

SAMPLE DONATION REQUEST LETTER

Dear Friend,

Imagine fleeing from danger to protect your family with only the clothes on your back. Where would you go? What if you were offered safety in an unfamiliar place where you didn't understand the language, you didn't recognize the food at the grocery store, and your work credentials were denied when you applied for employment? Would you still celebrate your birthday? Our refugee neighbors would.

When we celebrate our birthdays, we reflect on what we are thankful for and dreams we hope will come true. Our refugee neighbors have a list of things they are thankful for. They are thankful to move freely from place to place, to laugh with friends, to enjoy the sunshine, to be paid for the work they perform, and to envision a future filled with possibilities. They can do this because they found a home and a community – with you – in Lake County, Indiana.

While our newest community members have many things to be thankful for, they are also adjusting to a new country, community, language, and culture. <Organization Name> works with our local refugees to help them integrate into the community and become self-sufficient. Our programs include skills training and job placement, a community liaison service, and community garden space where participants grow and enjoy familiar vegetables and herbs. The programs have a positive effect on every quality of life indicator including physical health, mental health, economic health, social health, and community health.

This year we have worked with more than 1,000 refugees in Lake County, Indiana. Please help us continue to strengthen our community – a community where new and established neighbors support one another.

Signature

P.S. Everyday new refugee neighbors call to ask us if we can help them find food and work. With your support, our answer can always be YES.