

## You can change a life for good.

Catholic Charities resettles refugee youths – most orphaned or separated from their parents by war – into foster homes here in Santa Clara County. We offer intensive support, training, educational, and wellness services to the youths. Foster families receive financial reimbursement, training, and opportunities for cross-cultural exchange. You'll provide a refugee teen a life filled with hope, and we'll be with you every step of the way.



# Refugee Foster Care

Change how life turns out.  
For them. For you.

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# You Can Be a Refugee Foster Parent

“My husband Paul and I decided to become refugee foster parents. We’ve met teenagers from Honduras, Liberia, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Somalia. These kids have helped me to understand that even though there is so much suffering, there is so much love. I am in awe of their courage and their appreciation of so many things that we take for granted. It has been a gift to be with them. Through this experience, the circle of my family is growing larger.”

– Denise Roy



## Tell me more about refugee foster youths.

Each year, countless refugee youths are driven from countries for reasons of persecution. Many are alone, separated from family or orphaned by war. They can't go home, and they can't stay where they are.

These are children in flight. They long for safety, care, family, and a place to call home. You can help. Welcome a refugee youth into your family.

## Who can be a refugee foster parent?

We seek warm-hearted, internationally-minded families to welcome a refugee youth into their homes. You can be single or married; from a large family or have no children at all; and of any race, religion, or ethnic background.

## How will you foster a youth in my home?

- Close case management with program staff
- Educational support, such as tutoring and assessment
- Wellness services
- Preparation for eventual independence, such as classes in money management, employment preparation and more
- Cultural, educational, and recreational activities

## How will you assist refugee foster parents?

- Reimbursement for the costs of fostering a youth (food and clothing)
- Support from caseworkers and social workers
- Monthly training sessions
- Opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and to share experiences with other refugee foster parents.