

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear volunteers, donors, partners, and other friends! We have exciting news to share with all of you!

The first news is that Endeavors, an agency that began in San Antonio providing services to unhoused persons and veterans and their families, is expanding their scope of support to refugee populations, and coming to the Austin area as an affiliate of the local office of HIAS, with whom AJPR has been working and providing volunteer support during the past year. We look forward to continuing our work with the new HIAS-Endeavors affiliation.

We are also thrilled to announce that we are teaming up with one of our community partners, Shalom Austin, in volunteer coordination. We would like to introduce you to the volunteer management portal Get Connected by Galaxy (or Galaxy, for short), and to Joan Maniere, the Shalom Austin Volunteer Director, who will be overseeing the volunteer process for us. If you are already on our list as a volunteer, you will be receiving an email from Joan about this, soon.

These new relationships are all the more important because we estimate that we will be helping to support around 200 refugees between now and December 31, with most of those arriving between October and December. We will be doing apartment set-ups, including providing furniture and household items, providing the first week of groceries, transportation to social security, medical and other appointments, and cultural orientations, among other tasks.

How you can help

Volunteer:

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about AJPR volunteering and to register for upcoming opportunities.

Donate:

Click [HERE](#) to make a monetary donation.

Click [HERE](#) to donate household items that are in 'Good' to 'Excellent' condition

Interested in creating welcoming baskets for newly resettled refugees? Follow this link [HERE](#) to learn more!

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Wednesday, September 4th from 7-9 pm for our inaugural Annual Volunteer Workshop! We will get a chance to appreciate our volunteers and welcome new ones while learning about the work of resettling refugees in Austin. You will be hearing from speakers from some of our community partners, such as HIAS/Endeavor and Shalom Austin.

We so appreciate your continued support as we work with our new partnerships, and prepare for the upcoming influx of new refugees in the Fall!

If you would like to be removed from this email list, please reply directly to this email.

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