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*The International Rescue Committee in San Jose is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has supported refugees, asylees, SIVs, and victims of trafficking in thriving in America for over 40 years.*

## How to Help Afghan Evacuees in San Jose

*Community support is key to helping newly arrived refugees thrive, and we welcome your help. Keep reading to learn about the different ways YOU can support newly arrived refugees in our community.*

### Donate:

- **Financially:** Until our beneficiaries secure and are able to move into their permanent home, they need a safe, private, and comfortable place to reside. 100% of your donation will be disbursed to cover emergency temporary housing as well as rental & utility assistance to support evacuee families stabilizing.
  - Donate here: <https://help.rescue.org/donate/Softlandingfund>
  - Mail a check with **'Soft Landing Fund'** in the memo to: International Rescue Committee  
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- **In-Kind:** With the assistance of the IRC, newly-arrived refugees move into a new home and begin a new life. In-kind donations from community members facilitate this transition and bring our beneficiaries from harm to home. Currently, the IRC is in need of the following items to support the home set-ups and needs of Afghan evacuees arriving in our area:
  - **Gift Cards:** VISA, Target, Amazon, IKEA, Safeway, Uber and Lyft gift cards are highly desired due to their versatility, accessibility, and ability to meet the most pressing needs of our beneficiaries. Other gift cards such as Walmart, Lucky, Costco, Ross, Marshalls, and others also accepted.
  - **Welcome Kits:** Supply a newly-arrived refugee with everything they need to move into their new home with a welcome kit! Bedroom, Bathroom, Kitchen, and Cleaning Kits provide our beneficiaries with the items they most need when they move into their new home.
- *Due to health regulations, some items **\*MUST\*** be brand new in original packaging • More information about In-kind donations can be found here:*  
<https://www.rescue.org/announcement/ways-you-can-support-irc-san-jose>.
- *You can purchase from our Amazon Wish Lists here:*  
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/DB88R23XXZF0>
- *Questions about donating? Email **DonateSJ@rescue.org***

## Volunteer:

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities for enthusiastic community members who wish to use their time and skills to support newly-arrived refugees. You can support with Casework Services, Job Readiness Training, Career Development, Youth Services, Immigration Services and more. *The highest need for volunteers is in Casework Services and Logistics, primarily supporting with apartment set-ups.*

- Read about and apply to volunteer with us here: <https://www.rescue.org/volunteer-opportunities/sanjose-ca>
- **Potential volunteers must be 18+ and pass a background check (\$40 fee) to serve with the IRC**
- Questions about volunteering? Email us at **VolunteerSJ@rescue.org**