



# WELCOME PLAN

## KENT COUNTY AFGHAN RESPONSE



We are committed to being a welcoming community where all feel a sense of belonging. From those who have been long-time residents to those who recently arrived, a welcoming community answers the call to care for our neighbors. Following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, the need to support our newest community members - Afghan refugees - is urgent.

We anticipate more refugees resettling in our community than we have seen in the recent past. Helping them feel that West Michigan is a place where they belong requires all of us coming together to identify how we can assist with housing, jobs, connections, friendship, volunteering or provide financial support. How can you contribute?

### HOUSING

Do you own a rental property, have an extra room, or have a connection to someone who might? Please complete this [Housing Resources Survey](#).

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

To donate to a local partner, visit: [Support Afghan Refugees Resettling in Michigan](#).

### FRIENDSHIP/VOLUNTEERING

- [Bethany Christian Services](#) - resettlement and ongoing case management
- [Bhutanese Community of Michigan](#) - support and outreach to the refugee community
- [Noor's Heaven of West Michigan Services](#) - humanitarian, social and educational services for the Arab community
- [Refugee Education Center](#) - educational support and economic opportunities for refugees
- [Samaritas](#) - resettlement and ongoing case management
- [Treetops Collective](#) - welcoming new refugees and developing leaders
- [West Michigan Asian American Association](#) - English as a Second Language services and outreach to the refugee community

### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Are you a mental health provider willing to support the well-being of refugees and immigrants? If so, please complete this [Mental Health Provider Survey](#).



Visit [www.KentCountyNewAmericans.org](http://www.KentCountyNewAmericans.org) to learn about the Kent County Welcome Plan