



Welcome the Stranger

How Can I Help?

Holy Family is partnering with **Exodus World Service** and **Viator House of Hospitality** to achieve our mission.

Exodus is a Christian faith-based organization, located in Mount Prospect, that has focused on resettlement of refugees since 1988. Exodus has resettled more than 61,000 refugees and trained more than 108,000 volunteers in their mission.

Viator House of Hospitality provides a safe house for young men seeking asylum in the United States.

Exodus Family Welcome to America! Pack

Provides a warm welcome to a refugee family when they first arrive in Chicago! Refugees often arrive in the U.S. with only a few personal possessions. Help turn an empty apartment into a home by collecting and delivering all the basic household items the day they arrive. All items must be new. Gifting new items to refugees shows respect and provides dignity. The following items are required by the U.S. Government Office of Resettlement. This is a great project for an individual or a small group.

Exodus New Neighbor Conversations

This program connects refugees with native English speakers to improve refugees' conversational English and to build relationships in the process. Volunteers commit to a three-month partnership with a refugee, which can be mutually extended. Conversation partners meet weekly in the refugee's home at a mutually agreed upon time. Exodus provides a required tutorial, [Engaging with Refugees: Cross-Cultural Training](#), prior to engaging with the refugee family.

Viator House of Hospitality (VHH)

Viator House of Hospitality offers housing, food, clothing, case management, and spiritual support to help young men develop the gifts and talents they hope to contribute to our nation. Volunteers work directly with our participants to tutor them, to mentor them and to drive them to school and jobs. They also spend time at VHH when no staff member can be present.