

Afghan Co-Sponsorship Team Request

We wanted to reach out to you to let you know that the Taos Jewish Center and B'nai Shalom Havurah have been working on collecting funds to co-sponsor one of the Afghan refugee families who is being resettled in Santa Fe. Thanks to the community's generosity, we have collected the required \$6000 to co-sponsor one family through Lutheran Family Services (LFS.)

We are now looking for Taos or Santa Fe volunteers who can make a 9-month commitment to serve on a team of people who will assist the refugee family in adjusting to life in New Mexico. Specific needs are to help the family navigate daily life such as: shopping for groceries, preparing a resume, using public transportation, etc. LFS will provide case management and many services to the family throughout this time as well.

As someone from the team needs to visit with the family each week, we'd like to have a team of 8-12 from Taos so that we can rotate going down to Santa Fe to help out. All team members would need to go through a volunteer orientation/training (offered online) and fill out the necessary paperwork through LFS. If you are interested in being a team member, please contact Ariana Kramer at (575) 770-4228 or arianakramer@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Thank you!

If you have not yet contributed to this effort (or would like to give more) we will be receiving donations as long as there is a need to help Afghan refugees. Send your tax deductible donation to: B'nai Shalom Havurah, 810 Dillon Lane, Taos, NM 87571 and put "Afghans" on the memo line. Bette will send you an acknowledgement letter for your tax records.

We wish you a very Happy New Year!

Ariana, Rabbi Judith and Bette