



CO-SPONSORSHIP

BE A PART OF A REFUGEE FAMILY'S RESETTLEMENT JOURNEY



WHAT IS CO-SPONSORSHIP?

Co-Sponsorship is a type of volunteer commitment that is incredibly important to the work of welcome. It's a special relationship between a local resettlement agency, Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida (LSS), a community group, and a refugee family. Co-Sponsors bring an essential level of commitment, continuity, and care for the refugees they serve and significantly multiply and extend the services refugees receive. Co-Sponsors sign a written agreement and commit to providing a majority or all the R&P core services (8 or more) in partnership with LSS.

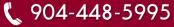
CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- The group commits to serve for 6 months
- The group commits to a financial contribution of \$1,000 \$3,000 to be used by LSS to help refugees
- The team is made up of at least 6-10 core team members. More than 10, would be considered support team members
- All team members must attend co-sponsorship training and pass a background check
- The groups commit to providing at least 8 core services (see back for examples)
- Time commitment: at least 3 hours per week for the first month; At least 2 hours per week for months 2-6
- Log hours of service

To learn more, please reach out to volunteers@lssjax.org via email.

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• 4615 Philips Highway Jacksonville, FL 32207

BENEFITS OF CO-SPONSORSHIP

For Clients

- · Learn about U.S. culture
- Feel a sense of belonging in their new community
- · Receive introductions and connections to people in the community
- · Help with English language skills
- Friendship with those who offer support, encouragement, and empowerment.
- Employment support
- · Co-sponsors can help promote selfsufficiency

For Resettlement Agencies

- · Help in securing housing
- Help in finding employment opportunities
- · Help create a more welcoming community for refugees
- · Assist Match Grant programs in raising match through volunteer hours & in kind & financial donations
- Assist with client transportation needs
- Increase the capacity of Case Managers by providing core services

For Community Groups

- · New understanding of refugees
- · Hands-on way for involvement
- Make a difference and learn from others
- An opportunity to learn about new cultures and religions
- Create long-standing bonds and friendships with refugee families

WHAT HELP DO CO-SPONSORS PROVIDE?

Examples of Co-Sponsor Services (Choose at least 8)

Pre-Arrival

- □ Housing
- □ Home Set Up and Furnishings and Supplies
- □ Purchase seasonal clothing for all family members
- □ Welcome Meal and Stock the Pantry

Post-Arrival

- *All post-arrival services should be provided with appropriate interpretation, if needed.
- ☐ Airport Pick-Up (*Airport pick-up guide provided)
- □ Public Assistance Enrollment (Cash Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP)
- □ Social Security Card Application
- □ Employment Program Enrollment Follow-Up
- ☐ ESL Enrollment
- ☐ Selective Service Registration
- ☐ School Enrollment
- □ Other Public Assistance Application as Applicable (SSI, WIC, etc.)
- □ Cultural Orientation (*Topics and guide provided via
- coresourceexchange.org)
- □ Cultural Orientation Assessment (*CO Assessment form and guidelines provided)
- □ Transportation to Job Interviews and Job Training



Other Services Co-Sponsors Might Provide

- □ Rental Assistance
- □ Community Guide
- ☐ Grocery Store Orientation
- ☐ General Health Orientation
- □ Financial Education
- ☐ Help family set up a bank account
- □ English Language Tutoring
- ☐ Job Development
- □ Public Transportation Orientation
- □ Continued Transportation Assistance

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