

Refugee Resettlement Presentation
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Refugee Numbers:

In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) closed the Sheboygan Sub-Office, resulting in zero refugees coming to Sheboygan directly under the USCCB contract.

*But, due to relatives of refugees residing in Sheboygan, so far in 2018, we have received 5 cases of 11 individuals.

In 2017 – 61 individuals

In 2016 – 96 individuals

Milwaukee has received a contract for 250 refugees in 2018. But, in case someone has relatives in Sheboygan, they will be resettled to Sheboygan. *This will be very few.

Countries of Origin:

Most refugees are coming from Myanmar (formerly Burma). The second highest number of refugees are coming from the Congo. A smaller number of refugees are coming from Somalia and Syria.

Primary Needs:

*Housing—need assistance finding housing, not necessarily financial support

Furniture

Household goods

Food

Clothing

Secondary Needs:

*Transportation to doctor appointments, social service agencies and schools for registration

Other Needs:

Volunteers (For example, Refugee Mentor—Help family members practice English, assist with homework, use public transportation, shopping, cooking, etc.).

Catholic Charities makes a 5 year commitment with the resettlement of each refugee family. *For consideration: Even though we may only receive a few “newcomers” or maybe none, there are still refugee families already here needing assistance.

Other People We Should Talk To:

First United Lutheran Church (25th Street)

Gatekeeper:

Steven Xiong, Director of Refugee Resettlement Services with Catholic Charities in Milwaukee, appointed myself (Laura G.) as the “gatekeeper”—the liaison between Catholic Charities in Sheboygan with the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes. As “newcomers” arrive, Catholic Charities would contact me, to find out if the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes are committed to helping this new refugee family (ies).

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