

# Afghan Refugee Needs

*A call to ministry...right in our backyard!*

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."  
Matthew 25:40

- The mosques in Winona and La Crosse are the primary resources for meeting the spiritual needs of our guests. To help support their work checks can be sent to Othman bin Affan Mosque, PO Box 275, Onalaska, WI 54650.
- The Red Cross is at Ft. McCoy. You can send support to Red Cross, 2927 Losey Blvd, La Crosse, WI 54601.
- Catholic Charities is also on the ground at Ft. McCoy. They have an active list of items they need to support families. The list is fluid. To see the needs and how to contribute to them go to [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org) and look for "Afghanistan Refugee Assistance." More information about financial support can be found at that website.
- A list of needs for resettlement compiled by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Tomah) is on the back.
- Our La Crosse Area Synod Church in Society Committee will coordinate efforts for our congregations first by encouraging people to support the above local efforts. There is a large regional collection of people supporting this work.
- On a national level, we encourage support of Lutheran Refugee and Immigration and Refugee Service. They are on the ground at two other Forts in the U.S. working with our Special Immigrants. See what you can do by going to [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org).
- Other resources are available on the home page of the La Crosse Area Synod ([www.lacrosseareasynd.org](http://www.lacrosseareasynd.org).)

# FROM PEACE LUTHERAN, TOMAH

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I have been in conversation with LSS about tangible ways to help with the resettlement effort. In Tomah we will be working on putting together Cleaning Kits. I will also be getting another list that will include things like sheets & towels. If you have interest in partnering on this effort to collect items and get them to Milwaukee by mid-September, please let me know.

Cleaning Kits: Laundry detergent, Dish soap and bottle all-purpose cleaner, Sponges and/or cleaning rags, Bathroom/Kitchen surface cleaners, Toilet bowl brush and toilet bowl cleaner.

Here are other lists of items needed by LSS.

### Linens and Other Household Supplies

- Twin sheet sets
- Queen sheet sets
- Bath towels, hand towels, face cloths
- Shower curtain, curtain rings, and rod

### Kitchen Items

- Kitchen towels
- Box sets of pots and pans
- place setting (plate, bowl & cup)
- Can openers
- Fork spoon knife sets
- 1 set of kitchen utensils: (such as a spatula, wooden spoon, large knife, small knife, serving utensils, etc.)