



Community Engagement: Welcoming Newcomers

The following service opportunities invite you to work closely with CWS staff in the important work of welcome and integration

Home Nesting	Friendship Partner	Welcome Team
One time service project	Volunteer experience up to 3 months	Volunteer experience up to 1 year
<p>As refugee families prepare to board an airplane and start the last leg of their journey to the United States, CWS is putting the finishing touches on the house that will become their new home. Join CWS in a one time service project to set-up a house and prepare for a family's arrival.</p> <p>Home Nesting involves:</p> <p>Arranging home items and furniture in a newcomers home before their arrival.</p> <p>Groups have the option of collecting furniture and home goods for the house, allow CWS to procure all the items, or collaborate to acquire all items.</p> <p><i>A great opportunity for small groups, youth groups, civic agencies and families!</i></p>	<p>Play an important role in breaking through the isolation that comes with being new to a community. As a Friendship Partner, you are a representative of the local community and a familiar face to the newcomer</p> <p>Friendship Partners involve:</p> <p>Committing to meet with the individual/family you are partnered with at least <i>once a week</i>.</p> <p><i>Friendship Partners may 'add on' additional volunteer commitments such as:</i></p> <p><i>Transportation Assistance:</i> Collaborate with CWS staff to provide transportation to initial appointments.</p> <p><i>School Helper:</i> Partner with school aged family members to work on homework and get to know the school system in the United States</p>	<p>Welcome Teams are comprised of 4 or more members who work closely with CWS to partner with one family.</p> <p>Co-sponsors, Circle of Friends, Welcome Teams: Regardless of the name you use, these intentional groups of welcome add warmth and friendship to the transition of newcomers.</p> <p>Welcome Teams involve:</p> <p>Partner with CWS and a family for 3 months up to 1 year through committing to activities from a 'menu' of options.</p> <p>Welcome Teams collaborate with CWS to nest the family's home before they arrive, welcome the family at the airport, and work to break through the isolation that comes with being new to a community by accompanying the family through learning new tasks.</p>

Training, resource materials, and supervision are provided by CWS staff.

To start the volunteer approval process and receive next steps please email Christine at cbaer@cwsglobal.org.