

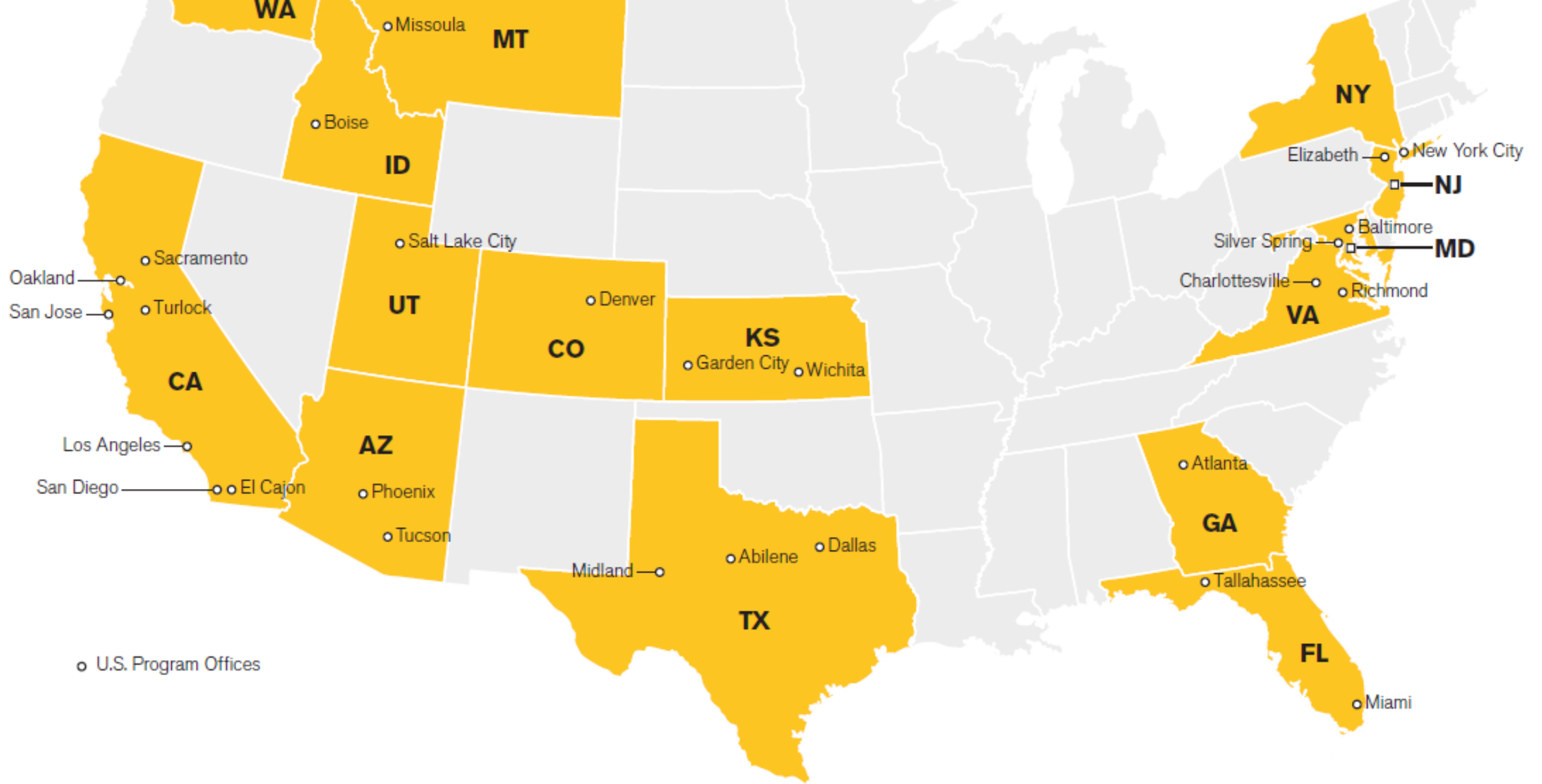


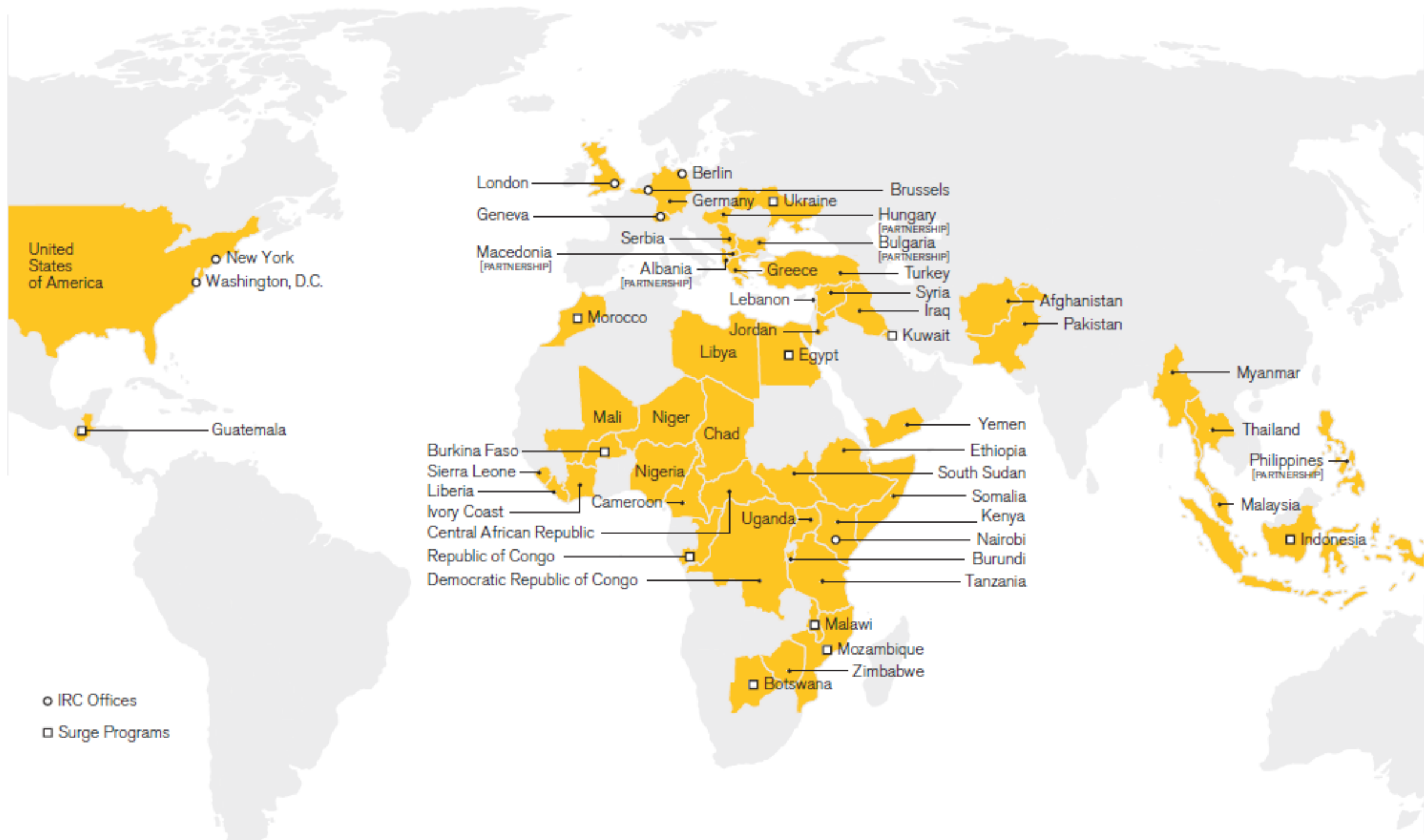
The International Rescue Committee

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The International Rescue Committee

Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. At work in over 40 countries and 26 U.S. cities to restore safety, dignity and hope, the IRC leads the way from harm to home.





What is a refugee?

A person who is unwilling or unable to return to his country of nationality or habitual residence because of persecution or a well founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

What is an SIV?

Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs) are Afghan and Iraqi nationals who were employed or contracted by or on behalf of the U.S. government or U.S. armed forces in Afghanistan and Iraq and who have experienced or are experiencing an ongoing serious threat due to that employment.

According to the UN Refugee Agency...

- There are 68.5 million displaced people in the world, 25.4 million of whom are refugees.
- 1 in every 110 people of the world's population is forcibly displaced.



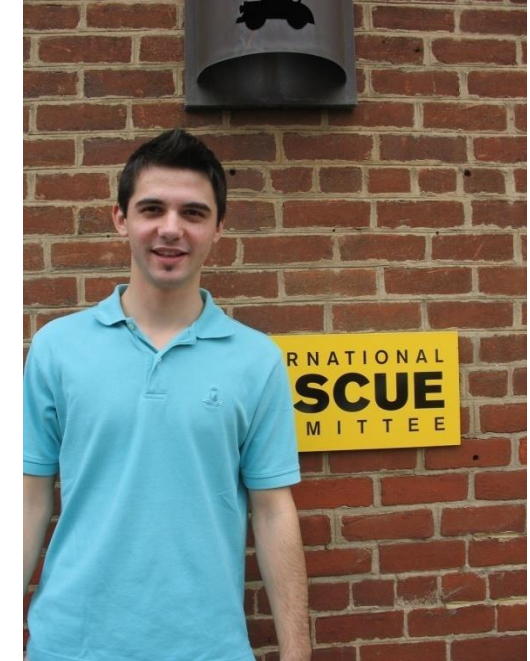
Durable Solutions



**Voluntary return
to country of origin**



Host country integration



Third country resettlement

Refugee Safe Haven is an essential American value

Historically, one half of one percent of the world's refugees have been resettled in the USA.



How does a refugee reach the US?

Step 1

MARCH 2013



Register with the United Nations

Step 2



Interview with the United Nations

Step 3



United Nations refers for resettlement

Step 4



Process application

"We didn't hear back about our application for almost three years."

Step 5

FEBRUARY 2016



First interview with an American official

Step 6

MARCH 2016



Second interview with an American official

Step 7

APRIL 2016



Third interview with an American official

Step 8



Refugee vetting and security screenings

Step 9



Fingerprint screenings

Step 10



Medical screenings

Step 11



Cultural orientation class

Step 12



Matched with a resettlement agency

Step 13

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016



Prepare for travel

"Just three days before departing, our travels were delayed by further screenings."

Step 14

OCTOBER 7, 2016



Arrive to America

*The refugee resettlement process varies for each individual applicant.

IRC Charlottesville Arrivals

Charlottesville has resettled nearly 4,000 refugees in the last 20 years



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Afghanistan	9	21	97	65	113	145
Bhutan	104	55	41	38	27	16
Burma	36	23	7	6	3	4
Burundi	3			11		
Colombia	26	18	7	17	8	1
Congo, Braz.		8				
Congo, DR	2	29	6	53	45	15
Ethiopia	2			2		1
India					2	
Iran		2		3		6
Iraq	11	33	64	40	25	19
Kenya	4		2			
Liberia	1					
Palestine		11	5			
Pakistan						12
Somalia						8
Syria				6	61	13
TOTALS	199	200	229	241	284	240

IRC in Charlottesville provides ongoing support throughout refugees' first years in the US

- Resettlement/Case Management
- Employment Services
- Medical and Mental Health Support
- School and Youth Programs
- Immigration Services
- Educational Programs
- Interpreter Services
- New Roots Food and Agriculture Program



Employment Services

- Job readiness training
- Resume writing
- Online job search and application assistance
- Interview preparation
- Ongoing support after job placement



Career Advancement Services

- Access to workforce training programs
- Career counseling and mentoring
- Professional re-credentialing
- Financial coaching and education



Medical and Mental Health Support



- Psycho-social adjustment
- Parenting education
- Individualized support
- Medical case management
- Appointment transportation

School and Youth Programs

- School orientation and enrollment
- Supporting student integration and achievement
- Social support groups
- After school and summer programs



Immigration Services

- Applications for legal permanent residence (green cards)
- Applications to naturalize as a US citizen
- Family reunification petitions
- Other services for immigrants



Educational Programs

- ESL classes and tutoring
- Cultural orientation
- Financial literacy
- Life skills
- Nutrition education



Interpreter Services



- 45 trained and certified interpreters
- 19 languages including Arabic, Farsi/Dari, Pashto, French, Spanish, Swahili, Mandarin, and Nepali
- Serves around 60 public agencies, nonprofit organizations, medical providers, courts, and businesses in Central Virginia

New Roots Food and Agriculture Program

- Community gardening
- New Roots Farm/Microproducer program
- Michie Market/Food access
- English in the Garden
- Leadership/Social support groups
- Charlottesville Food Justice Network



How you can help?

- Financial Contribution
- In-Kind Contributions: cars & household supplies
- Hire Refugees
- Advocate on behalf of refugees to elected officials (*ircaction.org*)
- Volunteer
- Join GenR
- Follow us on Facebook
- Sign up to receive email updates

