

## The Mission Field in Our Backyard...

"Clarkston, Georgia...  
*The Ellis Island of the south.*"

## F.R.E.E.

### Who we are:

A 501(c)(3) Tax-exempt, Non-Profit organization, EIN #47-1667780, serving the refugee community in Clarkston, GA.

Our mission is to reach refugee families for Christ by providing them with the help and resources they need to become self-sufficient thriving community members.

We aspire to provide refugee children the opportunity to receive a quality Christian education, thereby empowering them to achieve a bright future no longer restricted by the circumstances of economics, language, or birth.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40

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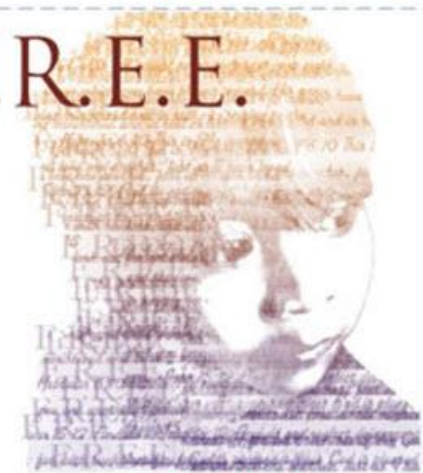
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*Lifting the downtrodden*

**Clarkston, GA**, a city just outside Atlanta, is home to some 10-20 thousand refugees. TIME magazine called Clarkston the most diverse square mile in America due to the massive influx of refugees from 70 countries speaking over 90 languages.

**F**riends are crucial in helping refugees acclimate to their new lives. Our volunteers meet refugee families in their apartments and build friendships. Once trust is established, our volunteers take families outside the resettlement area to parks, museums, libraries, churches and cultural events. By taking them away from the isolation and exposing them to life outside Clarkston, they gain understanding of the opportunities open to them, and what it means to have a better life in America.

**R**efugees displaced from their homeland due to wars, political conflicts, religious persecution and ethnic cleansings. On average, families dwell in refugee camps for 10 – 12 years, typically in countries other than their own until given safe passage to countries that grant them permanent residency status. Within the past 28 years, United States has resettled 3 million refugees throughout the country. Sadly, refugee children often lack necessities, including proper education, nutrition, medical and dental care.

**E**ducation is the key to self-sufficiency. It is difficult for the public school system to meet the educational needs of these marginalized people who arrive with limited education and little English proficiency. Education is the greatest barrier preventing them from achieving success. Financial means is their greatest barrier to quality education.

**E**mpowerment is one of the key components to strengthening refugee families. The atrocities, destruction and death that these families witnessed have left many scars and feelings of discouragement. Consequently refugees are in need of friends, guidance, education and assistance to access medical and dental care...the basic tools necessary for rebuilding their lives.



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### Refugee Crisis—How F.R.E.E. Helps

To address the education challenge, **F.R.E.E.** provides in-home English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults, and one-on-one tutoring for students. A primary focus of our organization is to give refugee students the opportunity to attend “refugee friendly” private schools. With the support of *Aretescholars.org* and generous donors, **F.R.E.E.** has sponsored many refugee students to attend private schools. Our goal is to help them attain a higher level of academic achievement and become positive / productive contributors to society.

#### OUR MISSION:

Our primary focus is to reach the refugee families by assisting them in obtaining scholarship tuition funds needed to enroll their children in a Christian school where they can learn of Christ

#### OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Collection and distribution of basic necessities
- Job search and education assistance
- Transport to medical, dental, and eye care
- Assistance completing forms and applications

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But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Matthew 13:16

## How You Can Help

- Donate \$\$\$ to the “**F.R.E.E. PROJECT**” at <https://freerefugees.org/donate>
- Donations to **F.R.E.E.** are tax deductible. Also, individuals who opt to participate in the Arete scholarship program and direct their donation funds to the **F.R.E.E.** organization will receive dollar-for-dollar tax credit for their Georgia state tax bill thus reducing their Georgia state tax bill by the amount of their donation. See details online at <https://freerefugees.org/donate>
- Sponsor a child to attend private school.
- Become a friend/mentor to a refugee family to help them acclimate to life in America.
- Donate diapers, toys, furniture, bed linens, food, dishes, kitchen ware, appliances, etc.

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