



***'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'***  
**- Matthew 25:40**

## **Can your congregation help welcome the stranger?**

Massanetta's mission is, "to be a place for all people to experience God through renewal, discovery, and hospitality." As a part of that mission, Massanetta Springs has been partnering with Church World Service (CWS) since 2016 to provide temporary housing for Refugees being resettled in the United States. We have hosted families from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The evacuation crisis in Afghanistan has created an unprecedented need to house and feed refugees as they arrive in the United States.

### **What is already happening?**

Massanetta has made our three cottages (Hodge, Wilson, and Virginia) available to CWS from mid-September through the end of February. Where we first anticipated housing Afghan refugees there, the need to house refugees from other areas of the world also remains a priority for CWS. Since August, CWS has used our cottages to house refugees from other parts of the world, most prominently The Congo. CWS anticipates a growing need for refugees from places other than Afghanistan, and for now is using those spaces for them.

The number of refugees CWS hopes to help from other areas of the world is uncertain, but they have already assured the cases for 36 Afghan refugees who are slated to arrive at Massanetta from late October to early November. CWS's hope is to help as many as 100 Afghan refugees over the next several months with Massanetta being their partner for temporary housing until permanent placements can be arranged.

## **So what's the problem?**

Afghan refugees will mostly stay in the Hotel Addition and some Richardson suites. While these spaces in some ways are ideal for providing housing to individuals and small families, they do not have kitchens, nor do they have living rooms or other gathering areas. This means Massanetta will be providing meals and meeting space to the Afghan refugees. Most of the grant funding that CWS has secured is restricted to providing housing for refugees. So there has been a need to raise funds to cover these costs.

## **What's the solution? What's your goal?**

\$30,000 provides meals and meeting space for ten refugees for at least ten months. Our initial goal was to raise between \$150,000 - \$200,000 to ensure we could pay for the meals for approximately 100 refugees to be welcomed to the United States via temporary housing at Massanetta Springs. As of October 21, 2021, just over \$150,000 has been either pledged or received. We are so grateful for the Massanetta Community's generosity. You're truly making this possible. The first priority for new pledges or funds received after October 31, 2021 will continue to be to provide meals and meeting space. However, if more funds are available than needed for those very specific items, funds over and above that will be used to support our refugee partnership with CWS in other ways.

## **What will our donation go to?**

100% of your donation will go toward the costs of welcoming refugees to Massanetta Springs through our partnership with CWS.

## **What if there are funds left over?**

Our partnership with CWS is ongoing. If we are blessed to raise more funds than are needed for this crisis, the funds will be kept in a restricted fund to be used to help with future expenses of our refugee partnership with CWS.

## **How do we make a gift?**

There are two ways. You can fill out the enclosed form and return a check. Adding "Refugee Resettlement" to the memo line of the check would also be helpful.

OR

Visit [www.massanettasprings.org/donate](http://www.massanettasprings.org/donate). When you make your donation, add "Refugee Resettlement" in the Additional Comments box in the online form.

## **What if we have questions?**

Please ask them. Reach out directly to Rev. Clayton Rascoe, Executive Director, at [claytonr@massanettasprings.org](mailto:claytonr@massanettasprings.org) or 540-434-3829.

# Massanetta Springs Refugee Donation Form

Yes! We/I would like to help welcome refugees by supporting Massanetta Springs effort to provide temporary housing, meals, and support.

Name of congregation or individual:

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If a congregation or organization, name of primary contact:

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Address:

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Phone Number:

Email:

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Amount Pledged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Amount Pledged will arrive: (Massanetta asks that all pledges for this project be completed by January 15, 2022.) \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below, you acknowledge that 100% of your donation will go toward the expenses related to Massanetta Springs' partnership with Church World Services' Refugee Resettlement Program. If funds are donated beyond what is needed for this immediate crisis, funds will be held in a restricted account to be used to support our ongoing partnership with CWS.*

Signature of Donor or Authorized Representative:

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

Please make checks out to Massanetta Springs and send to 712 Massanetta Springs Road,  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

*Our federal tax identification number is 69-0983456. We are a 501c(3) tax exempt organization, IRS Section 170(b)(2)(iii) for both federal and state tax purposes*