



About Utah Valley Refugees

Established in 2016, Utah Valley Refugees is a private, nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)3 of the IRS Code and is a collaborative community partnership that works to improve the lives of refugees and immigrants adjusting to life in Utah County. We provide services such as affordable housing and medical care, employment and educational services for qualified low-income refugees living in Utah County.

Our Mission

To empower refugees in their quest to become self-reliant.

Whom We Serve

Utah Valley Refugees serves refugees who have been forced to flee their countries because of armed conflict, ethnic cleansing, regime change, and forced displacement, threats to themselves and their families, and other persecution. When they cross the border into another country, they may integrate into an urban area, or live in camps—sometimes for years, even decades, before a durable solution is found for them.

According to UNHCR, 68.5 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide, but less than 1% of the 68.5 million are resettled to the United States, Canada, Australia or Europe. (www.unhcr.org/en-us/figures-at-a-glance.html), (www.unhcr.org/en-us/resettlement-in-the-united-states.html). The United States used to admit about 70,000 refugees a year but during the present administration, the number of refugees admitted has dramatically declined.

On average, Utah welcomes 1,300 refugees each year. They bring skills, values, and attributes with them that make our communities vibrant and strong. While some refugees arrive with little education or formal job skills, others have obtained higher education and are experienced in their professional careers.

UVR has developed services and programs to ensure that refugee families can provide for their basic needs, including housing and healthcare, gainful employment, and education while they integrate into new communities.

Our program mainly focuses on:

- Case Management
- Housing Assistance
- Employment Services
- Education Services
- Health Care Services
- Citizenship Services