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## **KKF Welcomes the Announcement of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., January 25, 2023** —On January 19, 2023, the U.S. Department of State launched the Welcome Corps, a new refugee private sponsorship program that will allow everyday Americans to sponsor privately, and directly support the resettlement of refugees coming to the United States.

"It's a program to 'Change a Life, Including Your Own,' according to Mr. Blinken."

"The Welcome Corps is a new service opportunity for Americans to welcome refugees seeking freedom and safety and, in turn, make a difference in their own communities. Together, sponsor groups welcome refugee newcomers by securing and preparing initial housing, greeting refugee newcomers at the airport, enrolling children in school, and helping adults to find employment. You already have the most important skill you need to succeed—knowledge about daily life in your community. Experts will be there to guide you each step of the way."

Julieta Valls Noyes, the assistant secretary of state for population, refugees and migration, said that under the program, groups of at least five people could be organized "from all walks of life, including community volunteers, faith and civic groups, veterans, diaspora communities, businesses, colleges, universities." can apply to sponsor refugees and help them resettle to life in the U.S.

The Welcome Corps has a goal to mobilize at least 10,000 Americans as private sponsors to partner with members of their communities to sponsor refugees and help secure initial housing in the U.S., greet them at the airport, enroll children in school, and help adults to find employment.

The Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKF) applauds this effort and is eager to work with the U.S. government and communities all across the United States to welcome refugees.

For more information on the Welcome Corps or to become a private sponsor, visit the **[Welcome Corps website](#)**. We encourage churches, temples, individuals, and other community organizations to explore these resources for more information.