

Group Volunteer Opportunities with New American Pathways



Giving time and talent is both a meaningful and impactful way to make a difference and support new Americans on their paths to becoming successful, contributing, and welcomed members of Georgia's communities. Groups may volunteer during the week and/or on the weekends.



Donation Drives

There are countless ways throughout the year for groups to help secure donated goods for New American Pathways clients. Opportunities are flexible based on the group's availability. These include:

Welcome Baskets for New Arrivals

Welcome baskets will be distributed to newly arriving individuals and families. We invite you to work with your team to procure the donations and assemble welcome baskets, or have the items delivered directly to us.

End of Year Cheer

Each year, New AP gives away over \$7,500 worth of gifts to refugee children and families. We post a wish list of age-appropriate gifts, including toys, games, books, etc. We collect gifts from mid-November through mid-December. Hold a gift drive and procure gifts from our [donation list](#).

Back to School

Each year, we collect [school supplies](#) for children in our Bright Futures afterschool program, children from newly arriving families, and for our Parents as Teachers program.

Gift Cards

Gift cards will be used to purchase clothing, shoes, personal items, hygiene supplies, medications and other basic needs. We are seeking gift cards in denominations ranging from \$50-\$500 from providers such as Walmart, Target, Macy's or Visa. We are also partnering with CARE to provide reloadable CARE Cash Cards for Refugees. These can be obtained at care.org/welcomerefugees.

Alternative Break Trips and Customized Learning Experiences

Our Alternative Fall and Spring Breaks are an opportunity for students to go outside the norm of "traditional" vacations to engage in a week of service and dive deeper into major issues the world faces today including refugee resettlement and immigration in our country. We invite students from all universities to participate in service and education programs centered on refugee resettlement, while experiencing the beautiful and international city of Clarkston, Georgia.

Make a Lasting Impact as a Welcome Team & Family Friend



Corporate, community, school, civic, and faith-based groups interested in committing to a long-term volunteer opportunity with new American families can make a lasting impact as a Welcome Team or Family Friend to recent arrivals.

Welcome Teams

Welcome teams help to provide all pre-arrival support, such as apartment set ups and procuring furniture and household goods through donation drives. Housing set-ups and furniture donations are now carried out by our partner, The Welcome Co-op. Please note: in order to maintain appropriate physical distancing, the Welcome Co-op only can take 2-3 volunteers for any particular setup. For additional information and to learn about individual volunteer opportunities you can also visit: <https://www.welcomeco-op.org/volunteer>

Upcoming Group Opportunities

Many projects are underway that will involve support from volunteer groups. Some of these will include grocery shopping, food delivery/distribution. As these opportunities take shape, we will provide more detailed information.

Sign up for our newsletter to stay updated.

Family Friends

Faith-based and community partners interested in connecting with new American families on a more personal level can serve as an ongoing Family Friend. We are working to resettle just a few families who have arrived in Atlanta and have instituted a 30-45 waiting period before connecting a family with a support team. We anticipate increased arrivals beginning in November. We will work with each interested group to ensure a match that best serves the families specific needs.

