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How we reunite families and help children find home

Every year, thousands of refugee and immigrant children and youth journey to the United States alone—without their parents or family to care for them. Global Refuge's trauma-informed programs for children and youth offer a compassionate welcome and a soft place to land. While the children in our care have often faced violence and incredible challenges in their home countries or on their journeys to the United States, our team ensures all are protected, cared for, and given access to the services they need to thrive. We've offered our unique continuum of care since 1975, helping thousands of children find health and happiness at home.



Juanita, center, was only 11 when she arrived in the United States from Guatemala. Global Refuge and our partners worked to find her a home that provided the stability and safety she needed. Now, Juanita is thriving as a student-athlete in college – with her loving foster family supporting her every step of the way.

We provide compassionate, comprehensive care for children and young people to restore a sense of home.

At Global Refuge, we see the courage and resilience of children and young people who have come to the U.S. alone—and we work diligently to provide them with safety and stability to get off to the best possible start after their journey.

Our foster care programs ensure that children are surrounded by a loving, supportive environment when they arrive in the U.S., whether they'll be staying long term or for a brief time as they await reunification with their families. They attend educational programs, participate in sports, and engage in activities that help them experience the typical joys of childhood—all while receiving access to essential services such as legal support and mental and physical healthcare.

For children and youth who are returned to their home countries, Global Refuge has launched a new program to assist in their transition after the often-traumatic journey to the U.S. Through compassionate individualized support, the Camino a Casa program in Central America helps youth achieve their goals and build a brighter future at home.

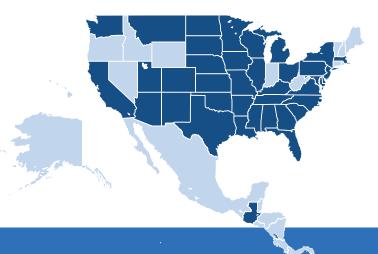
We reunite families and ensure they are set up for success as they navigate their new lives together.

Many children come to the U.S. to reunite with family already living in the country. Through our network of trusted community partners, Global Refuge ensures that children in our care can safely go home with loved ones well-equipped to care for them. Our team works with families to connect them with the services they need to thrive—education and career training, legal representation to support their asylum cases, health care, and community resources and recreation.

We also recognize that refugee and immigrant children often experience trauma and other psychological challenges. Our mental health program—led by licensed bilingual clinicians well-versed in trauma-centered, empowering care—provides free counseling and services that meet the unique needs of these children and their families.

Where We Work

Global Refuge provides services for children and youth across the United States and in Guatemala.





22,000

children and families served in 2023



87

countries represented by our clients



200

youth and families served in Guatemala



"My wish is to work with people and do things with love."

Juan (pictured), 16, who is receiving career and educational support from the Global Refuge Camino a Casa program in Guatemala

Global Refuge is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. We have been a leader in resettlement for 85 years, dedicated to supporting immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees through advocacy, care, and empowerment to restore a sense of home.