WHO WE ARE: A HISTORY OF WELCOME

Church World Service is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. We are one of nine refugee resettlement agencies in the United States. The U.S. government contracts with resettlement agencies like ours to resettle refugees across the country and directly administer services that help newly arrived refugees rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient, productive members of their new communities in the U.S.

Across the U.S., CWS directly operates nine local offices and contracts with an additional 25 affiliates throughout the nation. Together, CWS’ network of 34 offices partner with local organizations, volunteers, and faith communities to help refugees resettle. In the past fiscal year alone, the CWS network has resettled 9,679 people, from a total of 84,995 refugees resettled in the U.S. across all nine of its resettlement agencies.

Over the past 70 years, CWS has helped more than 850,000 refugees, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and other immigrants rebuild their lives. Whether by serving the most vulnerable where they are or by fostering welcoming communities and networks of vitality, CWS has been at the forefront of refugee work since it first opened its doors in 1946.