

Are Lives Being Changed?

Participants' Lives

"My life took a 360 degree turn when I came to Refuge of Nations. Today I am a different woman. I am more self confident, a better mother, a better friend, and I have greater fellowship with God. My Refuge of Nations family encourages me and allows me to miss my family in Mexico less."

- 99% of our participants, when surveyed, noted that our services are excellent and asked that they be continued.
- 90% of respondents indicated that they had received meaningful support during an emotional crisis or family crisis.

Volunteers' Lives

- 100% of our student volunteers, when surveyed, noted that working with RoN has expanded their views of God, immigrants, poverty, and themselves
- 61% of all volunteers indicated that RoN has influenced their decisions about career and calling

"'Being' is a concept I learned while at Refuge of Nations. We Americans are so used to doing, doing, and even doing for others. But sometimes we can do all kinds of good work and not make as great of an impact as when we are sitting 'being' with someone."

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"Impacting The World In Your Own Backyard"



"I have learned that I am important because I mainly thought that nobody cared about me. Refuge of Nations is here to listen and help us."

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Whom Do We Serve?

Over 100,000 immigrants and refugees from all over the world now make their home in Saint Louis.

Their past struggles and grief still profoundly impact daily life.

In addition, they face stressful, new challenges every day:

- Adapting to a new climate
- Learning a new language
- Securing a new job
- Eating new foods
- Understanding a new culture

In view of the above, Refuge of Nations was established in 2005 to:

"mentor our immigrant and refugee neighbors for new life in Saint Louis and beyond."



How Do We Mentor?



We Provide Skills & Perspective

- Free professional counseling
- Support groups
- Free ESL classes with Redeemer Church
- Multi-cultural Bible teaching
- Teaching & events for children

We Provide Supportive Relationships

- Weekly home visits
- Childcare
- Youth events
- Community picnics & events
- Family projects & outings
- Weekly community meetings

We Provide for Basic Needs*

- Food & baby items
- Childcare for counseling appointments
- Transportation
- Referrals & information
- Translation & interpretation
- Advocacy & crisis intervention

*On a limited case-by-case basis

What Is Our Goal?

Refuge of Nations' desire is that every immigrant and refugee whom we mentor will:

- Experience security & dignity within our community
- Know that he/she is loved freely
- Hope that real change is possible
- Gain knowledge & skills for new ways of living
- Take courageous steps for the benefit of all
- Celebrate each new sign of life in his/her life & beyond

This vision is inspired and empowered by Jesus Christ who immigrated to this world...

"to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

