



TAKING IT TO A DEEPER LEVEL--WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved with our immigrant and refugee communities, some one-time opportunities and some more-involved opportunities:

- **Volunteer**
 - Sort donations at one of the Refugee Resettlement Agencies
 - Offer to be a “first friend” for a new arriving refugee family with a group of your friends
 - Teach English classes
 - Teach Citizenship classes
 - Offer to teach a family how to ride the RTD bus system
 - Offer to take a newly arrived family to the grocery store and show them how to shop
 - Coach an integrated soccer team for newly arrived immigrants and refugees
 - Tutor a student who is studying for the citizenship exam
 - Volunteer to read to school children at a school for newcomers
- **Engage**
 - Start a “first friends” mentor club at your child’s school so that they can learn ways to be welcoming
 - Offer to have a language exchange with an immigrant where you speak for one hour so that they can practice their English and they teach you their language for an hour
 - Have a potluck meal with some newly arrived families in the community or from your children’s school
 - Volunteer for African Community Center’s annual Refugee’s First Thanksgiving celebration
 - Attend a cultural celebration, independence day, or a high holy day with immigrant/refugee communities
- **Educate**
 - Start a book club with your friends and family and discuss the issues that affect immigrants and refugees on a deeper level
 - Start a multi-cultural reading hour with children to discuss different cultures and ways of growing up
 - Start an “article club” where you read different articles about different areas of the world and different cultures
- **Donate**
 - Organize your friend group or a group from your faith community to raise money for an immigrant or refugee serving organization
 - Organize a “rice drive” to collect bags and boxes of rice for incoming families
 - Organize a clothing and household item drive for refugee resettlement organizations

Organizations to contact for further volunteer opportunities—

African Community Center	http://www.acc-den.org/
Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain	http://www.lfsrcm.org/refugee-asylee
Colorado African Organization	http://caoden.org/
Project Worthmore	https://www.projectworthmore.org/
Project Shine	http://www.springinstitute.org/?action=shine
Rights for All People (merging with Colorado Progressive Coalition)	http://www.rightsforallpeople.org/
Together Colorado	http://www.togethercolorado.org/
Community Campus Partnership	http://com-cam.org/
Crawford Community Center	https://www.facebook.com/CrawfordCommunityCenter?fref=nf
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition	http://www.coloradoimmigrant.org/
Padres y Jovenes Unidos	http://padresunidos.org/
American Friends Service Committee—Colorado Immigrant Rights Program	http://www.afsc.org/office/denver-co
Mi Familia Vota	http://www.mifamiliavota.org/colorado
El Centro Humanitario	http://www.centrohumanitario.org/
Asian Pacific Development Center	http://apdc.org/