

Ways that faith communities can assist community-based asylum seekers As at 3 July 2013

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<p>Asylum Seeker Resource Centre</p> <p>(03) 9326 6066</p>	<p>The ASRC's up-to-date fact sheets and myth busters can be found here - http://www.asrc.org.au/learn-more/</p> <p>Some links of particular interest - http://www.asrc.org.au/media/documents/myth-busters-summary-Aug2012.pdf http://www.asrc.org.au/resources/statistics/</p> <p>The ASRC also has a speakers program where they can arrange for a speaker to visit different groups and communities to provide information on asylum seekers - http://www.asrc.org.au/programs/community/community-speakers/</p> <p>There is also a resource directory listing asylum seeker support agencies across Australia and in Victoria – http://www.asrc.org.au/media/documents/asrc-resource-directory.pdf</p>	<p>For the most up to date shopping list (i.e. food/material aid items that are particularly high in demand) - see http://www.asrc.org.au/10-things-you-can-do/food-action-network/</p> <p>OR http://www.asrc.org.au/media/documents/survival-network.pdf</p> <p>The ASRC also sends out a monthly newsletter with current food/material aid needs. To sign up to the newsletter, email patrick.l@asrc.org.au</p>	<p>See http://www.asrc.org.au/prospective/about/</p> <p>Volunteer information nights are held quarterly and the next one is on Tuesday 24 September 2013 at 6.30pm (please register via the link above – places are limited!)</p>
<p>The Salvation Army</p> <p>(03) 9384 8333</p>		<p>Food items that are needed: Sugar, Milk (Long life), Tins of Tuna, Rice (Basmati), Dried Chickpeas, lentils, kidney beans, Black Tea (Earl Grey), Instant coffee, Tins of tomatoes, tomato paste, Dried pasta, pasta sauce, chocolate & biscuits.</p> <p>Basic toiletry items that are needed: deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, toilet paper, tissues etc.</p> <p>Cleaning products and detergents: clothes washing powder, dishwashing detergents</p>	<p>Connecting to Community Volunteer Mentor: Providing Social Support to an asylum seeker; training commences in August. Contact Jeremiah Temple - 0409 221 208</p> <p>Emergency Relief Interviewing / Relief Reception: Help asylum seekers with material aid needs. Some community services work experience desirable.</p> <p>Delivery of beds/furniture items to asylum seekers: Driver's license and ability to tow a trailer required.</p>

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		<p>etc. These go very quickly.</p> <p>Enquiries to karen.elkington@aus.salvationarmy.org or 9384 8333</p>	<p>Contact karen.elkington@aus.salvationarmy.org or 9384 8333</p>
<p>Red Cross</p> <p>(03) 8346 8306</p>	<p>Red Cross' Vulnerability Report http://www.redcross.org.au/files/20130614_Inaugural_Vulnerability_Report_LR.pdf</p>	<p>Material aid needs: Blankets, warm winter clothing for men (small sizes), kitchen items and larger items like couches, beds, fridges and washing machines.</p> <p>Red Cross is happy to take donations (either in the North Melbourne or Dandenong Office), dropped off, or you can call to have a pick-up of bigger items, however the Red Cross doesn't take things like second-hand mattresses (hygiene issues) and electrical items (they can't test them).</p> <p>Enquiries about material aid can be directed to: Claire Foreman, Bridging Support Caseworker cforeman@redcross.org.au or 9341 7569.</p>	<p>Household Goods Program This program supports the logistics of assisting with delivery of material aid, there are administrative roles and driver/delivery roles - http://volunteering.redcross.org.au/vw/en/#/job/492822/household-goods-program-volunteer</p> <p>Bicycle Mechanic Program Role is around helping to repair and refurbish donated bikes to provide to clients - http://volunteering.redcross.org.au/vw/en/#/job/492831/bicycle-mechanic-volunteer</p> <p>Migration Support Program Volunteer: These roles are around supporting arrivals and orientation into community - http://volunteering.redcross.org.au/vw/en/#/job/493018/migration-support-volunteer-program</p>
<p>AMES</p> <p>(03) 9938 4219</p>		<p>Contact (03) 9938 4219</p>	<p>Opportunities are available for volunteer tutors and mentors. For further details see www.ames.net.au/volunteering.html</p>