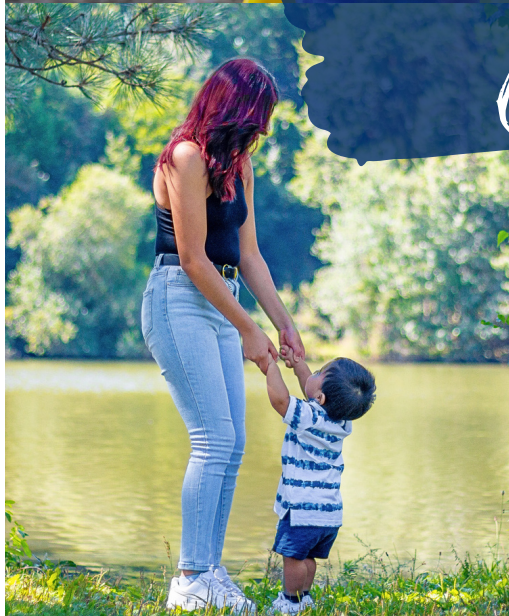




JOURNEY FOR *Justice*

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JOIN THE JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE!

Join the Journey for Justice.

42.5 Miles. Six Weeks. One Journey of Solidarity.

Move in faith, Fundraise with purpose, Stand in solidarity

In June 2025, UNHCR reported that
**there are 42.5 million
refugees worldwide.**

42.5 million people forced to flee home seeking safety and a better future. We're journeying 42.5 miles in solidarity and to raise funds that will support refugee families in Texas.

Join us from October 4-November 15

Commit to a 42.5 challenge that fits your life while raising funds for CWS programs serving refugees in Texas.

Join a team or go solo. Walk, run, bike, swim—or choose your own way to reach 42.5 miles. As you journey, invite friends, family, and your community to donate to sponsor your journey.

Proceeds support refugee families served by
CWS Dallas and CWS Houston.



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THE 42.5 CHALLENGE: CHOOSE YOUR JOURNEY

Why Take the Journey for Justice Challenge?

- It can be an answer to the question of “What can I do to make a difference?”
- It provides you and your team a mindfulness of your refugee neighbors and the opportunity for a deeper understanding of their realities
- Take the journey as a way to make your faith visible through action
- Raise funds that will directly impact your refugee neighbors, keeping families safe, putting food on their tables, and offering hope.

Journey your own 42.5 in a meaningful way:

- Walk or run 42.5 miles
- Bike 42.5 miles (in one day or over time)
- Swim 42.5 laps/meters
- Combine activities to reach 42.5 total!
- Get creative with your Journey as we honor the 42.5 million!
- Fundraise \$425 individually to support your refugee neighbors as you walk.

Fundraising Goals



Why 42.5?

We are taking a journey of solidarity to see the person behind the numbers. Each one of the 42.5 million refugees we are honoring has a name, a family, and a story of resilience, courage and hope.

Your 42.5 miles represents:

- Each face and name behind the 42.5 million
- The long and uncertain journeys refugees take and strength to rebuild
- Our shared call to walk alongside our neighbors in need



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HOW IT WORKS - JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE

1. Sign Up & Choose Your Path

Register, and join the CWS Dallas or Houston Team individually, or create/join a team. Decide how you will complete your 42.5 challenge. Commit to the journey. *You'll be getting lots of support in your inbox, and in this packet to prepare for the journey!*



Sign up at: <https://fundraise.cwsglobal.org/journey-for-justice>



2. Set up your Fundraising Page (if creating a new team)

Our campaign website will make giving simple. Add a photo, logo, and bio about who you are and why you're taking this journey together. Set your fundraising goal on the page of \$425 per person on the team.

3. Move in Solidarity - The Journey Starts Oct. 4th

Complete your 42.5 challenge while reflecting on the experiences of refugees. Share updates along the way with your team and community to tell them about your journey.

Participants will get tools and resources to:

- Share updates on social media using #JourneyForJustice
- Invite others to join or give
- Participate in group activities (team walks, rides, etc.)

Join us for the start of the journey on Oct. 4th! CWS will be walking together, save the date and look for event details in your inbox!



HOW IT WORKS - JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE

4. Get Sponsored - \$425 Goal per participant

Invite your friends, family, congregation, and community to support you on your Journey for Justice and make a financial contribution directly online. We'll be providing weekly email / text templates to make it simple!

- Every mile represents solidarity.
- Every dollar helps provide support and services to refugee families right here in our communities of Dallas and Houston.
- Every conversation helps build understanding.

And every person who joins us helps remind our refugee and immigrant neighbors that they are not walking this journey alone.

5. Engage & Reflect

CWS will provide Weekly Devotionals and reflection prompts to deepen the experience. Teams can also:

- Host group walks/movement or gatherings
- Organize group movement events (Volunteer with CWS or Get out and vote together for the midterm elections!)
- Gather for reflection

6. Celebrate Your Impact

On Nov. 15th, we will invite all of our participants and their supporters to our Celebration Dinner – a potluck of refugee flavors to celebrate the journey and reach our final fundraising goal! Save the date – details will be emailed from CWS.

- Celebrate what you accomplished and highlight the impact of funds raised
- Continue inviting support



THE JOURNEY: CALENDAR

September 1-30th

Get your team registered and make a plan for your 42.5 miles

October 4th

The Journey Begins – Start your 42.5 miles!

October 11th

One week and 7 miles down! Share an update and get a new sponsor!

October 18th

Two weeks and 14 miles down! How much have you raised for your refugee neighbors?

October 25th

Three weeks and 21 miles down! Keep sharing your journey with new people!

November 1st

Four weeks and 28 miles down! Have you made a plan to vote this week?

November 8th

One more week and 7 miles left to go! You can do this!

November 15th

You did it! Join CWS to celebrate how far we've come!

October 4th
CWS
Journey for
Justice
Launch
Walk - let's
start the
journey
together!

Nov. 3rd
the
Midterm
Elections -
take your
team to
vote
together!

Nov. 15th
Potluck
Celebration
- join
together to
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we've
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THE JOURNEY: **SAMPLE** CALENDAR PLAN

October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4 J4J Launch Event! 1-3 miles Post about your journey	5 Walk 1 mi. Last Day to Register to Vote! 	6 Walk 1 mi.	7 Walk 1 mi. Read the J4J weekly devotional 	8 Walk 1 mi.	9 Walk 1 mile Tour CWS Dallas & learn more about refugees	10 Walk 1 mile & call a friend to donate while walking
11 Walk 2 mi. Post an update of your journey	12	13 Walk 1 mi.	14 Email friends about your journey & why you're doing it	15 Walk 1 mi.	16 Volunteer with a CWS food pantry	17 Walk 3 mi. with a friend
18 Post an update of your journey	19 First Day of Early Voting	20 Walk 3.5 miles	21 Rest!	22 Walk 3.5 miles	23 Send a thank you to a donor!	24 Have a voting party with your team!
25 Walk 1 mi. Post an update of your journey	26 Walk 1 mi.	27 Walk 1 mi.	28 Walk 1 mi.	29 Walk 1 mi.	30 Walk 1 mi. Last Day of Early Voting	31 Walk 1 mi.



THE JOURNEY: **SAMPLE** CALENDAR PLAN

November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Walk 2mi. Post an update about your journey--2 weeks left!	2 Walk 1mi.	3 Midterm Elections! Get out and vote if you haven't yet!	4 Walk 1mi.	5 Email update friends with how much of your \$\$ goal is left	6 Walk 1mi.	7 Walk 2mi. with a friend
8 Walk 1mi. Post an update about your journey--1 week left!	9 Walk 1mi.	10 Walk 1mi. Send another thank you!	11 Walk 1mi.	12 Walk 1mi. Reflect on the journey and what you've learned	13 Walk 1mi.	14 Walk 1mi. Post a final update with your reflections
15 Potluck Celebration Dinner Invite all who donated for your journey!	16	17	18	19	20	21



SUPPORT FOR THE JOURNEY

Support for the Journey - You're Not Walking Alone

CWS has resources ready to help you journey and fundraise.

- Downloadable social media images
- Flyers to invite others to join your team or sponsor your journey
- Email templates to tell people about your journey
- Weekly Devotional of refugee stories
- Worship Service Toolkit

Make sharing about your journey personal! These tools are here to support you, but often the best way is to share your own experience and why you're taking the journey – people will give because of your passion, so make it known!

Opportunities to engage beyond the steps

- October 4th - Launch Day Journey Together: Join us as we start our walk together! Save the date – details for this event will be emailed from CWS
- Come tour our office and learn more about refugees and the work CWS does – email your local CWS staff to schedule
- Sign up to volunteer for a CWS food pantry distribution
- Get out and vote! Make your voice heard in support of refugees--take your J4J group to the polls on Nov. 3rd for the Midterm Elections!
- November 15th - Potluck Celebration and Fundraiser evening – look how far we've come! Invite those who sponsored you to join your team for a potluck of refugee flavors to celebrate the journey and reach our final fundraising goal! Save the date – details for this event will be emailed from CWS

Together, we can live in solidarity, raise awareness, and extend welcome to refugees in crisis.



SUPPORT FOR THE JOURNEY



Scriptural Meditations for the Journey

Psalm 82:3

*Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the
destitute.*

Isaiah 1:17

*learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.*

Matthew 5:7

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.*

Hebrews 13:2

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for by doing that some have
entertained angels without knowing it.*



THE CWS JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Together

WE JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE

However you choose to participate, your movement matters.

**START YOUR JOURNEY.
INVITE OTHERS.
MAKE AN IMPACT.**