ASSISTING FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE FROM AFGHANISTAN

HOW CAN WE HELP?

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Federal Response



Operation Allies Welcome

- ~37,000 have been resettled
- ~35,000 remain on military bases to be processed and resettled

Sponsor Circles Program

- New program to get more U.S. citizens <u>involved</u>
- First families in program began resettling on <u>December 7</u>

Approved number of Afghan refugees by state



Data: White House; Chart: Jared Whalen/Axios

As of October, the last number we found for Wisconsin is now 850.



International Education Resources

- IIE <u>Student Emergency Initiatives</u>
- NAFSA Assisting Afghan Students and Scholars
- AACRAO
 - Support <u>A26 Backpack</u>
 - Download Inclusive Admissions Policies/Toolkit
- WAIE "What's Up Wisconsin" <u>Supporting Afghan</u> <u>Refugees</u> presentation
- MCIE as with today, contact folks within MCIE if you have questions







Wisconsin Response



- <u>Wisconsin</u> <u>Department of</u> <u>Family and</u> <u>Child Services</u>
 - Volunteer
 - Donate
 - Fundraise
 - Advocate
 - Connect



WI Refugee Resettlement

- International Institute of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
- Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (Milwaukee)
- World Relief Fox Valley (Oshkosh and Appleton)
- Jewish Social Services (Madison)
- <u>Ethiopian Community Development</u> <u>Council (Wausau)</u>
- Catholic Charities (Green Bay)

It varies among each organization, but resettlement agencies have requested and listed needed items (furniture, clothes, etc.), wishlists, gift cards, monetary donations, volunteer opportunities, and more.



Further Wisconsin Resources



- Fort McCoy Resettlement Amazon wishlist
- Salvation Army Fort McCoy Walmart registry
- Catholic Charities of La Crosse <u>registries</u>
- Catholic Charities of Milwaukee <u>collections</u>
- Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition
 <u>relief fund</u> and <u>volunteer opportunities</u>
- Islamic Society of Milwaukee donations
- Literacy Services in Milwaukee
- Team Rubicon Amazon wishlists

- Community Services Agency, Inc. (COMSA) in Green Bay, seeking <u>interpreters and other</u> <u>volunteers</u>
- <u>Winnebago Area Literacy Council</u> in Oshkosh
- New Beginnings in Wausau, seeking volunteers and donations
- Forward Services Corporation in Madison, <u>Road to Livelihood</u>
- <u>Literacy Network</u> in Madison

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