

Get Involved!

The outpouring support of communities across the state of Nebraska has been nothing but inspirational. In order to reach the goal of welcoming 100 or more families to our community, it will take the community's support to make sure these families feel welcomed. Below are ways to make an impact and where we need philanthropists, volunteers, community leaders and humanitarians to come together to make sure our new neighbors receive safety, hope and well-being.

- Make a philanthropic investment:
 - o Contact Mark Versen, Chief Development Officer, for deeper conversations about your impact or make a cash donation here: www.lfsneb.org/afghanrefugees
 - o Mail a check, made out to Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska,
 - 124 S. 24 St. Suite 230 Omaha, NE 68102
- Volunteer:
 - o Give your time and talents in support of our new neighbors. Visit our volunteer website at <https://lfsneb.volunteerhub.com/> to fill out a volunteer profile and learn more about the volunteer assignments we offer. Additional questions can be routed to Holly Kaffenberger, Director of Volunteer Services, hkaffenberger@lfsneb.org, 402-657-7258
 - Co-sponsor a family
 - Help pick up large in-kind items
 - Set up a refugee's apartment
 - Welcome a family at the airport
 - Serve as a community guide – helping New Americans become acquainted with their new community
 - ESL volunteers
 - Help coordinate processing, tracking, pick-up/drop off of in-kind items
- Employment opportunities:
 - o If you, your company, or someone you know would have jobs available for our arriving refugees, please contact Carol Tucker, Business Services & Outreach Coordinator ctucker@lfsneb.org; 402-536-3518
- Amazon Smiles: www.lfsneb.org/LFSAmazon Order needed items to be sent to LFS for refugee families
- Furniture/Household Items: Donate furniture to furnish apartments
 - o Please be sure to contact Holly Kaffenberger to ensure the need for an item
 - www.lfsneb.org/DonationSignUp
- Write a letter to Nebraska federal, state, and local elected officials in support of our Afghan allies resettling in Nebraska

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- Coordinate meeting(s) between LFS and leaders in housing, advocacy, and philanthropy
- Donation of in-kind items:

Bedroom		Kitchen	
Mattress (full, new)	1	Silverware Set	1
Mattress (twin, new)	2	Dish Set	1
Bed Frame (full)	1	Pots/Pans Set	1
Bed Frame (twin)	2	Mixing/Serving Bowl Set	1
Pillow	4	Kitchen Utensil Set	1
Sheet/Bedding Set	3	Can Opener	1
Dresser/Clothing Storage	1		
		Bathroom	
Living/Dining Room		Bath Towel	4
Couch	1	Alarm Clock	1
Living Room Chair	1	Paper/Pen Set	1
Coffee Table	1	Toilet Paper	1
Side Table	1	Shampoo	1
Lamp (if necessary)	1	Soap	1
Dining Table w Chairs	1	Toothbrush	4
		Toothpaste	2
Miscellaneous		Deodorant	2
Laundry Detergent	1	Feminine Supplies (if needed)	1
Sponge	1	Dish Soap	1
Cleaning Rag/Paper Towels	1	Shower Curtain	1
Waste Basket	2	Bathroom/Kitchen Cleaner	1
Trash Bags	1		
Mop/Broom	1		
Diapers/Wipes	1		
Other baby supplies	1		
First Aid Kit	1		
Phone with 1 month service	1		
Slow cooker	1		