



## Good Neighbor Teams

### What is a Good Neighbor Team?

A team of 3 – 10 people who walk alongside one refugee family (New Neighbors) to offer friendship, hospitality and community connection over the course of one year.

### Good Neighbor Team Vision:

For every New Neighbor to be met with friendship and community from the moment they arrive, which will empower them to thrive in the Salem community.

### What activities will my Good Neighbor Team be a part of?

#### *In the first week:*

- Purchase grocery items to stock the fridge for the first few days after arrival (a culturally specific list will be provided.)
- Meet the New Neighbor family at the airport as they arrive.
- Take the New Neighbor family to NW Hub to receive a free bicycle donation.
- Take the New Neighbor family to access the resources available for clothes, shoes, etc (Helping Hands, UGM, Hope Station, etc) within the first week following arrival.
- Help with the initial set up of their new home by moving furniture and making the space welcoming.

#### *Ongoing for up to a year:*

- Transport the New Neighbor family to and from their Cultural Orientation modules at SFR Welcome Center for the first 2 months (begin with driving with a goal to train them to ride the bus independently).
- Provide secondary transportation to other appointments as needed.
- Meet with the New Neighbor family once a week for a meal, coffee, tea, or dessert (invite them to your home or visit them in their home).
- Introduce the New Neighbor family to American holidays.
- Give them a tour of Salem OR and take them to experience recreational resources near them (parks, library, restaurants, and other events in the city).
- Continually learn about the New Neighbor's culture and language.
- Introduce the New Neighbor family to others in the community.
- Sharing your experience as a Good Neighbor Team with the community, so others might be interested in joining a Good Neighbor Team!

\*Optional: Provide one or more Restart Kits (i.e. kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, etc.) that provides household items to set up the home for the New Neighbor family. A detailed list of Restart Kits and instructions for putting them together are provided on our website.

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