

WELCOME TEAMS

Welcome Teams collaborate with CWS to empower a refugee family new to Lancaster by walking alongside them in intentional friendship, breaking through the cycle of isolation that oftentimes comes with being new to a community.

LEVEL ONE

Nest a Home

One-time service project

Arrange furniture and home goods in a home before a family arrives, making their new home feel exactly that—theirs.

Setting up their new home will include the following to ensure a welcoming space:

Collect furniture and home goods on your own, allow CWS to procure all items, or collaborate to acquire home goods

Purchase culturally appropriate food to stock their pantry for a week for the family to make healthful meals

Prepare a culturally appropriate welcome meal for them to enjoy when they arrive

Add any welcoming touches that will help to make their new home feel special

LEVEL TWO

Partner in Support

4 – 6 months

Be a familiar face to a family by showing Welcome to them as they integrate within Lancaster after they arrive.

Additionally, choose at least two areas where you can share your unique skills in friendship and support:

Transportation

Clothing

Health

Conversation

Community & Cultural Guide

Financial Education

Job Development & Schooling

LEVEL THREE

Committed in Welcome

6 months – 1 year

Greet a family at the airport upon their arrival to Lancaster, nest their home, and share your community with them.

Additionally, choose at least three areas where you can share your unique skills in friendship and support:

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Health

Conversation

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Financial Education

Job Development & Schooling



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