

Good Neighbor Team Community Partner



ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

Good Neighbor Teams (GNT) are community groups who are matched with a refugee or other immigrant newcomer(s) through a local World Relief office. These teams commit to walking alongside newcomers for 6-12 months with the goal that each refugee who arrives to the U.S. will feel the warm welcome of his/her local community. GNTs help newcomers integrate into their new community through mutual relationship building, the exchange of cultures, teaching life skills, and assisting the local World Relief office with providing core services for the Reception and Placement Program.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Anyone who is 18+ years of age can apply

HOW TO FORM A GNT

- 1 Connect with the World Relief GNT staff
- 2 Read through the GNT Volunteer Guide
- 3 Form a team of 6-10 people
- 4 Select 1-2 team leaders
- 5 All team members must complete the online application and onboarding, including clearing the Background and Motor Vehicle Record check
- 6 All team members must complete a local office training
- 7 Sign the GNT Agreement, prepare for fundraising, and wait to be matched

GNT RESPONSIBILITIES

While assisting World Relief with the core services of a newcomer's first 90-days of arrival is one element of the GNT experience, the main goal of a GNT is to offer a way to facilitate long-term reciprocal relationships. This could look like many different things, but spending time together, supporting, and empowering the newcomers as they learn to navigate and make a home here is so important to the role that a GNT plays. The local World Relief office will provide training and continuous support throughout a GNT's commitment to ensure that every team is equipped and prepared to do this well.

COMMITMENT



- A 6-12-month commitment
- Team roles to help clarify expectations
- Flexible availability within a team

CONNECTION



- Goals are to provide friendship and support that lead to a path of self-sufficiency and integration for newcomers
- Utilize connections and resources to help newcomers navigate opportunities available to them

COLLABORATION



- Ability to raise the financial amount identified by World Relief in order to support the ongoing work of the local office and the people they serve.
- In partnership with World Relief, provide support around the 9 stability factors: Housing, language classes, employment services, transportation assistance, community connection, health and mental health, financial management, school/parenting, and immigration legal services.