

# JOIN LIRS IN THE LONG WELCOME

## BECOME A CO-SPONSOR!

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### WHAT IS CO-SPONSORSHIP?

Co-Sponsorship is the gift of walking alongside and supporting a refugee family after their arrival. You can make a difference in your community by supporting a newly arrived family.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Congregations and community groups are invited to become co-sponsors. Congregations can co-sponsor a family within their congregation or can work together with other congregations to come together to co-sponsor a family. Be creative! As long as your group is represented by a congregation, you can co-sponsor a family.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- Commitment to one year of walking alongside newly arrived refugees
- Sign a written commitment with your local resettlement agency to provide friendship, encouragement, and support
- Raise between \$3,000 and \$7,000 to help meet the family's needs

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

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