

SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS – DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in supporting refugees through donations and/or volunteering, consider the following organizations:

- **USCRI- Albany (US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants)** is the Capital Region's resettlement agency. If you wish to donate or volunteer, contact the office at (518) 459-1790. USCRI-Albany conducts Community Information meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm, at the USCRI office at 991 Broadway, Albany (in the "Nipper" building). Volunteer opportunities include:
 - Setting up housing
 - Assisting in teaching English to adults
 - Mentoring a refugee family

For more information, see <http://refugees.org/field-office/albany/>

- **RISSE – Refugee and Immigrant Support Services at Emmaus** is a community-based organization that supports refugees and immigrants in building sustainable lives in the US. Among other services, RISSE conducts Adult ESL (English as a Second Language) classes and after-school programs for refugee and immigrant children. If you wish to donate to, or volunteer at, RISSE see their website at: <http://www.risse-albany.org/about-us.html>
- **The Refugee Community Health Partnership Program at Trinity Alliance** organizes health education events and services, provides family and individual mentoring to help refugees access the health care system, and provides assistance on health care and other concerns during drop-in sessions. See <http://www.trinityalliancealbany.org/rchpp/> for more information including volunteer opportunities.
- **The City School District of Albany** is looking for volunteers to tutor refugee and immigrant students, especially in English and homework help. For more information on tutoring in the Albany School District see <http://www.albanyschools.org/volunteering.html>
- **The Albany Catholic Worker Community and New Sanctuary for Immigrants** provides legal assistance and other support for vulnerable immigrants. For more information see: <https://samcrockerpr.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/emmaushousebrochure.pdf>
- **The Capital Region Refugee Roundtable** is a community-based volunteer network that partners with USCRI-Albany. In addition to providing information and support to volunteers and service providers, the Refugee Roundtable works with USCRI and others to advocate for refugees and improve and expand overall community support for refugees. To join the Refugee Roundtable e-mail Dahlia Herring at dmazengia@nycap.rr.com. For general information on refugee support see the Refugee Roundtable's website, *Supporting Refugees in the Capital Region* at: <http://capitalregionrefugees.weebly.com/>