

LOCAL GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

WHY LOCAL GLOBAL?

Local global opportunities can provide you with immersive cultural and/or language experiences in your own community. The organizations below work with local immigrant populations which may include international students, refugees, Latinx families, and more.

TRANSPLANTING TRADITIONS

transplantingtraditions.com

The Transplanting Traditions Community Farm envisions a world in which all people have access to healthy affordable food, land, education, satisfying work and a space to celebrate culture and to build strong resilient communities. The mission of the farm is to provide refugee adults and youth access to land, healthy food and agricultural and entrepreneurial opportunities. The farm provides a cultural community space for families to come together, build healthy communities and continue agricultural traditions in the Piedmont of N.C.

Be sure to read the **“Projects and Public Involvement”** page on their website.

DURHAM CONNECTS

www.durhamconnects.org

Durham Connects, a **newborn nurse-home visiting program** that is free to any parent in Durham County. Our nurses provide a home-visit about three weeks after the birth of the child and offer a health check for mother and baby, connecting the family to resources in the community as needed. While they have nurses who speak both Spanish and English, they often have families who speak other languages (Arabic, for example) who **need translators** to make this visit work for the family.

WORLD RELIEF DURHAM

worldreliefdurham.org/volunteer-opportunities

World Relief Durham serves as a **resettlement office for refugees** helping them transition to life in the United States. They are often looking for volunteers and require that you attend a volunteer orientation and apply to their volunteer program before matching you with a family. Check out their **“Volunteer Toolkit”** online to learn more, and keep an eye out for internship opportunities on their website (worldreliefdurham.org/internship-opportunities)!

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

cwsrdu.org

Church World Service in Durham also serves as a **resettlement office for refugees**. They require a six-month commitment of volunteer service with a three-hour per week minimum of direct service to refugees. Training includes two four-hour orientations and you can apply to volunteer before the training. Look under **“Resources”** on their website to learn more.

REFUGEE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

refugeecommunitypartnership.org/

Started as a student group on UNC's Campus, the Refugee Community Partnership is now an organization that **fills gaps in refugee support services**. The group conducts assessments directly with newly arrived refugees to determine their needs and help them achieve long-term goals. They have multiple opportunities to engage with their programs and ask

that volunteers make a **one-year commitment** to become a Bridge Builder with a minimum of **2-4 hours per week directly** visiting with a refugee family. Learn more about how to engage at refugeecommunitypartnership.org/become-a-volunteer/.

UNC WRITING CENTER, SPEAKING GROUPS

writingcenter.unc.edu/esl/speaking-groups/

Speaking Group **welcomes American and international participants from the campus and the community**. Groups meet for an hour every week to discuss topics of culture, university life, or language learning strategies and resources. An English Language Specialist from the Writing Center attends each meeting to help the group members work together to improve their oral communication skills. Speaking Group meets every **Friday** classes are in session from **3 to 4 PM** in the Writing Center in the basement of SASB North 0127. You can start by attending a session or sign up for their newsletter on their website to join.

UNC REFUGEE WELLNESS

refugeewellness.web.unc.edu/

The **Refugee Wellness** program started as an initiative to **address two main shortages: mental health services available for refugees in the Triangle Area and opportunities for UNC Masters of Social Work students to receive training in refugee mental health**. Refugee Wellness now operates as a field unit for MSW students, who provide mental health services to refugees with guidance and field instruction from Program Director Josh Hinson, MSW, LCSW. Refugee Wellness partners with all four resettlement agencies in the Triangle, as well as a number of health clinics.