

# Sponsor Cuban Refugees . . . FULFILL THEIR FAITH IN FREEDOM

## THE CUBAN REFUGEE PROGRAM •

What you as a free American can do  
to help those who have fled the  
tyranny of communist Cuba



- More than 1,500 Cubans, escaping communist tyranny, continue to arrive in the United States *each week*.
- Miami, Florida, 90 miles from their communist-dominated homeland, is a generous host, serving as the port of entry that receives this great number of refugees week after week.
- But there should be a greater sharing in this example of traditional American hospitality to freedom-seeking Cubans. Communities throughout our free land have opportunity to join in extending this welcome.
- SPONSORS AND JOBS ARE THE IMMEDIATE NEED. Every state, every city can provide the jobs essential to full success of the federal government's plan for refugee assistance. The United States program is administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, under a directive from President Kennedy.
- Our Cuban guests are eager to earn livelihoods in our free country. How they are welcomed and provided job opportunities has a direct bearing on their evaluation of the U. S. way of life. Other peoples in our hemisphere, too, are observing the experiences of the Cuban refugees among us.
- Here is how you, and your community groups, can get information on aiding Cuban refugees:

Write to:

Deputy Director for Resettlement,  
CUBAN REFUGEE CENTER, Miami, Florida  
headquarters for registration of refugees,  
voluntary resettlement, and relief services.

- Represented at this Center, ready to fill offers of sponsorships and jobs for refugees, are these Voluntary Agencies experienced in resettlement:

Catholic Relief Services (NCWC)  
Church World Service (Protestant)  
United HIAS Service (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)  
International Rescue Committee (Non-sectarian)

(Each may be reached through a representative in your community, or directly by addressing the Agency of your choice at the Refugee Center, Miami)

- Also operating at the Center is the United States Employment Service, Department of Labor, which interviews refugees, identifies their job skills, and cooperates with the Voluntary Agencies in finding employment, a vital need in any resettlement. Employers and personnel recruiters may address USES directly at the Refugee Center, Miami.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF A SPONSOR**

When you or your community group decide to sponsor refugees the obligation includes temporary housing and support. This may include payment of a month's rent and utilities and a moderate supply of food. Also necessary will be arrangements for job interviews after arrival, help in becoming acquainted with the community, the schools, local customs, encouragement to study English, and friendly visits by the sponsor during the period of adjustment. Sponsors may aid families (small families predominate), or individuals. REFUGEE TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO THE RESETTLEMENT CITY ARE PAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. There is a "transition allowance" of \$100 for a family receiving public assistance in Miami when resettled to another city. (\$60 for an individual without family.)

IMPORTANT - Should unforeseen problems, with unusual expenses, develop in a resettlement, federally-financed assistance, including medical care, is provided, with no cost to the sponsor.

- The Cuban refugees have a broad range of abilities. They include people unskilled, semi-skilled, "blue collar" and "white collar" groups, clerical workers, office supervisors, bank personnel, and the professions: doctors, dentists, lawyers, architects, teachers, accountants, engineers, agronomists, nurses, etc.
- When you sponsor refugees you may be sure they have been passed by the U. S. Immigration Service and checked by the U. S. Public Health Service.
- The Cubans who have fled to freedom are grateful guests. Many have held responsible positions. No matter what their backgrounds, they have risked the deprivations of drastically altered lives. They are appreciative of any opportunities here to work in the freedom for which they have sacrificed heavily. Cubans are the first refugees from political oppression to come to the United States as the country of first asylum. With the communist menace now close to our shores you and your community face a new challenge to show the Cubans who flee from it the heart in *our* way of life.
- Registrations at the Refugee Center total over 128,000. Of these over 34,000 have been resettled throughout the United States. Between 800 and 1,000 refugees are being relocated outside Florida each week. (Figures are of July 15, 1962.) But with arrivals of more than 1,500 each week the population of more than 88,000 refugees in the Miami community continues to grow.

### **MANY MORE SPONSORS ARE NEEDED**

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