



WSUMC'S *Circle of Welcome*

One of the many mission ministries at WSUMC is our Circle of Welcome. Working in partnership with Lutheran Services Carolinas, we are excited to report that our family of four from Venezuela (via Colombia) is thriving. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, the family is comfortably settled in their apartment. The father is working, and the second grader was thrilled to start school. The mother receives English tutoring from COW members several times a week.

Because of actions at the federal level, refugees are no longer receiving the critical financial support that they relied on during their first few months in America. Because of the great current need, our Circle of Welcome has decided to come alongside another family. We have been matched with a family of four who arrived from Eritrea in January. There is a mom, a dad (who is blind), a five-year-old son, and a two-year-old daughter. Please keep both of these families, as well as all refugees, in your prayers.

Ways You Can Help Refugees

1. Donate money to help our families with their immediate needs. You can do this by donating to the church through your regular giving method and designating the funds for COW.
2. Buy Food Lion (in any amount) or Walmart (suggested amount of \$70 to help provide work clothing, but any amount is appreciated) gift cards to be given to Lutheran Services Carolinas to help other families who do not have the support of a Circle of Welcome. You can drop these off in the church office at your convenience.

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The refugee families we support and Lutheran Services Carolinas are grateful for our congregation and its generosity.

Thank you for continuing to welcome these families into our community.