



# IRC in New Jersey Community Engagement Opportunities

## How You Can Help

*The International Rescue Committee creates opportunities for immigrants, refugees, and asylees to recover and establish successful new lives. Through a network of holistic programs and services, the IRC in NJ assists over **3,000 clients** annually. Here are ways **you** can get involved to help support our newest arrivals.*

## Internship & Volunteer Program

Year-round, volunteers are needed to assist as community interpreters, English language tutors or teachers, and professional mentors. Volunteer opportunities are also available to assist with housing set ups and transportation orientation. Students actively enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level studies are encouraged to apply for semester or year-long internships beginning September, January and May.



## Co-Sponsorship Program

The Co-Sponsorship program pairs faith-based and community groups with refugee families to assist with apartment setups, provide financial support and offer community orientation and mentorship over 6-12 months.

## Hire Refugees

Refugees' determination to build a better future is an employer's advantage. IRC supports local employers to assess and screen entry-level through professional candidates.

## House Refugees

If you have a private, separate space such as a guesthouse or rental apartment, please consider signing up for the Airbnb.org Open Homes program, where you can list your space for no cost. For more information, visit <https://www.airbnb.org/get-involved> or reach out to us and we can guide you through this process!

## In-Kind Donations

IRC collects specific donations based on needs of current families and logistics capacity of staff. The IRC in NJ is accepting diapers, furniture, laptops, and other items. Visit our Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/73BI0TQ>

## Donate to our Emergency Fund

The NY & NJ Emergency fund, named the **Robert P. DeVecchi Emergency Fund** in honorable memory of the former IRC president, is dedicated to addressing the acute needs of refugees and immigrants. To donate, visit <https://help.rescue.org/donate/us-new-york-ny>

## Fundraise for the IRC in NJ Office

Create your own DIY peer fundraiser through DonorDrive to engage and involve your community with raising funds for the IRC in Elizabeth. You can also use the "Team Fundraiser" feature to fundraise as a team! To create your own fundraiser, visit <https://rescue.org/NJFundraiser>

## Contact Information

- Visit [www.Rescue.org/Elizabeth](http://www.Rescue.org/Elizabeth) or [www.facebook.com/IRCNYNJ](http://www.facebook.com/IRCNYNJ) or call (908) 351-0938 to learn more!
- For more information or questions on the **internship/volunteer program, in-kind donations, housing or hiring refugees**, or other ways to get involved, please email [Fiorella.Rodriguez@rescue.org](mailto:Fiorella.Rodriguez@rescue.org)
- For more information or questions on the **co-sponsorship program**, please email [Sally.El-Sadek1@rescue.org](mailto:Sally.El-Sadek1@rescue.org)