Our Purpose

Alight is a global nonprofit, headquartered in Minneapolis, that was founded in 1979 as the American Refugee Committee. We renamed ourselves in 2019 to reflect the optimism and abundance in the work we do championing refugees, economic migrants and trafficked persons. Our work provides healthcare, clean water, shelter, protection and economic opportunity to more than 4 million people annually in over 20 countries.

Alight U.S., our newest team, was assembled for a unique purpose: to guide and nurture new arrivals to the United States. That includes fully supporting the local networks of everyday Americans who are eager to connect with newcomers and share knowledge about their new communities.

Private Sponsorship through Welcome Corps

A bold, innovative approach to refugee settlement

Welcome Corps, the new federal resettlement program, empowers everyday Americans to privately sponsor eligible refugees through a safe, legal pathway to the United States. The U.S. State Department has tapped Alight to mobilize and oversee private sponsorship groups.

How Private Sponsorship Works:

- Alight supports you in forming a private sponsor group (PSG).
- Welcome Corps matches your group with a refugee or refugee family.
- Alight ensures your group has trusted information, resources and solid support through step-by-step guidance and on-call assistance.

- Alight’s support is customized to the needs of your group and newcomer or family to ensure that newcomers reach self-sufficiency over the first 90 days in areas such as housing, employment, healthcare and school enrollment.

Sign up for an online info session or scan the QR code to learn how you can become a sponsor!