

Humanitarian Settlement Services (Refugee) Volunteer

(Multiple Volunteer Roles)

Volunteer Role Title	HSS (Refugee) Volunteer
Location	Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Leeton
Service Overview	St Vincent de Paul Society and Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga (Riverina Consortium) are responsible for the delivery of the Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) contract in the Riverine. This contract is funded by the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The services include provision of a basic household goods package, essential registrations, needs assessment & case management, youth sub-plans and securing safe and affordable accommodation.
Why we need you	With the generous support and commitment of hundreds of volunteers, since 2005 the Riverina has welcomed over 250 families and 700 individuals from many nations within Africa, Asia and the Middle East. To continue our success, we are looking for more volunteers. As a Volunteer, you will play an important role in helping to re-settle newly arrived families.
What will you be doing	Work with a team of Volunteers, providing families with social contact, accepting their hospitality, being alert to their needs and offering the hand of friendship. You may assist with assembling the basic household goods and setting up the long-term accommodation prior to arrival, welcoming the family upon arrival, basic living skills, shopping and social / recreational activities.
What you need to help	Volunteers need to be flexible, friendly and reliable. You are sensitive to cross-cultural issues and are non-judgemental, approachable and trustworthy.
How much time will you spend	Approximately 2 hours per week for the first 6 months after arrival
How we will help you	Training includes orientation, using interpreters, cultural sensitivity training, and refugee settlement experiences.
Who will help you	Volunteers work closely with each other in teams and are supported by the local Volunteer Co-Ordinator. Meetings are held with the Volunteer Co-Ordinator and the Case Worker
How to register	Please email your expression of interest to: waggahss@vinnies.org.au
What you will get from the experience	You will experience the diversity and richness of other cultures and have the rewarding experience of assisting a family gain independence in a new country
Start Date	Ongoing
End Date	6 month commitment
Role ideally suits:	This role can be tailored to suit each volunteers availability and personal circumstances
Want to know more?	Contact your local Volunteer Co-Ordinator – Wagga Wagga 02 6971 7175