Who is a Refugee?

A refugee is a person forced to flee his or her country and is unable to return due to persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most refugees are women and children. There are 20,000,000 refugees in the world.

Refugee Resettlement in Utah

• Utah resettles about 1,150 refugees every year; this year the majority will be coming from Burma, Iraq, Somalia and Congo, as well as some from Syria.
• 60,000 refugees from more than 20 countries currently live in Utah.
• 5,000–10,000 continue to need assistance of some kind, especially in job upgrades.

Donate Time and Skills

Volunteer your time and skills to help refugees with activities such as Eagle Scout projects, employer mentoring, English language tutoring, family mentoring, financial planning, K-12 tutoring, transportation, and more.

Donate Money

Donations help support rent and housing assistance, refugee youth programs, English skills training, and other needs. Call 211 for a list of confirmed agencies to donate to.

Drop Off Locations

• DWS Employment Centers (list at jobs.utah.gov)
• Refugee Education and Training Center, 250 West 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84107
• Catholic Community Services • ccsutah.org
• International Rescue Committee • rescue.org
• Asian Association of Utah • aau-slc.org
Contact refugeeoffice@utah.gov for more locations.