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### **Fact Sheet: U.S. Refugee Resettlement**

National Immigration Forum, by Zuzana Cepla (January 25, 2019)

**[www.immigrationforum.org/article/fact-sheet-u-s-refugee-resettlement](http://www.immigrationforum.org/article/fact-sheet-u-s-refugee-resettlement)**

### **Volunteer:**

#### **Commonwealth Catholic Charities Resettlement Services**

Refugees come to us with great need, having left their homes, possessions, and often even their families in search of safety and a new start. CCC provides resettlement services that help these individuals achieve stability and equips them with the skills and guidance they need to begin their new lives in the United States.

To learn more contact:

**[refugeeresettlementstaff@cccova.org](mailto:refugeeresettlementstaff@cccova.org)**

### **ReEstablish Richmond's Community Resource Fair**

#### **World Refugee Day**

**June 22nd, 2019**

11am - 2pm

Tuckahoe Family YMCA

9211 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA 23229

Each year on World Refugee Day people around the globe acknowledge the particular experiences of refugee communities. Several diverse communities of resettled people now call Richmond, Virginia, home - and we believe in welcoming them through various programming that helps them establish roots, build community, and become self-sufficient. With our mission in mind, we host an annual World Refugee Day Resource Fair full of food, fun, entertainment, and community resources for refugees and immigrants in Richmond. In 2018, 659 refugees and immigrants, 140 volunteers, and 41 vendors gathered together at the resource fair.

To sign up to help plan or work the event or have a table as a vendor at the event, you can sign up here:

**[www.reestablishrichmond.org/world-refugee-day-2019](http://www.reestablishrichmond.org/world-refugee-day-2019)**

### **Volunteer:**

#### **International Rescue Committee**

By volunteering with the IRC in Richmond, VA, you can use your skills to help people who have fled violence and persecution to rebuild their lives in America.

**[www.rescue.org/volunteer-opportunities/richmond-va](http://www.rescue.org/volunteer-opportunities/richmond-va)**

### **Church World Services**

Offers services to older refugees, including connecting them to aging services in the community; Refugee Social Services Employment (RSSEP) can assist eligible clients to become self-sufficient through employment; and Immigration Legal Services.

**[cwsrichmond.org](http://cwsrichmond.org)**

### **Podcast Series**

What happens when a refugee resettles in the United States? Through a WCVE News podcast series launching fall of 2019, we share the stories of refugees as they begin adjusting to their new life in Virginia.

To follow these stories and share your own, sign-up for our newsletter at **[ideastations.org/resettled](http://ideastations.org/resettled)**

### **Articles**

News about Refugees and Displaced People, including commentary and archival articles published in The New York Times.

**[www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/refugees-and-displaced-people](http://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/refugees-and-displaced-people)**

**This document can also be found at [www.inclusiveVA.org/rvatabletalk](http://www.inclusiveVA.org/rvatabletalk)**

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# How can we help refugees in our community?

## VOLUNTEER WITH US!



TRANSPORTATION

Help refugees learn to take public transit or study for the Learner's Permit test in order to independently attend ESL classes, get to appointments, and go to work.



EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT

Help refugees learn and practice English, usually as a supplement to their current ESL or GED classes.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Help us bridge language and cultural barriers by volunteering resources, meeting spaces, and materials for refugee support.



**Help us  
keep growing!**

### The 2017 numbers:

- 322 total refugees served
- 207 refugees at outreach events
- 132 refugees in driving class
- 134 volunteers trained

*Volunteer opportunities available for short-term OR ongoing service!*



## CONTACT US!

*ReEstablish Richmond is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.*

***Visit our website to sign up as a  
volunteer or to donate!***

**Email us at:**

[volunteers@reestablishrichmond.org](mailto:volunteers@reestablishrichmond.org)

[WWW.REESTABLISHRICHMOND.ORG](http://WWW.REESTABLISHRICHMOND.ORG)

## DONATE!

**\$50** allows refugees to feel heard and understood by providing language interpretation services.

**\$100** allows refugees access to educational courses in transportation and job preparedness.

**\$200** allows refugees to be safe drivers by providing behind-the-wheel instruction with a certified driving teacher.