

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



BRIDGE BUILDERS NETWORK

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*Building bridges of friendship and understanding
on common ground*



ENGLISH FRIENDS PROGRAM

Build a friendship with a Syrian newcomer living in El Cajon, by helping them practice conversational English. Six week minimum commitment. Requirements: mature faith, some experience in cross cultural ministry, watch our video training series, participate in meeting online two times a month to pray and debrief your experience with others and a program mentor. Details, questions, apply here <http://www.bridgebuildersnetwork.org/english-friends-program>

BOYS SOCCER COACHING & MENTORING

Become a mentor by meeting with and coaching Syrian boys ages 10-17 (online for now), talking soccer, coaching, watching soccer videos & games together. Facilitate discussions about adapting and thriving in their new life in the USA, answering spiritual questions they have, and sharing your faith as you build trust and safety with the boys. This is continuing a program now in our 4th year. We are not sponsoring actual playing as of yet, but we will look for safe ways to actual playing when it is safe. Background check required. 4- 6 hrs per week minimum during the summer is required. For more details contact david@bridgebuildersnetwork.org.

IT CONSULTANT FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Provide help to Syrian adult newcomers needing to register for online classes, do lessons, access & navigate the internet on their laptops. Requirements: understanding of various operating systems & apps, patience, willing to help & coach newcomers not familiar with technology, answer questions they have. Arabic language helpful but not mandatory. Background check required. 2-3 hrs per week. For more info write info@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

COMMUNICATIONS COACH / INSTRUCTOR

Help Syrian newcomers fill out paperwork online: applications, applying for jobs, grants, understand contracts & agreements, communicating with their children's schools. Conversational Arabic required, good oral and written communication skills, navigating online. 3-5 hrs minimum per week is required. For more information write info@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISOR

Develop local community professional mental and emotional health resource partners. Educate our partners about the unique cultural challenges for the newcomers we work with. Help assess mental and emotional health needs of refugees and help us refer individuals and families for evaluation and help. Requirements: some training and background in working with trauma victims, cross cultural experience and sensitivity, connections and experience working in the community mental health world. 4-6 hrs minimum per week is required. For more information contact david@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED CAREGIVERS

Male and female therapists or social workers who volunteer to help struggling refugee families cope with adjusting to new life here in the USA, and now with the coronavirus. Develop trusting and safe relationships with struggling newcomers to help them find healing and wellbeing. Experience or training in cross cultural work is preferred. 2 - 3 hours per week minimum is required. Please send a brief introduction to info@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

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WEBSITE DEVELOPER

Provide help and consulting in upgrading and maintaining Bridge Builders Network web presence bridgebuildersnetwork.org. Previous experience required, as well as graphic design. Minimum of 2-3 hours per week is required. Please send your information to info@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTANT

Help with evaluating providing social media options in communicating and connecting on social media. Requirements: previous experience of successful work in social media, understanding and support of the mission of Bridge Builders Network is required, as are good written communication skills. 2-3 hours per week is required.

EMPLOYMENT MENTORS

Mentor Syrian newcomers in applying for and bring hired in good paying jobs. Provide training and coaching to help them understand acceptable employment protocols and standards , expectations of employers, and strategic ways to advance in being financially compensated. Develop internship and on the job trainings with business owners, managers, and trades professionals. Experience in business operations or management is required. Arabic language is very beneficial but not required. A minimum of 3 - 5 hrs per week is required.

ONLINE TUTORING

Provide online help with school work to elementary, middle school and high school refugees & newcomers. Some experience necessary. We are looking for those qualified to tutor in math, science, english language, grammar, and composition, & history. Requirements: 2-3 hours per week minimum, lots of patience, and good communication skills. For more information contact us at info@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

Notes:

- All of our programs are *trauma informed*, as most of those we work with are affected from having experienced significant trauma in their lives, fleeing war & death, persecution, and loss of lands, businesses & an established local identity. Please refer to <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/trauma-toolkit/immigrant-or-refugee-populations> for information about trauma informed care. We will help you with questions and can provide training regarding trauma informed care.
- All of our volunteers must be willing to submit to and pay for a background check and provide acceptable references from their churches or faith communities .
- All service options listed on this document are voluntary positions and without compensation. Some positions may provide financial compensation or salary in particular cases. Please contact us for more information on this info@bridgebuildersnetwork.org

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