Office of Volunteer Programs

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL AGENCIES

- **Americana Community Center** - [www.americanacc.org/volunteer](http://www.americanacc.org/volunteer)
  Americana Community Center is a non-profit organization in Louisville, KY that provides programs for more than 5,000 people from over 100 countries each year. Their mission is to build strong and healthy families, create a safe and supportive community and help every individual realize their potential. “We are bridging the gap from surviving to thriving.”

- **Centro Romero** - [http://centroromero.org/](http://centroromero.org/)
  For over 30 years, Centro Romero has been a community-based organization that serves the refugee immigrant population on the northeast side of Chicago. Our interrelated programs are for Youth, Families, Adult Education, and Legal Services.

- **Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)** - [http://www.icirr.org/about/get-involved](http://www.icirr.org/about/get-involved)
  ICIRR is dedicated to promoting the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of our diverse society. In partnership with our member organizations, the Coalition educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities to assert their rights; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors, analyzes, and advocates on immigrant-related issues; and, informs the general public about the contributions of immigrants and refugees.

- **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** - [https://www.rescue.org/volunteer](https://www.rescue.org/volunteer)
  IRC teams provide health care, infrastructure, learning and economic support to people in more than 40 countries, with special programs designed for women and children. We resettle thousands of refugees each year in 26 U.S. cities. IRC staff members and volunteers help the refugees to translate their skills, interests and past experiences into assets that are valuable in their new communities.

- **Migrant Help** - [www.migranthelpuk.org/contact-us](http://www.migranthelpuk.org/contact-us)
  We are a leading national charity offering support, guidance and accommodation to vulnerable migrants across the UK. Whether someone has fled persecution, escaped from slavery or found themselves in a situation that they do not understand, Migrant Help offers advice, support and a place of safety. We help vulnerable migrants across the UK feel protected, safe, informed and supported so that they are able to move forward with their lives.

- **U.S. Committee For Refugees and Immigrants** - [http://refugees.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://refugees.org/get-involved/volunteer/)
  U.S. Committee For Refugees and Immigrants aims to protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide and support their transition to a dignified life. Volunteers can get involved in direct service or administrative support, including mentor new families, setup new homes, provide transportation, reading buddies and after-school tutors and others.
• Assyrian Student Association at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (ASA-UIUC) - https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/asauiuc
ASA-UIUC is a student organization that aims to promote the advancement of the Assyrian heritage. We also aim to promote the improvement of Assyrian-American students through higher education, appreciation for Assyrian culture, unity and support for the Assyrian community and to raise awareness of human rights issues. We seek to accomplish these goals by basing our organization into 4 groups; education, culture, social, and humanitarian.

• The Immigration Project - www.immigrationproject.org/volunteer
The Immigration Project provides access to quality legal services in Central and Southern Illinois. We are committed to helping immigrants so that they can reach their goals and have a better life for themselves and their families. We believe that immigrants are members of our community, and that helping all members of a community strengthens the entire community.

• Three Spinners Inc. - www.threespinners.org/volunteer
Three Spinners Inc. is a charitable organization that provides food, clothing, and shelter for Syrian refugees in Champaign-Urbana. By creating a network of resources within the C-U area, we are utilizing the resources and skill sets made available to us by the members of our community to facilitate the entry of refugees into the United States and direct the placement of families and individuals in the homes of volunteers.

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CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ORGANIZATIONS

• Humanitarian Association for the Displaced at UIUC (HADUIUC) - http://humanitarianad.wixsite.com/haduiuc
HADUIUC is dedicated to aiding refugees and displaced populations worldwide. Our mission is to empower refugees and help them get back up on their feet. The Humanitarian Association for the Displaced makes a conscious effort to raise awareness about displaced populations around the globe by educating the student body on the campus of UIUC.

• La Casa Cultural Latina - https://oiir.illinois.edu/la-casa-cultural-latina/get-involved
The mission of La Casa Cultural Latina is to promote a welcoming and dynamic atmosphere through the development of educational, cultural, socio-political, and social programs that lead to greater recruitment, retention, advancement, and empowerment of Latina/o students. Supporting undocumented students is in direct accordance with the University of Illinois’ vision and goals to foster diversity on campus.

• La Colectiva - https://lacolectivauiuc.org/
La Colectiva is student organization at the University of Illinois, which exists to address the challenges faced by the immigrant community within Champaign-Urbana. The We Dream Mentorship Program was established through a grant from United Way, La Colectiva, and the University YMCA to help address some of the issues that Latino students encounter while in high school and encouraging their pursuit of a post-secondary education.

• The Immigration Law Society (ILS) - https://www.facebook.com/immlawsociety
The Immigration Law Society (ILS) strives to promote discussion of immigration law and policy issues that are currently impacting the United States and support any student who is interested in a career in immigration. By hosting career panels, inviting speakers, and reaching out to local organizations that help immigrants in the Champaign-Urbana area, we hope to give students a resource to turn to and experience in this changing area of law.

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CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES & REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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For more information and volunteer resources go to https://oiir.illinois.edu/lgbt-resource-center/affiliated-student-organizations