

Welcome Baskets



Who Are Refugees . . .

A refugee is a person who has fled or has been forced to leave their home country out of fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Often they leave home suddenly taking few possessions and spend years, even decades, living in refugee camps.

Why We Serve . . .

For refugees arriving in Cincinnati, we serve these brothers and sisters who are fleeing intolerable conditions in their homeland. These refugees are the latest wave of immigrants who come here, enriching our culture, joining the long line of German, Irish, Jewish, Polish, Asian & Eastern European refugees and immigrants who have come to Cincinnati looking for a fresh start and a better life.

We are blessed to serve these vulnerable new neighbors as one with Christ in the World!



How You Can Welcome Refugees to Southwestern Ohio

1. Donate money ... www.ccswoh.org/donate
2. Volunteer. Become a mentor, assist with household set-ups, training or transportation. Call Tonicia at (513) 672-3836 or tgreen@ccswoh.org.
3. Give gently used furniture and household goods.
4. Prepare a Welcome Basket.
5. Donate a Welcome Basket:
 - Bath in a Bag - \$25
 - Bed in a Bag - \$50
 - Kitchen in Bag - \$120
 - School Supplies in a Backpack - \$200
6. Consider ordering items online and having them shipped directly to:

Catholic Charities, ATTN: Refugees
7162 Reading Road, Ste. 600,
Cincinnati, OH 45237

*An Amazon Wish List is available, "Welcome Baskets for Refugees Wish List"

Follow the Facebook Group "Welcome (to Cincinnati) Baskets for Refugees"

In 2017, advocates coordinated donations of household items for refugees. Their sorting party lined the halls of Catholic Charities' offices with Welcome Baskets. The group has remained active and a good way to receive "call-outs" for donation needs.

Have Questions?

Contact Dan Sarell, Director of Mission Advancement, (513) 672-3710
dsarell@ccswoh.org

Visit www.ccswoh.org/programs/refugee-resettlement-services/ to learn more

Welcome Baskets

Bathroom in a Basket

Packaged in a laundry basket:

- Plastic shower curtain/rings*
- Shower curtain rod
- Small wastebasket
- Bath towels*
- Hand towels*
- Wash cloths*
- Rug
- Toilet paper*
- Combs/brushes*
- Laundry detergent*



Bedroom in a Basket*

Packaged in a laundry basket:

All items should be given in their original packaging.*

Bedding sizes, twin, full, or queen (no king sizes, please)

- Sheet set
- Blanket
- Comforter/quilt/bedspread
- Pillows
- Alarm clock
- Clothes hangers
- Paper/notepads
- Pens and/or pencils



Cleaning Closet in a Basket*

Packaged in a kitchen wastebasket

- Bucket
- Mop
- Broom and dustpan
- Sponges
- Scrub brush
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Laundry detergent

*Items should be new/unused. Rule of thumb is that any consumable or linen / fabric personal items should be new and in original packaging.

Items we cannot accept. Used mattresses / box springs; used linens/sheets; used towels and wash cloths. Used baby items. We do not collect clothes.

Used Furniture

A list of current furniture needs is continuously updated. We have a limited ability to pick-up items, depending on the availability of volunteers with trucks and vans. More volunteers are greatly needed. Photos are preferred and furniture should be in good condition. Contact Dan at (513) 672-3710 or dsarell@ccswoh.org for an updated list.

Kitchen in a Basket

Packaged in a kitchen wastebasket:

- Plates, bowls, cups/glasses
- Utensils – forks, spoons, knives
- 1-2 large stock pots (8 quarts or larger)
- Large frying pan
- 2-4 sauce pans (2 quarts or larger)
- Dish towels*
- Dish cloths/sponges*
- Pot holders/oven mitts
- Food storage containers
- 2 chef knives
- 2 paring knives
- 2-3 mixing/serving bowls
- Kitchen utensils (spatula, wooden spoons, serving utensils)
- Can opener
- Trash bags*

Additional Needs

Packaged in a kitchen wastebasket:

- Lamps
- Light bulbs
- Extension cords
- Storage bins
- Backpacks
- Umbrellas
- Tea kettles
- 12-quart Stock Pots
- Basic tool set
- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Masking tape
- Throw rugs
- Vacuum cleaners



School Supplies* for both adults and children of varying ages. Consider filling a new backpack with supplies.