



# RENT TO REFUGEES!

Welcome new neighbors and give them hope!



## Who are refugees?

A refugee has fled their home and country because of persecution and violence from countries such as Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cuba, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan and Syria.

They undergo a rigorous approval process taking up to 24 months before being allowed to come to the United States. They often come with very little besides the clothes on their back and hope for the future.



## Help build your community

- Many studies show that refugees make significant financial contributions to their communities through entrepreneurship, taxes and purchasing.
- Refugee neighborhoods have less crime.
- STVCC's employment partners love working with refugees and appreciate their contributions.
- Refugees work in essential services like health care, manufacturing and hospitality.
- Refugees bring children to fill our schools with laughter and learning.
- Many community members appreciate the focus on faith, family and culture of their refugee neighbors

## Refugee Services provides ...

A deposit and first month's rent for new arrivals

A Housing Assistant (new!) who will conduct regular home visits to ensure that new arrivals are properly maintaining your property

Training for new arrivals in:

- Financial literacy
- Home care
- Housing and cultural orientations

Case managers to facilitate communication

A consistent way to fill empty units

## What is required?

- A willingness to rent to someone you have not yet met and do so without much notice.
- Refugees have fled war, persecution and violence. They now just need a place to call home.

## Would you like to be involved?

Contact STVCC's Housing Specialist:

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