



LSSNCA VetPartners Program

WHAT: The **VetPartners** program is dedicated to the military, veteran, frontline civilian communities and allies. You aren't just observing - these are people you served with, worked with, broke bread with and fought to evacuate. This is a long-haul journey; unfortunately, it's not over within a few days or weeks, or even after government benefits end in 8-9 months. LSSNCA continues with these individuals beyond then, and we'd love to partner with you for the long term as well. Email: vetpartners@lssnca.org

WHY LSSNCA:

- Since the inception of the SIV program in 2009, LSSNCA has resettled the largest number of SIV holders in the region.
- Prior to the fall of Kabul, roughly 94% of LSSNCA's clients were SIV holders. Since August, LSSNCA has resettled 4,000+ SIV holders and those with parole status. LSSNCA has again committed to the State Department to continue resettling the largest on the East Coast.

We are incredibly grateful for you and your coalitions stepping in and stepping up to also support us. With such a large influx - up from resettling 500 people a year on a ghost staff to seeing hundreds a day on the same staff and budget, it really does take a strong, dedicated and willing community to make this all happen.

LSSNCA Team members include former SIV holders, veterans, frontline civilians and former refugees. Refugee resettlement directors, case managers, and workforce developers have been in their shoes, have navigated the systems and now are supporting their family and friends. Some of their families were just recently evacuated, while others still have family in Afghanistan.

THE MISSION CONTINUES: When the news stories disappear, we'll still be here and so will you. LSSNCA has served the refugee and immigrant communities for more than 100 years, and we'll continue to do so even when our friends' stories aren't in the headlines. Let's continue to create a community of welcome and belonging beyond evacuation and the immediate welcome to a new home, and life.

How This Works



The **VetPartners** program offers wraparound services from one-time home set-ups to ongoing partnering and mentoring opportunities, as well as volunteering, mental health exchanges and more. There are dedicated staff and volunteer liaison working with individuals, VSOs and coalitions that sign-up.

Sign-up as a team with two team leads or on your own.

Email vetpartners@lssnca.org with your interest in the subject line.

Your team leads will be your POC's.

Partnerships & Opportunities



Resettle a Family

LSSNCA has offered its Resettlement partner program for many years. Partners offer a combination of support and resources to families and individuals either in the immediate, or for 6 months. This includes the set-up - organizing a collection of everything from furniture to cleaning supplies and delivering it to the newly found permanent housing. Other levels pair up with families or individuals in practical and valuable ways in addition to the home set-up, such as helping to secure housing, job assistance, cross-cultural mentoring, and financial support for specific items such as WiFi.



Mentorship

From home visits for a meal, a check-in and chat to showing our new neighbors how to use bus routes and keying them into the best kids' playgroups and rec centers in town.



TEA Training

LSSNCA hosts a TEA (Training for Employment & Adjustment) Club for women offering financial literacy, computer skills, driver's ed, and other client-driven needs workshops.



Mental Health

We'll work with you to develop events including peer counseling workshops, storytelling, volunteer opportunities with VSOs, check-ins and other events.



Workforce Development

Work alongside our employment coordinators to elevate resumes, interview skills, and form connections with the community for experience-aligned jobs.



Pro Bono Services

From medical and legal services to data entry and logistics, all hands on deck.

What We Need Now

- Gift cards: Visa, AMEX, Target, Safeway, grocery stores
- Uber/Lyft gift cards: To get to/from appointments, meetings and run errands
- Laptops/Cell phones/SIM cards: To talk to loved ones back home, secure jobs, take online classes, and book their own Ubers
- Pro Bono Legal services to assist with status adjustment

- Permanent housing leads: Work with us to ensure families aren't living in Airbnb's and extended stay. Without employment or bank accounts, and with a very low rent budget, it's very difficult to find available permanent housing in the area. Please let us know of any leads, and our housing coordinator will explore the opportunity. Permanent residence is really the base to so much, including school enrollment and employment.