

# EVERY CAMPUS A REFUGE

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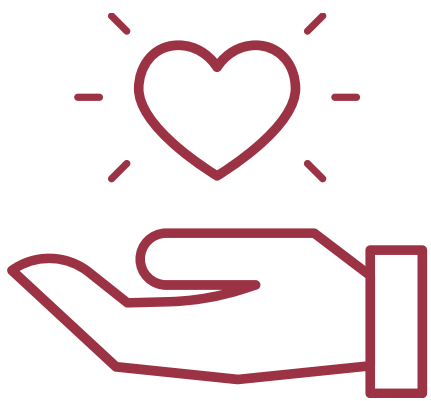
Mission: to partner every U.S. college and university with their local refugee resettlement agency as a co-sponsor to host refugees on campus grounds and support them in their resettlement.

**ECAR WAS FOUNDED IN 2015 AT GUILFORD COLLEGE, AND INCORPORATED AS A 501(C)(3) IN 2017.**

Guilford College partnered with CWS Greensboro and began hosting refugees on Guilford's campus in January 2016. The initiative has been adopted by several HEIs including Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC, Lafayette College in Easton, PA, Siena College and Russell Sage College in Upstate NY, and Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA.



**The ECAR chapter at Guilford College has thus far hosted 66 refugees. Collectively, ECAR campuses have hosted over 100 refugees and supported them in their resettlement.**



**THERE ARE 4000+ UNIVERSITIES IN THE US. IMAGINE IF ONLY 10% OF THEM DID ECAR, IF ONLY ONCE.**

Colleges and universities are especially well-suited for this hosting/co-sponsorship model because campuses are like cities with everything necessary to welcome a refugee family and support their successful integration: housing, facilities, utilities, human resources and expertise in many areas, as well as a built-in cohesive community of welcome. We believe that HEIs are resource-rich and should be supported in thinking about, and utilizing their resources, in innovative ways to support refugee resettlement.

**ECAR's goal is to leverage *existing* university resources to provide meaningful resettlement, community support, and holistic integration for refugees.**

## WHAT ECAR CAN DO:

- 1) Identify potential ECAR campuses.
- 2) Connect campuses with local refugee resettlement agencies and build those partnerships.
- 3) Develop and implement the program -- hosting and curricular/co-curricular -- through Best Practices, Trainings/Workshops, etc.



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## TO LEARN MORE VISIT:

- 1) Media pieces [PRI](#), [UN](#), [NPR](#), [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [The Washington Post](#)
- 2) TEDTalk [here](#)
- 3) J.M. Kaplan Innovation Prize Award video [here](#)



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