

Samaritas

- Samaritas is a Non-Profit which provides a lot of different services
 - They provide assistance for:
 - Foster Care and Adoptions, Mental Health, Family Services, Senior Living Assistance and Refugee resettlement
 - Refugee resettlement
 - In 2016, they assisted 1,588 refugees entering the country
 - 92% were self-sufficient after 180 days
 - They have experience in working with other Faith-based groups [Co-sponsor] to assist them in this process
 - Example: First United Methodist Church, Birmingham

What does a Co-sponsor look like?

- Six month commitment, working with Samaritas and a refugee family to assist the family in integration into the community
- Samaritas will provide training and guidance
- Co-sponsor will assist in housing, household items and show support to the family with face-to-face interaction
- Co-sponsor provide financial assistance to supplement that which is available already through Federal grants for first 180 days

Financial Support for family of Four

Rent	\$1,000
Utilities	\$200
Spending Money	\$300
Supplies	\$300
Food	\$800
Monthly Total	\$2,600
180 day Total	\$15,600
Federal Resettlement Funds	\$3,700
Food assistance [SNAP]	\$3,900
Shortage	\$8,000
Program Support	\$1,600
TOTAL needed for 1800 days	\$9,600

Categories of Assistance/Support that is needed/expected from Co-sponsor

- This support would be shared by the parishes that join this effort

Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize internal and external communications
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise and distribute funds needed
Food & Personal Items Clothing and Household	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentor family on how to grocery shop and eat out• Collect culturally appropriate food, find grocery stores• Arrange for clothing, cleaning supplies, furniture et. as needed
Hospitality & Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage the family in traditional American/Michigan experiences• Mentor family in day-to-day activities such as banking, medical appointments, library, etc.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruit drivers to assist the family• Mentor family on driving habits, driving school, buying a vehicle

Other miscellaneous tasks

- Introduce the family to the interaction with local, state, and national government agencies
- Introduce the family to the appropriate use of social media
- Introduce the family to the news media and how to interact and understand what is communicated through various media sources