

get involved



We are committed to providing a transformative, cross-cultural experience for students and volunteers alike. We will support you with trainings, curriculum, resources, and more. Join us and change someone's world as a home-based or after school tutor.

Your world might change, too.

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"I started volunteering with Refugee Transitions because I wanted to help others learn English. I ended up gaining lifelong friends, and in the process helped my students become US citizens."
Sarah Paup, RT Home-based Volunteer



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who we are

We are a community-based nonprofit agency in the San Francisco Bay Area serving high-need, low-income refugee, asylee, and immigrant newcomers from over 50 countries.

the challenges

Refugee and immigrant newcomers are often socially and linguistically isolated. Those we serve must overcome language barriers, interrupted education, low levels of literacy, and past trauma to succeed in the U.S.

our vision

Our vision is to see all newcomers thrive and become full, participating members of our shared communities. We build on the strength, resilience, and determination of our students, and we believe that education, language development, and cross-cultural exchange can unlock opportunity.



our programs

Education



- Home-based Tutoring
- Community Classes
- After School Tutoring
- Summer Camps
- Field Trips

We work to ensure that our youth and adult students have the educational and academic opportunities they need to learn English and become self-sufficient in the U.S.

Family Engagement



- Family Programming
- Parent Workshops
- Support Services

We engage and support newcomer families, and provide a range of opportunities and services to help families build new futures.

Community Leadership



- Youth Leadership Program
- Peer Tutoring
- Community Navigator Program

We recruit and provide leadership training to alumni and community members whose resilience, language skills, and cultural competence strengthens the communities we serve and expands our impact.

impact



Our programs are unique and effective: both our youth and adult students beat California state averages for staying in school and improving their English language skills. We are creating change by helping newcomers learn English, build their skills, graduate high school, and navigate their new communities.

