

## IRC PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

The IRC supports newly arrived refugees by providing immediate aid, including food and shelter. Through a network of staff members and volunteers we provide access to the tools of self-reliance: housing, job placement and employment skills, clothing, medical attention, education, English-language classes and community orientation. Each resettlement office serves as a free, one-stop center for refugees' needs during their pivotal first months in the U.S.

In addition to integrating refugees into the U.S., the IRC's refugee resettlement network provides comprehensive immigration services to assist refugees and asylees on their path to becoming permanent residents or U.S. citizens.

## ABOUT THE IRC

The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster.

Since 1998, the **IRC in Charlottesville** has assisted more than 4,600 refugees from 32 countries to achieve economic self-sufficiency, a sense of security, and social integration in the community.

### CONTACT DETAILS:

# LANDLORD OPPORTUNITIES



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## LANDLORD OPPORTUNITIES

- Gain access to high-quality potential tenants, which can contribute to fewer vacancies and shorter vacancy periods.
- Clients receive initial financial support from IRC's local resettlement office.
- Tenants have access to case management support and interpretation services
- Tenants understand a lease, and understand their obligations related to maintenance, payments, security deposit, etc
- Support from IRC in the event of any issue or concern, including mediation if necessary.
- The opportunity to make a difference—by giving refugees a safe environment, allowing them to build a rental history and establish themselves in the United States.

## IRC'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Match clients with available properties that meet their needs.
- Provide household supplies and furnishings for clients
- Help new arrivals start utilities and phone services
- Train clients on home safety and emergency procedures
- Teach clients about housing agreements, rules and guidelines of rental, and general housing safety practices
- Support new arrivals in the leasing process
- Work with landlords when issues arise with refugee clients related to the condition and use of apartments
- In certain cases as needed, provide emergency rental assistance for clients.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who are refugees?**

Refugees are men, women and children who have fled their countries of origin as a result of political instability, armed conflict, or other acts of violence.

### **How does a refugee qualify for resettlement in the United States?**

To qualify for refugee resettlement in the United States, a person must come from a country or belong to a group designated by the US Department of State. Individuals must meet the definition of a refugee by proving that he or she has a well-founded fear of persecution. Officers from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) conduct interviews around the world to identify individuals eligible for permanent resettlement in the United States.

### **Do refugees have documentation of legal residency in the United States?**

Yes; refugees are legal, documented residents of the U.S.

### **Why should I rent to refugees?**

Refugees have a proven attitude of perseverance and determination. Most have a strong desire to create healthy homes and prosperous futures. Refugees are culturally diverse and responsible community members who are eager to establish themselves in and contribute to American society.