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Catholic Charities Dallas Offers Volunteer Opportunities

(DALLAS) September 20, 2024 — Catholic Charities Dallas is in search of supporters and volunteers to assist with the refugee program by advocating for them, serving them, and guiding the refugees to begin their new life. This program is crucial to serving and supporting the refugees resettling in the Dallas area.

“Volunteers are needed to assist with the shopping of large families, to mentor large families, and to set-up apartments for large families. Currently, we have 10 active volunteers. And, we have about five individuals that we can call for emergency assistance, but we need more help,” Avril Knox, director of refugee services said.

Catholic Charities Dallas receives around 32 refugee individuals and families that arrive in Dallas each week that they assist to ease the relocation process. The team of volunteers help them set up their apartments, apply for jobs, apply for a social security number, receive health screenings and immunizations, register for school, and even occasionally act as translators to refugees that do not speak english.

While volunteers are needed to assist the refugees personally, there are several other ways to volunteer and serve refugees that have been relocated to Dallas. Catholic Charities Dallas is always in need of bed sheets, bath and face towels, blankets, comforters, pillows, plates, drinking glasses, and flatware.

Volunteers have been helping refugees through Catholic Charities Dallas since 1970. Many refugees, once on their feet, return to volunteer. Mohammed Farah, a refugee from Somalia, once was a refugee that needed assistance. He now serves as the program manager, as he was moved by the countless ways he received help from strangers that impacted his life in crucial ways.

“When I was without shelter, they sheltered me. They helped me in every aspect with resettlement, looking for a job, acculturation and even clothing, I got it from catholic charities. The first time they asked me to interpret for them, I was really very happy to pay back.”

About Catholic Charities Dallas

Catholic Charities Dallas is a faith-based social service agency focused on improving the quality of life for people in need. The organization primarily serves as first responders to the Dallas community's most vulnerable, helping those in crisis move toward a better life. The Catholic Charities Dallas was established in 1941 and now houses 30 different programs helping those in need in all aspects of life. If you, a friend, or a loved one are in a time of need, contact the charity at (866) 223-7500.

Support Catholic Charities of Dallas by following [@catholiccharitiesdallas](https://www.instagram.com/catholiccharitiesdallas) on Instagram, or reach out to volunteer by phone at (866) 223-7500.
