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Potential Areas of Accompaniment, Walking With our Asylum-Seeking Family

While we do not know what type of family composition with whom we will be blessed or what their specific needs will be, we share this page so you can indicate your potential interest in volunteering. More specific details will be forthcoming and there will be assistance and support in this accompaniment.

Please check the areas in which you are interested in helping. Include your name & contact info below.

_____ **MEDICAL:** Arrange for any medical visits. Take family members to needed appointments.

_____ **EDUCATION:** Arrange for appointments for school registration. Bring family & needed documents. Help family with signing up for school busing & help children know how to get the bus.

_____ **SCHOOL MATERIALS:** Get list of needed items for school for children. Arrange to collect needed items through your congregation.

_____ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING:** If family members need English language skills, explore area programs to meet their needs and assist them in accessing help. Make certain both mother and father have access to this help, either through an established program or tutoring.

_____ **CLOTHING:** Arrange for purchase of new underwear and other clothing essentials, e.g. socks, shoes, pajamas, light jackets. Help assess sizes for family members. Call for collections of good condition, appropriately sized clothing items through one or more congregations.

_____ **WELCOMING MEAL:** Do research and arrange for an ethnically/culturally appropriate warm meal for arrival of family.

_____ **FOOD:** Do research on ethnic/culturally appropriate food and shop for several days of food that the family can enjoy before they go out grocery shopping.

_____ **CLEANING:** Help clean the residence before the family arrives.

_____ **LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA:** Take family members to places that seem appropriate to their interests. For example, a park, the library where they can get library cards, a museum visit possibly with free guest passes from the library, trails.

_____ **MONEY:** Help them learn about the US monetary system, coins, dollar bills, saving and spending.

_____ **TRANSPORTATION:** Help family learn about the transportation system, <https://www.souheganvalleyrides.org/the-service>. With them, make an appointment and take a ride with them. Make certain they can access the bus.

_____ **INVITATIONS:** Arrange for a get – together, people in your congregation, the partners, other people from their same ethnicity or country, children!

_____ **DRIVING:** Drive the family when needed and you are able.

_____ **Other ways in which you would like to help?**

Your name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____