Lutheran Services of Georgia

Services for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

How You Can Get Involved

For more information, please contact Janelle Moore the Community Engagement Program Manager at jmoore@lsga.org or 678-686-9619.

Our Services
Lutheran Services of Georgia (LSG) provides supportive services for unaccompanied immigrant children through two programs. We have not received referrals for separated children at this time.

- **Safe Release Support** Safe Release Support completes fingerprinting for family members coming forward to sponsor unaccompanied children so that they can be released to safe homes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

- **Home Study and Post Release Services** Home Study and Post Release Services assesses the safety and stability of potential homes for unaccompanied children and walks alongside them to ensure they receive access to services like low-cost medical care, legal representation, school enrollment, and any other needs they might face in their adjustment process.

Volunteer as a First Friend
First Friend volunteers provide assistance to unaccompanied children living with a sponsor. They act as cultural guides, assist with transportation and ESOL instruction, and help unaccompanied children adjust to life in the U.S. Many of the unaccompanied children served by LSG are located outside of the Metro Atlanta area, so this opportunity might entail extensive driving. Spanish skills are a wonderful asset in this role! Email jmoore@lsga.org to register for a First Friend training.

Donate

- **Gift Cards** Gift cards from Walmart and Target are our priority donation need. Gift cards enable children to pick out items they love to personalize their new rooms and help them feel more at home.

- **Backpacks and Toiletry Kits** We are also collecting backpacks with school supplies, as well as toiletry kits. Please email for a more detailed list of needed supplies.

Advocate and Learn More


- **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)** Visit https://supportkind.org/ to learn what KIND is doing to protect children and help end family separation.

- **Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)** Visit https://www.raicestexas.org/advocacy/ to learn what RAICES is doing to provide much-needed legal services and to reunite families through their National Families Together Hotline.

Partner with Agencies Working with Detained Immigrants

- **El Refugio** El Refugio provides hospitality to visitors of loved ones in Stewart Detention Center and facilitates visits with immigrants whose families cannot visit. Email info@elrefugioministry.org.

- **Guardian Angels** Guardian Angels, a partner initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is looking for volunteers who can commit to attending immigration court hearings for unaccompanied children in Atlanta as the visible, compassionate presence of the church. This initiative is launching in Atlanta in the fall of 2018. Email with “Guardian Angels” in subject to learn more.