



St. Martin's Refugee Resettlement Ministry

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You can help the Lubanda family feel welcomed and capable in their new American home. Here are 11 specific ways in which you can give the support they need.

Language and ESL Team

Coordinators:

Hal Taussig: French. hal@haltaussig.org H215-242-0611 C215-290-4843

Lyn Buchheit: Swahili and ESL lyn.buchheit@gmail.com C215-495-8115

Wangui Mwangi, wangui@newcovenantchurch.org W215-247-7500 ext.138

Help find translators and speakers fluent or somewhat conversant in Swahili (priority) and French. Help with ESL teaching. Translators must be willing to do at least three tasks per month and need to commit in advance.

Housing Team

Coordinator:

Marnie Kerr mkerr@germantownfriends.org H215-242-8323 C215-407-5260

Tony Wells (advisor)

Help find permanent housing for the Lubandas, ideally in a neighborhood with an existing Congolese community, such as West Philadelphia. Considerations also include public transportation and affordability.

Clothing Team

Coordinator:

Liz Langmak, lizlangemak@hotmail.com C215-713-8851

Liz has already done a fantastic job of organizing clothing, but there will be new needs as winter comes. Call or email Liz to see how you can help.

Food Team

Coordinator:

Jocelyn Silvalingam jocesiv@gmail.com C215-292-4452 H215-242-8323

Accompany family to the Acme and Produce Junction to teach them how to shop, use EBT card/ WIC items.

Transportation Team

Coordinators:

Susan Cole cole.susan07@gmail.com

H215-242-0611 C267-987-1021

Ann Meredith Annmeredith@verizon.net

H215-518-8907 C215-518-8907

Patricia Workman: New Covenant pmworkman14@gmail.com C267-626-0104
Talk with Team Coordinators to schedule time/s when you can help transport family members to appointments: i.e. medical app'ts., school registration, etc.

Medical Team

Coordinators:

Susan MacBride: Mainerocks@aol.com H215-487-2314 C505-716-7153

Myah Cooper: Myah.Cooper@temple.edu C484-843-5471

Cynthia Echewa New Covenant cechewa@comcast.net C215-470-3259

Be in touch with the medical office at Bethany Christian Services, who schedule doctors' appointments at Einstein Refugee Wellness Center: 5501 Old York Rd. Respond appropriately to other medical issues, making appointments.

Education Team

Coordinators:

Hyacinth Wood: hnwood@hotmail.com C267-253-9788

Pam Prell: pamprell@icloud.com H215-753-1790 C215-776-2206

Monitor School District of Philadelphia requirements (on-line forms, supply lists, etc.); determine list of needs: uniform, backpack, etc.; escort school-aged children to school for registration and enrollment

Employment Team

Coordinators:

Leni Windle: lenigw2002@yahoo.com H610-529-0698 C610-453-8352

Teresa Parris: Teresa@parrismobilenotary.com H610-238-9051 C860-729-4922

Help identify potential employers in the area. Assist in job interview preparation: creating resumés, preparing for interview, proper attire.

Finance Team

Coordinator:

Marie Ford: MFord@spencerstuart.com H215-438-1052 C267-334-9786

Teach the value of U.S. currency; help family open a checking account; teach skill of checking writing and how to manage money: maintaining budget, paying back travel loan, etc.

Communications Team

Coordinator:

Barbara Dundon dundon.barbara@gmail.com H215-438-8460 C215-292-8315

Keep parish aware of family's progress through Field Notes and other vehicles. Write periodic blogs with stories about the family's adjustments to living in the U.S.

Fundraising Team: Coordinator

Hal Taussig hal@haltaussig.org H215-242-0611 C215-290-4843

Set goals for donation of financial support. Help plan fundraising events to support our on going commitment to the Lubandas.