

Volunteer Menu

Mains

Donation/Warehouse Volunteer

Help CWS staff organize the donation warehouse, manage inventory, and create welcome kits and baskets. Commitment: 2-3 hours/week for 3 months. Great for one-time group volunteering! No clearances required.

Transportation Volunteer

Provide transportation for CWS staff and clients to appointments and work in Lancaster and nearby areas. Volunteers must be 21+. Commitment: 2-3 hours/week for 3 months. Clearances required.

In-Home ESL Tutor

Help a new neighbor improve their English skills through one-on-one support. Ideal volunteers are patient, consistent, and willing to befriend those in need. Commitment: 2-3 hours/week for 3 months. Clearances required.

Job Search Volunteer

Assist the CWS Employment Team with job searches, applications, onboarding, and interview transportation. Ideal volunteers are computer literate, patient, and flexible. Commitment: 2-3 hours/week for 3 months. Clearances required.

Citizenship Tutor

Help a new neighbor prepare for the citizenship test by providing one-on-one support. Ideal volunteers should be patient, consistent, and willing to befriend someone in need of instruction. The commitment is 2-3 hours/week for 2 months. Clearances required.

CWS Office Volunteer

Assist CWS Lancaster staff with data tracking and administrative tasks at the office. Commitment: 2-3 hours/week for 3 months. Clearances required.

Youth Mentor

Support a 15-24-year-old refugee in their education, career, and personal goals by building a friendship and helping them feel at home in the U.S. Volunteers meet with their mentees for 1 hour/week for a year, at a time and place that works for both. Clearances required.



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Starters

Hot Meal Volunteer

Provide a hot meal for new neighbors on arrival, using provided culturally appropriate food lists. Meals are dropped off at the CWS Lancaster office for staff delivery. Commitment: 2-3 hours/month

Grocery Volunteer

Provide a new family with their first set of groceries using a provided food list. Purchase and drop off groceries at the CWS Lancaster office for staff delivery. Commitment: 2-3 hours/month for 3 months. No clearances required.

Housing Setup Volunteer

Help set up homes for arriving neighbors by cleaning, moving furniture, and creating a welcoming atmosphere. Commitment: 3-4 hours/month for 3 months. Great for one-time group volunteering! No clearances required.

Add Ons

Interpreter & Translator

Assist speakers of Arabic, Spanish, Pashto, Dari, Somali, Haitian Creole, Ukrainian, Kiswahili, Kinyarwanda, Lingala, and Tigrinya at medical, employment, and legal appointments. Document translation can be done remotely. The commitment is 1-2 hours/week for 3 months. No clearances required.

Childcare Volunteer

Volunteers will assist children in ESL & Cultural Orientation classes and other CWS events, working in pairs. Comfort with children of various ages and limited English is required. The commitment is 2-3 hours/month for 3 months. Clearances are needed.