



REFUGEE SERVICES OF TEXAS

*Open Hearts.
Fresh Starts.*

ABOUT US IN AUSTIN

OUR MISSION

Refugee Services of Texas, Inc. is a not-for-profit social service agency guided by principles of human compassion and dignity committed to providing quality services for refugees, asylees, and survivors of trafficking.



WHO WE SERVE

The refugees we serve have been forced to leave their homes for fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, or political association. Unlike immigrants, they did not choose to flee to a new country. After applying for refugee status, individuals and families are screening, granted permission to resettle, and assigned to our agency by the U. S. Department of State. We also serve asylees, survivors of human trafficking, SIVs, and parolees from Cuba.



HOW WE SERVE

The resettlement process begins when we welcome refugees at the airport and bring them to their new homes. We work to orient new arrivals to American society with the ultimate goal of independence. We also offer supplementary programs designed for long term integration and on-going support. Our programs include:

- Community orientation
- Education including English language instruction
- Case management
- Job Placement
- Financial assistance
- Mentorship
- Counseling
- Immigration assistance

GET involved

Volunteering with Refugee services of Texas is an exciting way to connect with other cultures while providing vital support for refugees who are starting new lives here in Texas. We offer a multitude of volunteer opportunities for individuals, community groups, and faith-based organizations including sponsorship of refugee families and ongoing mentoring.



New Volunteer Orientations are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, located at our RST office.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Welcoming families at the airport
- Supply shopping and setting up apartments
- Providing interpretation services
- Tutoring in conversational English
- Transportation to medical appointments or job interviews
- Helping refugee children enroll in school
- Orienting refugees to local public transportation
- Office Support
- Orienting refugees to recreational activities around Austin (Explore ATX)
- Co-Sponsoring a family