

**NPCA**  
**Peace Corps Community for Refugees**  
**Online Resources**

**Refugee – Defined:**

A refugee is someone who is "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country." (1951 Refugee Convention)

**Agencies and Organizations:**

- American Refugee Committee ...  
<http://www.arcrelief.org>
- Amnesty International Fact Page ...  
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/refugees-asylum-seekers-and-migrants/>
- CARE ...  
<http://www.care.org/emergencies/global-refugee-crisis>
- Catholic Relief Services ...  
<https://www.crs.org/>
- Doctors Without Borders ...  
<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/search/site/Refugees>
- Human Rights Watch ...  
<https://www.hrw.org/topic/refugees>
- International Rescue Committee ...  
<https://www.rescue.org/search/site/Refugees>
- Islamic Relief USA ...  
[http://irusa.org/refugee-crisis-europe/?gclid=Cmi46oa97swCFRFahgod\\_4MH6Q](http://irusa.org/refugee-crisis-europe/?gclid=Cmi46oa97swCFRFahgod_4MH6Q)
- Lutheran World Relief ...  
<https://www.kintera.org/site/c.dmJXKiOYJgl6WLdOOLaKTI9NYKvJ0I9MSKeLTK7PULmJX>

- Mennonite Central Committee ...  
<https://mcc.org/search/site/Refugees>
- Mercy Corps ...  
<https://www.mercycorps.org/search/site/Refugees>
- Oxfam America ...  
<https://www.oxfamamerica.org/search/?q=Refugees>
- Save the Children ...  
[https://secure.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.6537739/k.767B/Google\\_Search\\_Results.htm?q=Refugees#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=Refugees&gsc.page=1](https://secure.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.6537739/k.767B/Google_Search_Results.htm?q=Refugees#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=Refugees&gsc.page=1)
- UNHCR (The United Nations Refugee Agency) ...  
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/search?query=Refugees>
- UNICEF ...  
<https://www.unicef.org/search/search.php?q=Refugees>
- United Nations Association of the USA ...  
<http://www.unausa.org/>

### Helpful Resources:

- Al-Jazeera ...  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/Search/?q=Refugees>
- Refugees Deeply This is a timely news source designed to help readers understand the complexities of geopolitics, human rights, environmental, legal and other factors that make the refugee crises among the most challenging of modern times. Its editors and expert contributors bring clarity and insight to their comprehensive coverage of worldwide events.  
<https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees>
- Ethiopian Community Development Council (contact: Dr. Tsehaye Teferra)  
[tteferra@ecdcus.org](mailto:tteferra@ecdcus.org)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)

Contact: Linda Hartke, President and CEO | [LHartke@lirs.org](mailto:LHartke@lirs.org) | [410-230-2762](tel:410-230-2762)

- US Department of State ...  
<http://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/>
- Nonprofit Organization (Canada) ...  
<http://www.savetherefugees.ca/>
- Comprehensive list of resources by region ...  
<http://www.dcrally4refugees.org/#Resources>
- NPCA Affiliate Groups ... (mapping)  
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1Zi8o1HQRxJv-Km2jROinZ7NSq-g>
- Resettlement Process in the U.S. ...  
<http://www.rcusa.org/resettlement-process/>
- World Vision (a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice)  
<http://www.worldvision.org/our-impact/syrian-refugee>
- Hesperian Health Guides (available in libraries and in digital form on Hesperian Digital Commons). This publisher is a nonprofit health information and health education source. Hesperian develops easy to read materials in many languages.  
<http://hesperian.org/>

## Facts and Figures:

"Worldwide, the number of refugees is the highest in recorded history, at a staggering 21.3 million people, and about half of the world's refugees are children. About 1 in every 122 people today is either a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum (UNHCR)."

<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/figures-at-a-glance.html>.

## Advocacy:

- Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM):  
<http://www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/>  
St Alban's is planning to assist Syrian refugees and will probably collaborate with Washington Hebrew and Annunciation RC in an interfaith effort. We have done some work with Catholic Charities and IRC; and probably will work with IRC as we expand our efforts to help the recently arrived Syrian families. EMM did not expand its program in N VA and the DC area as we found the cost of doing resettlement work in the DC area to be a challenge. We did have a program in the Richmond area but I believe that that program has also closed since my departure. However, if there is anything that I can do to assist you with your work in my personal capacity, please let me know. I am copying Mark on this message in case EMM at some future time decides to re-enter the DC resettlement arena. Contact: Dick Parkins ([richardparkins1@gmail.com](mailto:richardparkins1@gmail.com)).
- Hammond Young Immigration Law ...  
<http://www.hyimmigration.com/>  
  
<http://embracerefugees.org/#>
- Immigration Advocates ...  
<http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/jobs/>
- Welcoming Refugees ...  
<http://welcomingrefugees.org/?gclid=CPysgq-ugs4CFY1bhgod0sMHnw>
- Alexia Foundation ...  
<http://www.alexiafoundation.org/about>
- International Action ...  
<http://www.refugeesinternational.org/>
- International Rescue Committee ...  
<http://www.rescue.org/node/5678/>
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service ...  
<http://lirs.org/>
- Refugee Resettlement Watch (opposition) ...  
<https://refugeeresettlementwatch.wordpress.com/>
- UNA-USA ...  
The UNA-USA Advocacy Guide is designed to help local Chapters advocate on behalf of the United Nations.

<http://www.unausa.org/advocacy/advocacy-resources/advocacy-guide>

- The UN Refugee Agency ... (UNHCR)  
<http://www.unhcr.org/>