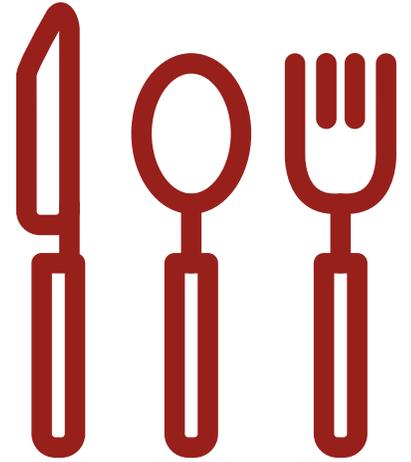


# Salaam Supper

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## What is a Salaam Supper?

A gathering of friends and family to learn about refugees in your community and to raise awareness and funding for the clients we serve at Refugee Services of Texas (RST).

## Why host a Salaam Supper?

Today our greatest need is for our supporters and volunteers to become advocates and donors. Voicing your support for refugees and the desire to welcome those already here has never been more important. Their families are a blessing to our neighborhoods, communities and livelihoods. Refugee service agencies across the U.S. are experiencing gaps and delays in funding so we are emphasizing the critical need for financial assistance for our clients and the essential services we provide. This is one way you can help.

## How do you host a Salaam Supper?

Send an invitation to people you would like to attend. This can be an evening in your home, office, local park, place of worship, school, or just a get-together with family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, congregation members, etc.. Let us know about your meal by signing up on our website: [rstx.org/salaamsupper](http://rstx.org/salaamsupper). Download a sample invitation to mail or email, RST brochures, informational documents of interest, advocacy tools to speak to your legislators and community leaders, picture galleries, posters, videos and short PowerPoints to use.

Welcoming refugees has been an American tradition and value since the founding of our country. It is core to our existence. Together we can ensure that the United States remains a welcoming place for refugees from around the world and that our America stands for compassion, empathy, equality and respect for all.



# Steps to Creating Salaam Supper



**1**

## Set a Date and Place to Host and Dine

Pick a date, time and place for a gathering and plan a simple meal, potluck or brownbag.

**2**

## Let Refugee Services of Texas Know!

Register your meal with RST by filling out the form on [rstx.org/salaamsupper](http://rstx.org/salaamsupper). Print information, sign-up sheets and other documents on this page to help start conversations and guide folks to participate.

**3**

## Invite Friends and Family

Sample invitations are on our website for you to mail and email. Encourage people by including them and offering them an opportunity to get involved, learn the facts about refugees and their journey and help us continue to assist those we serve.

**4**

## Have the Salaam Supper!

Express your gratitude to your guests for coming. Take pictures of yourself with them in front of the "I Stand With Refugees" poster and Salaam Supper sign.

Tag us on social media, hashtag with #SalaamSupper and ask guests to sign up for our RST newsletter.

**5**

## Invite Folks to Contribute

Once the supper is finished, invite guests to make a donation to RST while it's fresh on their minds. Have a computer set up and bookmarked to [rstx.org/donate](http://rstx.org/donate) for people to donate online or write a check made out to Refugee Services of Texas. Point out this link if they want to donate at home.

**6**

## Thank Everyone from the Bottom of Our Hearts!

A short and sweet note handwritten or emailed to your guests to thank them for coming to your Salaam Supper is a gift you give back to them for their time, generosity and kindness.