

How we welcome refugees

Global Refuge and our partners walk alongside refugee families who have been forced to leave their homelands to start new lives in the United States—from the moment they arrive at the airport until they find their footing in their new communities and careers. Our commitment to offering continued support throughout their journey is part of the “long welcome” we’ve extended to newcomers since 1939.



***Bhuvan Pyakurel**, pictured with his wife Dil and their children, lived in a refugee camp with his family for 18 years before being resettled by Global Refuge. He was elected to the city council of Reynoldsburg, Ohio in 2020—the first-ever Bhutanese-Nepali to be elected to office in the United States.*

We provide a warm welcome and a firm footing for newcomers.

Global Refuge is one of 10 national agencies authorized to resettle newly arriving refugees to the United States. When a refugee working with the government to resettle first arrives at the airport, they are greeted by a member of the Global Refuge network and brought to a home that has been prepared for them in advance—stocked with modest furniture, culturally familiar foods, and all of the basic comforts of an American home.

Over the course of the next few months, our team supports the individual or family as they learn to navigate their new community. Adults are enrolled in English-language classes, children are enrolled in school, and families are connected to community resources. We walk alongside them, offering support with everything from navigating public transportation to connecting with essential resources and meeting new friends they'll have for years to come.

For those in need of more support, our teams offer individualized care, including mental and physical healthcare to help refugees heal from their often-traumatic journeys to the United States.

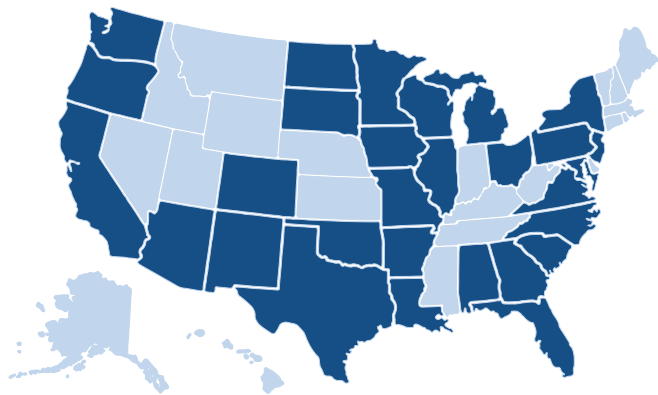
We promote economic, workforce, and community development.

At Global Refuge, we believe in the “long welcome.” That means that our support for newcomers doesn't stop at a predetermined time. Instead, we continue to support our newest neighbors as they settle into their new lives and work toward their goals. This can take the form of everything from job training and career guidance to helping refugee entrepreneurs secure the funding they need to launch a game-changing new business.

We work with a nationwide network of on-the-ground partners, corporations, employers, and community volunteers to help realize our vision: that all who were forced to flee their homes are protected, embraced, and empowered. Together, we build stronger, more diverse communities that enrich the lives of all who call them home.

Where We Work

Global Refuge and our robust partner network offer support for refugees across the country.



13,916

refugees resettled
in 2023



59

partner offices
across the country



\$250,000

in grants supporting
innovative programs



“We arrived in
the country of
safety... We were
so happy.”

*Sharif and Khadeeja (pictured),
Syrian refugees resettled by Global
Refuge in North Dakota*

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.