

# SERVE

Caring for our neighbors in the Valley

BE ON MISSION WITH US

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT WITH CIRCLES OF CARE

*Deuteronomy 10:18-20*

*He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. Fear the Lord your God and serve him.*

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SERVE aims to connect the congregants of First Baptist Church to the needs and people of the local community

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### WHOM

A new refugee family that is placed in Amherst. [Many families are from the Republic of the Congo]

### HOW & WHEN

Join FBC's Circle of Care. Circles of Care are 10 or more people who together provide intensive and comprehensive support for refugees received and placed in their community.

They provide essential social, cultural, and educational support, to assist in the healthy and positive integration of the refugee household into their newly adopted home, and their movement toward greater self-sufficiency and citizenship.

Responsibilities include help with:

- **Transportation**
- **Apartment set up**
- **Learning public transportation system**
- **Navigating grocery shopping**
- **Practicing English**
- **Occasional child care** as needed
- **Community Orientation**
- **Instruction on how to use phone**

...and just being friends



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