

HELP IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING FROM TEXAS

More than 750 asylum seekers from Central and South America have arrived on buses sent from Texas since Aug. 31, according to the city of Chicago. In collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, the city of Chicago is taking action to ensure they have access to shelter, food, and other resources.

The city expects to receive hundreds more migrants from Texas. Under the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard, the Lone Star state has also bused over 8,000 migrants to the nation's capital since April and over 2,200 migrants to New York City since August 5, according to the state's website.



Lay Missioners Roberto Moreno and Jackie Moreno Salgado who serve Living Waters NFC in Franklin Park bring donations to dozens of immigrant families staying in a suburban hotel in Burr Ridge.

Individuals and families are housed in temporary Chicago shelters and hotels in nearby suburbs.

Immediate donation needs include:

- Small size clothing (especially socks and underwear/sports bras)
- First Aid kits (Band-aids, Bandages, etc)
- Medications for adults and children (e.g. Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, etc)
- Personal Hygiene items (toiletries, feminine products, etc)
- Duffle Bags/Small Suitcases

See NIC and Chicago Drop offs on the next page

For a more comprehensive list of needed items see these websites:

- [City of Chicago - Chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
- [World Relief Chicagoland - worldrelief.org/chicagoland/bus-response](https://www.worldrelief.org/chicagoland/bus-response)
- [Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights \(ICIRR\) - download flyer](#)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for donation sorting, distribution, and food service during mealtimes.

ICIRR is coordinating volunteers and requests to register groups of people rather than individuals to limit the number of follow-up contacts needed using a Volunteer Sign Up Form at forms.gle/xH2a8cQSB9eHXAuH8.

The city of Chicago also needs volunteers - see the link at [Chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)

Legal Assistance

The Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors is helping migrants seeking asylum with paperwork and court dates. To support their work, visit nijfon.org.

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NIC Collection sites by district

NIC Refugee Coordinator Rev. Jonathan Crail is organizing with churches across the conference in each district to serve as donation collection sites to be centralized locations to bring the items to the city.

Lake North:

- **Galilee UMC, Highland Park**
1696 McGovern St, Highland Park, IL 60035
Contact: Pastor Jake Cho
pastor.jakecho@gmail.com
617-678-5815
Hours: By appointment only (Call Pastor Cho)
- **Glenview United Methodist Church**
727 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, IL 50025
Contact: Ethel Doyle
lareth@aol.com
847-729-1015, 847-975-0361
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
or by appointment (Call Ethel Doyle)

Prairie North:

- **Faith UMC, Freeport**
1440 S. Walnut Ave., Freeport, IL 61032
Contact: Lisa Hunziker
815-232-6533
FaithUMC@faith-umc.com
Hours: 9-1 M-F

Prairie Central:

- **Aldersgate UMC, Wheaton**
1753 S Blanchard Street, Wheaton IL 60189
Contact: Daniel Cochran
Cell 401-864-2441
Aldersgate.Wheaton@gmail.com
Hours: By Appointment with Daniel

Chicago Donation Drop-Off Locations

- **Rincon Family Services** - 3942 W. North Ave, Chicago; M-F, 10 am -4 pm
- **World Relief Chicagoland** - 3507 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60625, M&W, 10 am - 3 pm
- **World Relief Chicagoland** - DuPage County, 191 S Gary Ave. Ste 130., Carol Stream, IL 60188, M-F, 8:30 am -5 pm
- **City of Chicago Drop-Off Locations:** chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/donationlocations.html

Lake South:

- **St. Andrew UMC, Homewood**
18850 Riegel Rd., Homewood, IL 60430
Contact: Carolyn Funk
shevokas@comcast.net
708-957-1923
Hours: Monday 10-1, Thursday 10-2, Friday 4-6
- **First UMC in LaGrange**
100 W Cossitt Ave., La Grange, IL 60525
Contact: Hattie Koher
youth@fumclg.org
847-682-7896
Hours: Drop off box outside church office 9-4 pm
(other times available by request)

Prairie South:

- **Sycamore UMC**
160 Johnson Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178
Contact: Debbie Elleson
815-895-9113
Debbie@sycamoreumc.org
Drop Off Hours: M-F, 10-2
- **Sugar Grove UMC**
176 Main St., Sugar Grove IL 60554
Contact: Rev. Tammy Scott
630-254-4127
revtammyscott@gmail.com
Office open Mondays & Thursdays 8:30-Noon.
Bin located near rear entrance for after hours donations!
- **Channahon UMC**
24751 West Eames St, Channahon, IL 60410
Contact: Lana Stafford
lantwin@sbcglobal.net
(815) 467-5275
Drop Off Hours: T-F 9:00 to 1:00, Saturday by appt

