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## TOP FIVE WAYS

To Join World Refugee Day

### Learn and Educate Others

- Watch the [Video Explainer](#) to understand who refugees are. This video provides insights into newcomer experiences and challenges.
- Dive into the [UNHCR Refugee Resource](#) for comprehensive information. Refugees face a complex web of challenges related to their identity and protection. This includes legal definitions, cultural perceptions, and the struggle for safety. Understanding these issues is crucial for effective support and advocacy for all newcomers.
- Read the [One-Pager on Refugee Resettlement](#). Refugee resettlement is a collaborative effort to welcome newcomers involving governments, NGOs, and communities. By understanding the process, we can create more inclusive and compassionate societies.
- Discover more about refugees and other newcomers through...
  - [Podcasts](#)
  - [Books](#)
  - [Graphic Novels](#)
  - [Movies](#)
  - [Young Adult/Children's Books](#)
  - [Websites/Apps](#)
- Read the [Worship Reflection Guide](#). This guide explains how to reflect and pray for refugees and other newcomers.

### Share Your Story

- Tell your story as someone with lived experiences, an ally or a co-sponsor.
- Reshare stories about refugees and other newcomers from your local resettlement office's social media pages.
- Tell stories about how refugees and newcomers are contributing to your communities.
- Tag your content with [#WorldRefugeeDay](#) [#StrongerTogether](#) [#RefugeesLead](#)
- Follow CWS and share our new stories all June long on [f](#) [i](#) [in](#)
- If you have co-sponsored or volunteered with a family in the past, consider contributing to our ['Why I sponsor campaign'](#) video series to share your experience and motivate others to become involved.

### Support Through Donations

- Make a difference by donating to the [CWS Emergency Response Fund](#). Your contribution provides vital support to vulnerable communities during emergencies.
- Host a donation drive for your local resettlement office. Reach out to the office prior to verify what their needs are, but often offices are in need of hygiene items, bicycles, backpacks, and household set up items.





## Advocate for Welcome

- [Contact your elected officials](#) about supporting refugee initiatives and policies.
- Read and apply the concepts in the [Community Sponsorship to Community Advocate Toolkit](#), a tool for community members to be involved at the local, state, and federal level.
- Join the [Welcoming Refugees 2025](#) campaign to show welcome to refugees by asking your local or state elected leaders to support a robust refugee admissions goal.
- Sign up for [CWS Action Alerts](#) to learn more about key refugee policy asks and easily contact your members of Congress to promote change and welcoming for newcomers.
- Find more information about refugees and tools to promote advocacy in your community on Refugee Council USA's [resource page](#).



## Join an Event

- Participate by [joining a local World Refugee Day Event](#) in your community
- Research and attend local [World Refugee Day](#) events in your community.
- Consider sponsoring a newcomer through private sponsorship and learn more about [Neighbor Network](#).
- Partnering with a local office to engage in [co-sponsorship](#) efforts, supporting refugees through community collaboration and shared responsibility.
- [Volunteer with a local resettlement office](#).