

# Friendship Partners Community Builders



## ABOUT FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS

Who are the people who have changed your life? Are they friends who share your passions? Family members who have known you for years? Coworkers who helped you do challenging projects? We can all attest to how relationships and friends can change everything.

That's why, when First90 matches our volunteers with opportunities to serve, we focus on relationships. Our staff wants to hear about you – your unique skills, passions, and goals. That's because your gifts and interests might uniquely align with the goals of a refugee newcomer. You might be uniquely equipped to help them reach their goals!

We match a Friendship Partner with a refugee to help provide transportation, tutoring, or career mentorship, so that you can walk with them. Together, you will both learn and grow, and you might end up building a meaningful relationship as a result!

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Anyone who is 18+ years of age can apply.

## HOW TO BECOME FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS

1. Connect with First90 Staff
2. Complete a volunteer application, background and motor vehicle record check and volunteer training

## FIRST90 RESPONSIBILITIES

- Completes all new arrival services including activities related to housing, social services, education, health and general assistance

## FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS RESPONSIBILITIES

Assist a family/individual to resettle in their new community by:

- Helping with transportation to appointments
- Supporting the First90 team with other resettlement needs for the family/individual. This may include activities like:
  - Helping them open a bank account
  - Teaching them how to grocery shop

Be intentional in spending relational time with the family/individual. This could include:

- Having a meal together
- Taking them on an outing
- Playing a game together
- The opportunities are endless!

## COMMITMENT

- A minimum 3 month commitment
- Availability is flexible but we ask that you meet with the family 3 to 4 times a month and ideally would include helping the First90 team with resettlement activities.

## COLLABORATION

- In partnership with First90, reinforce First90 instruction and services
- Provide friendship and support that leads to a path of self-sufficiency and integration for newcomers