Rochester Area Refugee Services

COMMUNITY PARTNERS SERVING REFUGEES
ESOL Classes
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday: 5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - noon
(Thursday evening and Saturday classes provided by ESOL Associates of Rochester)

Citizenship Classes
Monday and Wednesday:
4 - 5 p.m. (Reading and Writing)
5 - 6:30 p.m. (Civics and Interview Practice)
Wednesday: 12 - 1 p.m. (Review)
Other times by appointment.

No registration necessary.
For more information, please call the New Americans Librarian at 585-428-8233.
Welcoming Refugees & Immigrants

Overview

Helping refugees and immigrants find peace, safety, friendship and independence.

From the Italian and Polish neighborhoods of the past to the Somali, Cuban and Bhutanese communities of today, Rochester has been enriched by those who add their music, art and tradition to our community mosaic.
Saint’s Place
http://www.saintsplace.org

Welcoming the Strangers Among Us...

Saint’s Place is a volunteer organization that provides household goods, clothing, and education to legal refugees of all races and creeds who settle in the Rochester, New York area to escape violence, discrimination and poverty.

~ You can help by donating gently used household goods and clothing.
~ Many volunteer opportunities available.
~ Monetary donations always welcome.

www.saintsplace.org | (585) 385-6860
Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services
https://www.rochesterrefugeenetwork.org/rrrs/

We Welcome Your Support!

2017 has been a year of expanded services and new programs for RRRS. As you browse our website, you see new help for deaf refugees, foreign educated doctors seeking to get licensed here to help their people, more refugees receiving drivers licenses, an expanded scholastic program, more and better housing – the list goes on.

Our mission is to make our new neighbors successful and happy here in Rochester as they add flavor to our community with their culture. While numbers of refugees coming into the US has been greatly reduced, the numbers we are serving have gone up. Secondary migration from other cities in the US, and word through the network that we are here to help has generated a lot of activity.

Much of what we do is not directly funded. We rely on donations from folks like you as well as from our social enterprise, to make things happen. At this time of year, we especially welcome your consideration and support.

Our Medical Training Program for Foreign Educated Doctors

New Faces at RRRS!

We are pleased to welcome Doctor Malah Ahmazdai to our staff as a job navigator. Dr. Malah is an MD from Afghanistan with extensive practice experience in several countries. She and her husband (who is also a physician) and their daughter came to the US through the Special Immigration Visa program (No one left behind). They served our forces while in Afghanistan and came to Rochester to provide for their family.
Refugees Helping Refugees (RHR) is a non-profit organization that serves refugees of Western New York. RHR seeks to foster the growth, self-determination, and self-reliance of Rochester's refugee community by making them agents of their own advancement.

Our Purpose

We provide a number of programs to help refugees resettle in their new community. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to volunteer or get involved.
"Speaking from the Heart" is a group where refugees are invited to talk with Americans who are open to them and supportive of their efforts to express themselves in English.

The goals of "Speaking from the Heart" include:

- Dismantling the social and linguistic isolation surrounding many refugees
- Helping refugees to practice English conversation
- Extending friendship to one another across linguistic, cultural and socio-economic barriers
- Educating each other and creating mutual understanding through conversation and interaction
- Facilitating refugee integration into their community

"Speaking from the Heart" takes on the format of a COFFEE HOUR where participants are free to mingle and make friends. Snacks and beverages are available.

American participants in SFTH come from the Greater Rochester Community. Refugee participants come from Rochester and have their origins in Cuba, Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, Sudan, Central African Republic, Congo, Somalia, etc.
Refugee Employment Services is aimed at helping refugees and their families who have come to the US to find employment and become self-sufficient. The program focuses on refugees who have been in the US for less than five years, are employable, and are seeking work or already engaged in some form of work activity. Refugees who achieve self-sufficiency reduce and sometimes eliminate their dependency on social services.

Once our intake team determines eligibility for the program, an employment specialist will develop an individual plan with realistic goals for achieving self-sufficiency that may include the following services:

- Basic immigration paperwork and related applications, including public assistance
- Driver instruction through our driving school, DriveOn
- Driver training resources, pre-licensing, and defensive driving courses
- Employment preparation and job skills training
- Job placement, follow-up, and transitional support
- Referrals to various community resources

Refugee Employment Services is funded through a Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) offered by New York State's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and monitored by the Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA).

For more information, call us at 585.263.2690
Employment Connection | 1357 University Ave.Rochester NY 14607
The Center for Refugee Health
https://www.rochesterregional.org/locations/rochester/the-center-for-refugee-health/

The Center for Refugee Health

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“Refugee health services are available at all Jordan Health comprehensive health centers; however, live interpretive services are only available at Brown Square Health Center.”

Jordan Health offers a well-established refugee health program that includes full-time clinical and interpretive services. Our medical and dental providers are complemented by an interpretive staff representative from the communities we serve, offering our patients a cultural and linguistic link to their providers. Refugee communities currently served by Jordan Health include: Somali, Maay-Maay, Burmese, Karen, Chin, Vietnamese and Russian-Ukrainian. Refugee health services are available at all Jordan Health comprehensive health centers; however, live interpretive services are only available at Brown Square Health Center.

Our refugee health program serves entire families of all ages with comprehensive family medicine, pediatric, prenatal and gynecological care including labor and delivery at Highland Hospital. Jordan Health staff can also assist patients with arranging for home care to help seniors remain at home during their more fragile years.
Jordan Health Locations

- Anthony L. Jordan Health Center
- Brown Square Health Center – *live interpretive services*
- Woodward Health Center
- Jordan Health at Andrews Terrace
- Jordan Health at CCIA
- Jordan Health at Franklin Educational Campus
- Jordan Health at Glenwood Gardens
- Jordan Health at Kennedy Tower
- Jordan Health at Community Place
- Jordan Health Link/WIC
- Urgent Care
Salaam everyone,

We’d like to introduce you to an exciting project recently launched by our youth:

Did you know that around 750 refugees come to Rochester every year, most of whom have minimal to no resources? These members of our community encounter countless challenges, including language barriers, financial instability, and a lack of familiarity with the American system. In addition, many of the children who grow up here face peer pressure at school, and a family at home that doesn’t understand these obstacles, due to large cultural gaps.

RocFREE

Rochester for Refugees Everywhere (RocFREE) is a non-profit organization that hopes to provide local refugees with a sense of community through social services, education, and long-term support.

Our aim is to strengthen a center in the heart of the city, Mary’s Place, that aids hundreds of refugees with education, housing, employment, community building, and even services such as legal work and transportation to the doctors.

FRIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 5, 2018

1- There is a vacancy on the council if you have served on the board and would like to serve on the council, please see Dr. Tabassam or Dr. Sfarj Masood.
2- Supervised Basketball will be held on Fridays from 9 – 11 pm. Unsupervised basketball will be not be allowed in the ICR gym.
3- Westfall Academy is hiring! Positions are open for 6th grade Elementary School teacher and School Office Admin. If interested please email your CV/resume with a cover letter to WAEC.feedback@gmail.com or contact Dr. Muhammad Ahmed, School Principal.
4- Meet your local candidates for Federal, State and local elections, and ask questions on Sunday Oct. 21st, from 3:45pm to 6:15 pm at ICR Gym hosted by the Civic Engagement Committee.
5- Light of Hope benefit dinner will be held October 5th for the children in Syria, Myanmar, Somalia and Yemen at Rochester Riverside Hotel.
6- Please don’t park illegally in the Paychex parking lot. Cars will be towed at owner’s expense.
7- OIC of New York will be offering financial assistance to one of our students.

Donate

Donate with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

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Videos

Idea for ESOL Tutoring

This series of four videos highlights a variety of tutoring and learning styles, tutoring techniques, and levels of students.

Reading Comprehension with Vocabulary
Imagine...

You cannot take a driver’s test or fill out an employment application because you cannot read or write.

Your child’s teacher sends home a note about your child’s needs or accomplishments, but you cannot read it.

You cannot sign a lease or buy a car because you do not understand the contract.

This is a reality for many of our neighbors and community members. It’s a life of humiliation and fear.

But it doesn’t have to be.

Here to Help
A ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Bridges provides free reading, writing, and English as a Second Language services for adults.

Calendar of Events

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Welcome to N. N. O. C.  
(Formerly Grace Urban Ministries)

**Meals and Programs Location**  
1261 Dewey Ave at St Luke Tabernacle  
Community Church

Welcome to Northwest Neighborhood Outreach Center (N.N.O.C.) where we hope you will find useful information about our organization and what we do for the Rochester community. Please be sure to check out our event calendar, which includes our 9th Annual Danielle Rae Guistina Golf Tournament in August 2017 to raise money for daily operations. Thank you for visiting and supporting us!

**Our Mission**

NNOC is an outreach center that contributes to the health of the Maplewood and Edgerton neighborhoods. Using "walk-in hospitality" to connect with our neighbors in need, NNOC’s mission is to assess and address clients’ needs at whatever point they are in life. Working in collaboration with other service providers, as well as using client peer support and encouragement, we help our clients advance toward self-sufficiency, which will improve the neighborhood as a place to live, work, play, and worship.

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Questions?
Thank You