

Dear NCRS Coalition Churches,

Re: Refugee Sponsorship

We have an opportunity to bring to the U.S. a young Ukrainian family of three to live in Norman. The family is approved for the U4U program (Uniting for Ukraine). The remaining hurdle is a willing U.S. individual sponsor. The NCRS will be the supporting organization.

Will you be the sponsor for this Ukrainian family?

The Family. This Ukrainian mother of two lost her husband in a traffic accident a year before the war with Russia began. The family is originally from eastern Ukraine and lost everything as they escaped to Kiev after the Russian occupation began. Her son is 14 and her daughter is 11. The mother speaks some English and is currently employed in legal education in the Kiev court system. While the mother is employed and the children occasionally attend school, life is too inconsistent due to the war to raise a family alone in Ukraine. Her family and friends emigrated out of the country as refugees to other countries, such as Poland.

The Sponsorship. The sponsor must complete USCIS Form I-134A. No filing fee. A sponsor must be an individual, not an organization, but the NCRS will be listed as the supporting organization and will take the lead in providing resettlement support. The NCRS will also assist in completing Form I-134A. This sponsorship requires that the sponsor show income sufficient to support the poverty level of a family (in this case a family of three), willingness to support the family (on terms set by the sponsor) and provide required documents to USCIS (U.S. Customs and Immigration Services). Use this link for a full sponsor explanation and steps to become a sponsor: Home | USCIS.

We recognize this is a big decision. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a sponsor and would like more information. Thank you for your consideration.

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Chair, Board of Directors

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