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**Volunteer with Catholic Charities Dallas and Transform Lives**

*The search for volunteers and donations is vital to giving refugees a better life in America.*

**(DALLAS, Sept. 19, 2024)**—Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) strives to assist every refugee it encounters, but it can't be possible without the community's help. Ranked the second city in the nation in refugee settlement popularity, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex has welcomed more than 30,000 refugees since 2018. The organization is looking for volunteers to serve and donations to its cause to uphold its nonprofit mission to "[empower] all those in need."

For decades, CCD has been a beacon of hope for refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking. The nonprofit reaches asylum-seekers worldwide, including Afghanistan, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, and Vietnam, opening their arms to all who need a hug and a home.

It collaborates with the U.S. Department of Refugee Resettlement to ensure a smooth transition from diverse countries. Each week, the Refugee Services team provides critical support through Social Security applications, health screenings, school registration for children, English classes for adults, and employment assistance.

"We just wanted to get away from the war. Seeing mothers lose their children was heartbreaking," Leonard Kalala, a former refugee from the Congo who is now working on the Refugee Services team, said. "We were very lucky to be able to come to America."

Serving 900 refugees in the last year alone and an average of 32 individuals and families per week, CCD aspires to transform as many lives as possible. They urgently need compassionate volunteers to help meet the growing demand.

Avril Knox, director of Refugee Services, said, "We have only 10 active volunteers, and we need more hands to assist with grocery shopping for large families, mentoring, and setting up apartments."

Beyond volunteering, CCD accepts donations. Essential items of need include full and twin-size bed sheets, bath towels, blankets, comforters, pillows, plates, bowls, drinking glasses, cookware, and silverware.

With the community's help, Catholic Charities Dallas can further their initiatives to welcome refugees and asylum-seekers to the United States.

### **About Catholic Charities Dallas**

In the late 1970s, Catholic Charities Dallas ignited its mission to welcome, resettle, advocate for, and serve refugees and asylum seekers. Rooted in Catholic social teachings, the organization offers a broad range of services, including disaster relief, food assistance, housing support, educational programs, and immigration legal services. With a mission to strengthen communities and uphold human dignity, Catholic Charities Dallas empowers people to overcome challenges and achieve self-sufficiency. The Refugee Services team strives to welcome refugees with a smooth transition and is always on the lookout for volunteers and donations to make that happen.

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