



**Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.**

Sign Up to Volunteer with HIAS in Greater Washington, DC

HIAS is currently accepting new volunteers for the following direct service opportunities. To be considered, please register for one of the two upcoming mandatory volunteer webinars on November 30 and December 1, 2022.

Visit www.hias.org/volunteer/dc to learn more and register

Long-term volunteer roles:

- **Mentors** work one-on-one with HIAS clients, acting as a cultural liaison and providing varied types of support as asylum seekers learn how to navigate healthcare, education, and public transportation systems.
- **English as a New Language Tutors** help clients with beginner-level English develop language skills in speaking, reading, and writing.
- **English Language Partners** help clients build conversational English skills that allow them to communicate more fluently with their neighbors, employers, and service providers.



Short-term volunteer roles:

- **Special Project Volunteers** work one-on-one with HIAS Legal Services and Asylee Outreach Project (AOP) clients on goal-oriented, shorter-term projects. Each project is unique – volunteers may help a client apply for a replacement social security card, review a resume, submit job applications, or navigate a specific affordable housing challenge. Projects vary in length from a few days to several weeks.

Other volunteer roles:

- **Volunteer Interpreters and Translators** are regularly needed to assist with remote interpretation and translation needs that support our asylum-seeking clients' legal case and social integration. Please note this opportunity is a direct service role and requires a background check and full onboarding.
- **Social Service Volunteers** work with our social service department to create, update, and expand our resource guides for clients. Guides help clients easily access resources in the DMV, including housing, financial, medical, and job placement assistance across multiple counties.
- **Volunteer Letter Writers** write monthly correspondence to asylum seekers in immigration detention offering them compassion and solidarity.

Questions? Contact our volunteer coordinator at caroline.wolinsky@hias.org.