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Understanding Refugee Foster Care

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Ages of Refugee Youth in the U.S. will vary anywhere from 5-18.

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Refugee Foster Care, also known as Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Foster Care, is taking in a child or youth who have been separated from their families due to war, conflict, natural disaster, or abuse by caregivers who were meant to protect them. These situations create upheaval in their lives forcing them to flee from countries in Central America, Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Each refugee or unaccompanied refugee minor has a different story, but the love and support you can provide will change your and their life forever.

Did you know?

Annually, there are over 2,000 youth and children that arrive to the U.S. as Refugees. Most range between the ages of 15-17, but can be as young as 5. Some enter the country with their families and some are displaced from their families. Some of these Refugees will never be allowed to return to their home country and some may never be reunited with their birth families.



We believe in the sanctity of life, in that all children are valued and uniquely made.



# BECOME à Foster Parent

### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A REFUGEE FOSTER FAMILY?

- 1. Passion to invest in a child's future and create a new family together
- 2.Time to spend with the child daily, time to take the child to medical, counseling and other appointments, time to meet with and learn from foster program staff
- 3. Openness to learn about your child's culture, country and background and a willingness to share your culture as well

## SOME REQUIREMENTS TO BE A FOSTER PARENT:

- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and separate bed for each foster child.
- ✓ Have a reliable transportation.
- ✓ Be willing to participate in 50 hours of free training.
- ✓ Be prepared for adults in your household to undergo complete background check.
- ✓ Be able to meet basic resources to support household.





Each family is unique! Just as children's stories are unique and diverse, so too, are the stories of the families who foster them. Foster families come from diverse cultural backgrounds, are single or married, have children, or have no prior parenting experience.

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