



# Refugee & Immigration

## **African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation**

The African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation assists Africans who come to the United States by supporting their cultural, linguistic, employment, and mental health needs through counseling, survival skills training, African cultural awareness education, and cultural competence training for care givers. We are looking for tutors and students interested in helping plan our annual conference, awards ceremony, youth camp, updating our website and designing flyers.

**Contact:** (301) 593-0241 / [volunteer@airfound.org](mailto:volunteer@airfound.org) / [www.airfound.org](http://www.airfound.org)  
11350 Baroque Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20901

## **Ayuda**

Ayuda has been providing legal and advocacy services for immigrants in the Washington, DC, metropolitan region since 1973. Ayuda envisions a community where all immigrants overcome obstacles in order to succeed and thrive in the United States.

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202-387-4848 / [www.ayuda.com](http://www.ayuda.com)  
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## **Capitol Area Immigration Reform (CAIR) Coalition**

CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants from DC, Virginia & Maryland working to ensure that all immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity and respect for their human and civil rights. They are seeking volunteers for jail visits and to serve on the detainee hotline. Students volunteering for the jail visits would, under the supervision of attorneys, visit federal immigration facilities in Virginia and Maryland and meet with immigrant detainees. Volunteers would speak to detainees and assist with conducting legal intakes, follow-ups, and applications for relief. Students volunteering on the detainee hotline would receive calls from detainees or their friends/relatives wishing to contact the CAIR Coalition on a 2-hour slot basis. Volunteers would answer phones and help detainees connect with their attorney free of charge using our conference system, conducting phone intakes, or providing information about our upcoming jail visits. CAIR will train all volunteers before they go on jail visits or serve on the hotline.

**Contact:** [www.caircoalition.org](http://www.caircoalition.org) / 1612 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; Suite 204  
To help with detention center hotline, translating, and jail visits, contact [volunteer@caircoalition.org](mailto:volunteer@caircoalition.org)  
To help with mental and medical health, contact Michael Lukens [michael@caircoalition.org](mailto:michael@caircoalition.org)

## **Central American Resource Center of Washington, DC (CARECEN)**

CARECEN is a resource center for immigrants in the DC area, providing legal services, housing services, and citizenship services. Opportunities include: impact evaluation and voter outreach, follow-up surveys to evaluate our services and determine the mid to long-term impacts of naturalization, teaching English and/or Civics classes for students taking the citizenship test, and translators. There are opportunities for volunteers both with and without Spanish-speaking abilities.

**Contact:** Ava Roseberry / 202-328-9799 / [ava.roseberry@carecenc.org](mailto:ava.roseberry@carecenc.org) / [www.carecen.org](http://www.carecen.org)  
1460 Columbia Rd. NW Washington DC (near Columbia Heights Metro)

## **Education for Peace in Iraq (EPIC)**

EPIC's ultimate vision is a safe and prosperous Iraq in which all citizens live in freedom from want, freedom from fear, and freedom to live with dignity. EPIC's strategy is based on a human security approach to aid relief and policy-making. Our goals are to educate Americans about what's needed for genuine peace in Iraq, provide emergency assistance to the country's most vulnerable populations, and convince the international community to remain responsibly engaged in Iraq by providing the humanitarian, security, and political support necessary to break the cycle of violence.

**Contact:** [info@epic-usa.org](mailto:info@epic-usa.org) / [www.epic-usa.org](http://www.epic-usa.org)  
900 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE Suite 216, Washington, DC 20002

### **Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC)**

ECDC is a nonprofit agency providing cultural, educational, and socio economic development programs in the immigrant and refugee community. They have a variety of programs including HIV education and prevention programs, breast cancer awareness, domestic violence prevention, employment assistance, a youth tobacco prevention project, financial services and small-business loans.

**Contact:** (703) 685-0510 / [volunteer@eccdcus.org](mailto:volunteer@eccdcus.org) / [www.ecdcinternational.org](http://www.ecdcinternational.org)  
901 South Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22204

### **Immigration and Refugee Services of America (IRSA)**

This organization provides refugee resettlement, immigration counseling, and other supportive services meant to ease the burden of transition both for the newcomers and the communities receiving them. Agencies provide asylum representation and advocate on behalf of the rights of immigrants and refugees.

**Contact:** (202) 797-2105 / [irsa@irsa-uscr.org](mailto:irsa@irsa-uscr.org) / [www.refugeesusa.org](http://www.refugeesusa.org)  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036

### **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

The IRC's Public Health Program provides physical and mental health services to the IRC's beneficiaries. The Public Health Program offers a variety of programming in public health awareness, access, and advocacy. They hope to find volunteers to assist with research of local health options, design curricula for and facilitate health promotion workshops, mentor refugee clients with specific health concerns, to translate/interpret, or to help compile educational materials or first aid kits, etc.

**Contact:** (301) 562-8633 / [SilverSpring@Rescue.org](mailto:SilverSpring@Rescue.org) / [www.rescue.org/volunteer](http://www.rescue.org/volunteer)  
8719 Colesville Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910

### **Institute for East African Councils on Higher Education (IEA Councils)**

IEA Councils is a nonprofit group that works with high school students of East African heritage who are immigrants or the children of immigrants. IEA Councils is a strong advocate of educational access and persistence, and delegates appropriate representatives at our sites to ensure proper guidance, support and resources. The importance of education at IEA Councils is exemplified by the culturally personalized assistance we provide to ensure that East-African communities residing in the United States cultivate their full potential.

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3636 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010

### **Mary House**

Mary House is a local nonprofit organization that works with immigrant and refugee families in the DC area. Mary House is open to all and many of the families are from foreign countries-including El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Bosnia, and Iraq. Volunteering would likely entail working with the after school portion of our program. They want someone who could come in at least once or twice a week, for at least 3 months to help by tutoring the children who are kindergarten through 6th grade. All of the children speak English, and are either in a French or Spanish program at their school (Elsie Stokes, located about 10 minutes from the after school location. This is just across the Catholic University/Brookland metro stop). The after school program lasts from 3:00 to about 6:00.

**Contact:** (202) 635-9025 / [casademary@aol.com](mailto:casademary@aol.com) / [www.maryhouse.org](http://www.maryhouse.org)

### **Lutheran Social Services – Refugee Resettlement & Placement**

Every year, LSS/NCA welcomes hundreds of refugees from around the world to the United States. From the moment a new family arrives at the airport, their staff is at the gate waiting to provide guidance and encouragement. LSS supports clients during this important transition by mobilizing community partners and offering a comprehensive range of services to newcomers. Volunteers can serve as translators, drivers, muscle movers, and mentors.

**Contact:** (202) 723-3000 / [www.lssnca.org](http://www.lssnca.org)  
4406 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011

### **The Next Step Public Charter School**

Next Step PCS aims to offer students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported adequately in traditional public school the chance to continue their education. This school is the oldest charter school in DC and is currently look for volunteers to provide academic support to GED and English language learners during a day-time and an evening program. Day-time hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 3 pm. The evening program runs Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 pm. Volunteers can let them know what days and hours work best.

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3047 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro or H2, H3, H4 buses)

### **Refugee Alliance Network (RAN)**

The Refugee Alliance Network began as the African Rights Activist's Group in 2009. Since 2015, RAN has expanded to the DC metropolitan area, serving the District of Columbia and its outlying suburbs. RAN works closely with the private and public sectors to serve as a liaison between refugees and the communities in which they live. Our mission is to educate, inform, protect, and provide services to refugees regardless of race, creed, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation or physical challenges.

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Main office: 2822 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC. 20001

### **Refugees International**

Refugees International generates lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection for displaced people around the world and works to end the conditions that create displacement. It offers unpaid internships throughout the year for those seeking work experiences in the humanitarian field. The opportunity exists to gain experience in congressional and governmental, advocacy, communications, development, research, peacekeeping, or a general internship.

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2001 S Street NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20009

### **Women for Women International**

Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. Become an ambassador by committing to support women survivors of war by working locally throughout the year to raise funds and awareness for WfWI's programs and the countries in which they work.

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