

Refugee Services FACT SHEET

A program of Catholic Charities of Central Florida

Providing Hope—Building Opportunity

Catholic Charities has assisted over 10,000 refugees resettle and begin a new life in Central Florida during the last 30 years.

Refugees from all over the world seeking a safe haven in the United States are welcomed into the community and assisted with a place to live and a job to live by. Services are provided in a manner to transition the families into a new culture with an emphasis on early self-sufficiency.

Among the services offered are:

- Arranging for housing
- Meeting new arrivals at the airport
- Basic necessities upon arrival
- Cultural orientation
- Orientation to the community
- Referral to area English classes
- Transportation and interpretation to health care providers
- Employment counseling and job placement
- Youth Services Program

Our experienced, multilingual Refugee Services team includes:

- **Staff:** Program Director, Program Coordinators, Case Managers, Career Laddering Specialist, Job Development Specialists, Orientation Specialists and Office Manager
- **Volunteers:**
 - Help familiarize a refugee family with various aspects U.S. culture, orient the family to the Orlando area, and provide friendship to a family in need
 - Mentors for the Youth Services Program help students become familiar with a new culture and assist them with English tutoring and classroom assignments

“The Church hears the suffering cry of all who are uprooted from their own land, of families forcefully separated, of those who, in the rapid changes of our day, are unable to find a stable home anywhere. She senses the anguish of those without rights, without any security, at the mercy of every kind of exploitation, and she supports them in their unhappiness.”

Pope John Paul II
World Migration Day 2000

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Catholic Charities of Central Florida Immigration and Refugee Services’ mission is to assist the church in its role of “welcoming the stranger” by providing various services targeted to the specific needs of Central Florida immigrant community. Our staff and volunteers seek to provide quality resettlement services to newly arrived refugees, ensure families have access to affordable immigration-related services, and promote justice, compassion, and acceptance for all newcomers.

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