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OPPORTUNITIES TO
**ASSIST
REFUGEE FAMILIES**



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Gulf Coast JFCS is committed to helping refugees rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient through education, employment, and social support services. We have several opportunities for the community to help us help refugees.

EDUCATE

Help Us Educate the Community

Promoting education about the refugee vetting process, as well as how Gulf Coast JFCS assists refugees in becoming self-sufficient is a powerful step in advocating for refugees. Staff or members of the Refugee Speakers Bureau offer presentations to educate the community.

ENGAGE

Help Us Gather Essential Supplies

Become a part of Gulf Coast JFCS refugee support by engaging the community with donation drives. Newly arriving refugee families are in need of home goods, school supplies, bus passes, groceries, and a variety of other items. Please see the following pages for a detailed list of needed items.

EMPOWER

Help Us Empower Refugees

For those seeking a more committed and in-depth volunteer experience, Gulf Coast JFCS provides volunteer opportunities that directly engage with refugee families empowering them to become self-sufficient.



WELCOME BASKETS

Refugee Resettlement and Placement has specific requirements for setting up an apartment before a family arrives. Gathering items and creating welcome baskets will greatly assist our staff in preparing for each family's arrival.

Please use the lists on this page to help you gather the required items for each basket. The lists are detachable, so you can tear them off and take them with you as you shop!

Feel free to add your own special touches if you want. A pretty card or art work with positive and welcoming thoughts is always appreciated, but not required.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Newly arriving children are at need for basic school supplies at all times of the year. Use the list of the basic needs on this page or contact us for specific requests for our incoming families.

WELCOME BASKETS SHOPPING LIST

BED AND BATH BASKET

- 1 bath towel per person
- 1 set of sheets and blankets for each bed
- 1 pillow and pillowcase for each person
- Alarm Clock
- Light Bulbs for lamps

KITCHEN BASKET

- 1 place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon) per person
- 1 place setting of dishes (plate, bowl, cup) per person
- Pots and Pans (at least 1 sauce pan, 1 frying pan, 1 baking dish)
- Mixing/Serving Bowls
- 1 set of kitchen utensils (spatula, wooden spoon, sharp knife)
- Serving utensils
- Can Opener

CLEANING SUPPLY BASKET

- Dish soap
- Bathroom/Kitchen cleanser
- Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Two waste baskets
- Mop or broom
- Trash Bags

(More ideas on back.)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOPPING LIST

ELEMENTARY (K-2)

- 1 package (12 pack) #2 pencils
- 1 pencil box (5x8 size)
- 2 rubber erasers
- 5 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
- 2 composition or spiral notebooks (wide rule)
- 1 box Crayola Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 1 package (3 pack) glue sticks
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 2 highlighters
- 1 one inch 3 ring binder

ELEMENTARY INTERMEDIATE (3-5)

- 1 package (24 pack) #2 pencils
- 1 zippered pencil pouch
- 2 packages (200count) paper wide rule
- 5 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
- 2 composition books (wide rule)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 package (3 pack) glue sticks
- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 2 highlighters
- 1 one inch 3 ring binder

(Middle and High School lists on back.)

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SHOES
IN ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOPPING LIST

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1 package (24 count) #2 pencils
- 1 box (12 count) colored pencils
- 1 zippered pencil pouch
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 ruler with inch/centimeter markings
- 1 package college ruled notebook paper
- 12 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
- 2 packages notebook dividers
- 2 composition books
- Blue and black ink pens

HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 package (24 count) #2 pencils
- 1 ruler with inch/centimeter markings
- 6 packages college ruled notebook paper
- 7 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
- 2 packages notebook dividers
- 2 packages (100 count) 3x5 index cards
- 1 4-function calculator
- 1 package graph paper
- Blue and black ink pens

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WELCOME BASKETS SHOPPING LIST

TOILETRIES BASKET

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- One toothbrush per person
- Toothpaste
- Personal hygiene items (including sanitary napkins)
- Deodorant

SPECIAL PREGNANCY BASKETS

- Gender neutral clothing
- Wipes Formula
- Diapers Car Seat

ODDS AND ENDS BASKET

- Accordion style files to store important paperwork
- Watches Pens
- Paper Pencils

MISCELLANEOUS BASKETS BOOK BASKETS

Reading books with illustrations or games that assist in helping learn English and cultural concepts are always in need.

ART AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES

Global Sunshine Artisans is a group of refugee women who hand-make crafts inspired by their native cultures to sell at craft shows and other festivals. The income raised helps to support their families. Donations to support their work such as fabric, sewing machines, and crafting items are appreciated.

REFUGEE SERVICES DONATION WISH LIST

- Bicycles
- Computers for employment purposes (new Laptops)
- Transportation and bus passes
- Health and Hygiene products (excluding medicine)
- General cleaning supplies
- Tools for those working in trades/construction
- Backpacks with school supplies
- Household items (towels)
- Household appliances (toasters, coffee makers)

Gift Cards and cash donations are always welcome as they are helpful when emergency assistance is needed!

Donated items must be new with tags or intact packaging as applicable.

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