



**SPONSORS ORGANIZED TO ASSIST REFUGEES**  
— A Program of EMORegion



## Site Overview

Since the 1970s, the generosity of congregations, community groups and individuals has enabled Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) to welcome and assist our new neighbors as they arrive in Oregon.

A program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, SOAR resettles hundreds of refugees a year in Oregon. We link sponsors—congregations, friends or community organizations—with refugees before they arrive in the United States, and help sponsors welcome and assist the refugees in their adjustment to a new life in our community. Refugees are welcomed, given temporary homes with household items and food, and offered assistance as they learn a new language, develop job skills and search for employment.

Who are these neighbors? They are families from Africa, Southeast Asia, the former Soviet Union, Cuba/Haiti, Latin America and the Middle East. Many come here fleeing persecution and countries torn by war. Often they arrive with no more than the clothes they are wearing.

SOAR is an affiliate of Church World Service.

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## 3 Ways to Get Involved

- Co-sponsorships: Deep-dive welcome of one refugee family
- General Volunteerism: Serve various needs to refugee community
- Financial contributions

