garden by helping our staff with the Peace Growers (garden club) program. (June-July, Wednesdays 10:30am-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm; Fridays 10:30am-12:00pm.) Have any specialized skills (i.e., nutrition, education, curriculum development, construction, plumbing, electrical)? Volunteer with our program director and garden site manager to help with special projects. (Times flexible based on volunteer's availability.)

REFUGEE FAMILY LITERACY: Assist Mothers & Children Learning English (ages 0-4)

While mothers are in English classes, children ages 0-4 take part in our Early Childhood Development center. Engage some precious little ones and help them learn English in the process! Experienced ESOL assistants can volunteer in adult classrooms. We also have opportunities to engage families in their homes through RFL@Home, help with student support, and assist with administration. Join our Refugee Family Literacy Program to make a difference in the lives of children and their families. (Monday-Thursday mornings, 8:45am-12:30pm. Weekly commitment for one semester or various days/times.)

RFL@HOME: Support an ESOL Student

Work one-on-one with a family from Refugee Family Literacy through weekly home visits. Lead interactive educational activities that help the mom spend nurturing time with her child, help a sibling with homework, or practice conversational English with the mother while spending time in a refugee family's home. (Various days & times.)

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Help with Homework and Support Students

Spend time with elementary, middle, and/or high school students and assist with homework. Join Youth Programs and make a difference in the lives of students and families. (Weekly commitment for one semester. Academic Support—Elementary: Mon-Thurs, 4:00-6:00pm. Middle & High: Tues-Thu, 4:30-7:00pm. Minimum commitment of one day a week for one semester.)

SUMMER SPECTACULAR CAMP: Assist with Academics at Summer Camp

For seven weeks every summer, Friends of Refugees provides summer camp for 120 children in the Clarkston community. Assist during the academic hour to maintain or improve a child's reading and math skills. Come hang out with elementary and middle school kids this summer at Summer Camp! (At least once a week commitment—1 hour per day—for seven weeks in the summer.)

REFUGEE CAREER HUB: Assist New Americans with Job Searches & Training

Refugee Career Hub is assisting refugees looking for jobs in the Atlanta area. Use your knowledge and skill to help a refugee write a resume, find jobs to apply for, or prepare for an interview. Share current job leads with RCH staff. Serve as a teaching assistant in web development “coding” and solar-renewable energy “green job” training courses. Conduct mock interviews at the bi-annual job fairs. (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday afternoons. Biweekly or weekly commitment for six months.)

START:ME SMALL BUSINESS ACCELERATOR: Grow Leaders in New Small Businesses

At Start:ME, we partner with Emory's Goizueta Business School to train new small business owners and teach them how to grow a business that will stand the test of time. Be a part of this unique program from January-April each year. (Wednesday, 6:00-9:00pm, Weekly, four month commitment.)

To become a Friends of Refugees volunteer, visit www.friendsofrefugees.com/volunteer.