



Worcester County is the second-largest home to immigrants in Massachusetts, welcoming individuals and families who have left their countries of origin in search of a better life.

Here at the Foundation, we are proud to partner with many local nonprofit organizations that have been working tirelessly to support the ongoing influx of refugees and newcomers to the community— thousands of whom are currently living in motels— while also providing ongoing crucial services to immigrants as they settle into their new homes.

For many immigrants arriving to Worcester, Friendly House is their first stop. Through its team of case managers, Friendly House staff help immigrants get their needs met, including basic immigration services and access to shelter, housing, food and supplies.

[Friendly House](#) is also home to Worcester's Office of New Americans, which Greater Worcester Community Foundation was proud to help launch. The Office serves as a service navigator for immigrants and refugees, connecting people in need to language learning, school engagement and job training opportunities.

Current Needs

Case Managers (immigration and housing focused)

Child Care Workers

New Baby Welcome Kits for refugees and migrants

Emergency Supports (diapers, formula)

[Worcester RISE for Health](#) aims to provide culturally-responsive health services for newly-arriving refugees and immigrants. Housed at African Community Education (ACE)'s new center, RISE provides care coordination for families currently living in motels, identifying individuals with the highest health needs and working with healthcare organizations to accommodate them in their already over-strained practices.

RISE is currently focused on pregnant women and newborns — more than a dozen babies in migrant families have been born since arriving in Worcester — as well as those with significant chronic diseases or medical needs.

Current Needs

Community Health Workers (Haitian, Afghan)

Mental Health Group Workers

[The Welcoming Alliance for Refugee Ministry \(WARM\)](#) engages community volunteers to provide stewardship and direct support to new immigrant and refugee families. Through a broad range of direct services — new mother groups, apartment set-ups, English language circles, and more — WARM strives to provide a soft, successful landing into our community, helping individuals and families who have found their way to Worcester.

Current Needs

Walmart Registry for Apartment Set Up Supplies

Welcome Baskets

Warm Blankets

There are many more nonprofits doing important work to help new immigrants and refugees in the region. We are proud to support the following through our Community Grants program and invite you to visit their websites to learn more about their work and how to contribute to their efforts:

Legal assistance support:

Ascentria Care Alliance

Community Legal Aid

Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice

New resettlement support:

Ascentria Care Alliance

Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center

Culturally-appropriate wrap-around support:

Advocacy for Refugee & Immigrant Services for Empowerment, Inc

African Community Education Program (ACE)

Angels Net Foundation

Cultural Exchange Through Soccer

LGBT Asylum Task Force

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester

Literacy Volunteers of South Central MA

Organization for Refugee and Immigration Success

Saheli

Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA

Worcester Refugee Assistance Project