

Catholic Charities Connect: Family Friendship Program



Are you interested in helping refugees in Des Moines? Catholic Charities is recruiting family friends for a new refugee connection program where American families are paired with refugee families. This is a unique opportunity to be a new Iowan's personal tour guide to life in Des Moines. Family friends will be asked to invite families over for dinner, help families practice English, assist with grocery store shopping, and show them all that the city of Des Moines has to offer. If you are interested, please contact Shalom Lule slule@catholiccharitiesdm.org

Activities in this program include:

- Sharing meals and recipes together
- State ID help
- English conversation practice
- Going to an Iowa Cubs game
- Financial literacy education
- Computer skills education
- Spending an afternoon at the Zoo
- Transportation around Des Moines (bus training, driving to appointments, etc.)
- WIC and SNAP training
- Educating new Iowan's about services and resources in Des Moines
- Helping enroll kids in after-school activities

Family friends will participate in requisite training and a routine monthly check in with a Catholic Charities staff member.