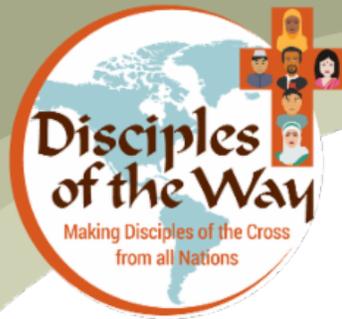


Disciples of the Way Ministries is proud to present our Newest program; the Refugee Service Center!

The RSC coordinates our outreach and service to our refugee brothers and sisters so that the serving love of Christ impacts their life in profound ways.



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Refugee Service Center Staff

## Refugee Service Center

In November 2016, DOW opened our new Refugee Service Center (RSC) in an office building about one mile from our administrative office at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The **Mission of the RSC**: To help refugees achieve self-reliance and assimilate into American society; and **Vision**: To build a thriving community of assimilated and productive refugees in the Dallas area. The Refugee Service Center has a unique opportunity to provide services beyond the scope of other resettlement agencies in the Dallas area.

Our staff and volunteers have a passion to help improve the lives of our new neighbors through programs designed to instill the American values of hard work, dedication, and self-worth. During 2016 our mission staff visited over 187 Christian and non-Christian refugees in their homes. The RSC offers employment placement and job readiness training; helping them to plan their career path and next steps to improve their situations. Job readiness training emphasizes the importance of punctuality in the workplace, the commitment to hard-work, and good communication with their supervisors. Our dedicated staff also counsels

our clients on the importance of budgeting their monthly expenses and income.

**[More Information about RSC](#)**



RSC Director, Hisham Batar, interviews client.



RSC Staff assists client with job application.



Sewing Center Staff

## Sewing Leadership and Development Center

The Sewing Seeds of Faith Leadership and Development Center opened in November alongside the Refugee Service Center (RSC). Located in the same office building, this program is a branch of the Refugee Service Center that is dedicated to the professional advancement of refugee women.

This new sewing program is a continuation of the Monday Sewing Seeds of Faith program and is focused on providing jobs and leadership training for the women who learned to sew through SSOF. After they finish this program, they can go out into their community, return to our SSOF program as teachers, or find jobs to help support their families and increase their self-esteem.

**Note:** The Monday Sewing Seeds of Faith (SSOF) program teaches sewing skills to new refugees using the generous fabric donations received from many partner churches. The teachers in this program are all volunteers. Fellowship, Devotions, and Pot-Luck lunches are all part of both programs.

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:42, 47*



Sewing Leadership and Development program leader, Patricia Fuller, guides the women through their first project.



Three emerging sewing leaders work together on a pattern.



First Project completed: Pin cushions and thread bags.

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