

Uniting for Ukraine

Uniting for Ukraine provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States to come to the United States and stay temporarily in a two-year period of parole.

Ukrainians participating in Uniting for Ukraine must have a supporter in the United States who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay in the United States. Our Home Team fulfills this role.

Congress recently passed legislation that enables newcomers arriving under Uniting for Ukraine access to some federal public benefit programs such as Medicaid and food assistance. They are also eligible for programs funded through the Office of Refugee Resettlement and State Refugee Coordinator Offices such as short-term cash assistance, employment services, and case management.

Who is Home for Refugees USA?

Home for Refugees USA (HFR) seeks to establish collaborative relationships between faith groups and community groups and refugees in order for refugees to achieve a sense of feeling at home in their new communities.

Home for Refugees USA is a faith-based organization that advocates for resettlement assistance and creates community relationships for ongoing support to help alleviate our worldwide displacement crisis.

Home for Refugees partners with United States Refugee Resettlement Agencies and other resettlement organizations to provide a Community Sponsorship Team, called a Home Team, from a faith group or community group to help a case worker resettle a newly arrived refugee and will continue to come alongside the refugee for a 12-month period: building mutual friendships, introducing them to the American culture, providing material support and advocacy, and teaching them how to access their community services more efficiently in order to help them create their new home here in the United States and become independent and vital contributors within their communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ukraine is a country in eastern Europe.

Population: (2022 est.) 43,637,000.

Capital: [Kyiv](#) (Kiev).

Many arriving Ukrainian newcomers will be women and children without male members of their families. Most men ages 18-60 have stayed in Ukraine to help with the war effort.

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Riverside Covenant Church Home Team 80:



L to R: Leanna Giltmier, Emily Farley, Andrea Patrie, Rachel Johnson, Ryan Wellner (in the back)

How can you help?

1. Pray

- For our team, that God would equip each of us for the roles we have volunteered to fulfill for our new neighbors.
- For the many families impacted by this war.
- For God's provision for all that will be needed to help our new neighbors feel settled, safe and able to move

forward.

- For God to be present in all the details of resettling this family from paperwork, to transportation, to housing and all the rest, big and small.
2. Financially support the fundraising effort to get to the \$20,000 goal. Designate **Home Team 80** for each method. Ways to donate:
- By check – make check out to “Home for Refugees USA” and send to 26682 Avenida Arivaca, Mission Viejo, CA 92691
 - By check-make out to Riverside Covenant Church, on the memo line put Home Team 80
 - By bill-pay – mail a gift through your bank to Home for Refugees USA and have it sent to 26682 Avenida Arivaca, Mission Viejo, CA 92691
 - By Venmo – find us by searching @hfrusa. Include your name and email also in the note.
 - By website using the QR code below:



Choose Home Team 80

3. Consider if you have gently used household items and furniture, clothing, bedding, etc. you could donate or are willing to purchase. Please check with a team member before donating or purchasing. Below is a list of items our team will be needing to provide for our new neighbors:

4. Do you or someone you know have the ability to house the family? Anticipating needing a space for a family of 3-4. We will be looking for a house or apartment for them to rent for their time here likely on short notice. Keep your eyes and ears open for us!

Questions?

Find a team member and ask us! We are learning lots and are excited to share what we will be doing and how you can be involved.