

“I heard my neighbors being killed next door and knew we were next. My children and I jumped the wall of our garden and ran.

We never returned home.”

– Iraqi refugee



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Call or email the Office of Refugee Resettlement today to talk with our job developers about adding value to your business with a refugee worker.

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Help Wanted: The Employment Advantage from Office of Refugee Resettlement

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“For the first time in my life, I’m in a place where no one can hurt me because of who I am.”

– 23-year-old Iraqi refugee



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Whom We Serve

The Archdiocese of Detroit began helping refugees become self-sufficient, contributing members of the society in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. Since that time more than 16,000 refugees have been assisted through the compassion and generosity of the people of this local church.

Why We Serve

Compassion for the weakest and most vulnerable members of society is brought to life in the service we provide to men, women, and children who are forced to flee their homelands to protect themselves from the violence of war, ethnic cleansing, and political or religious persecution.

We serve people of every ethnicity, nationality, and faith. In doing so, we stand firmly within the tradition of the love of neighbor, which is the foundation of all of the world's major religions.

We serve to honor the lives of our own immigrant ancestors. Most Americans are the descendants of previous generations of displaced people who, just like today's refugees, risked their personal safety to obtain the rights and privileges that belong to every human being for their children and for future generations.

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Refugee Resettlement works with these newest Michigan residents to welcome them with compassion, to help ease their transition to life in the United States, and to assist them to become self-sufficient as soon as possible.

How We Help

Office of Refugee Resettlement caseworkers and job developers pre-screen all candidates for employment before they come to your door. Comprehensive services for self-sufficiency provided through the Archdiocese of Detroit include:

- Cultural orientation to U.S. life
- English language learning
- Referrals for social services, health assessments, and immunizations
- Basic household goods and cash assistance
- Housing counseling
- Employment readiness and skill assessment
- Financial support during the first 3 months of employment

“I lost 16 family members during the war, including children.”

– *Bosnian refugee*



How You Benefit

As an employer, you have a privileged opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our clients. In today's difficult economic climate, it is more important than ever for you to have employees who are loyal and hardworking. Refugees make exceptional employees because they are motivated to work hard and succeed. Their success is your success.

Working with the Office of Refugee Resettlement Employment Program is your opportunity...

- To reduce labor costs and employee turnover
- To welcome diversity and attract new customers into your workplace
- To provide a real-life environment in which a refugee worker grows in English fluency and adds value to your business
- To contribute to a great American success story
- To improve upon the self-esteem of an entire family, as a new employee learns to take his or her part in U.S. society through paying taxes and becoming self-sufficient.
- To earn tax credits through the Department of Labor and Economic Growth