

## Refugee Resettlement Task Team Report 2.2.19

Mary will be sending out this update in the near future so I am using it as my report for the district board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Brandon

### Refugee Update: How we helped in 2018 and what help is needed in 2019

Over the course of the last year more than 1200.00 was donated the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District to be spent on items for refugees who are being resettled in our area. The money was spent on personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, combs and body lotion. We encourage monetary donations since the types of shampoo and combs needed by people arriving from the Democratic Republic of the Congo are very specific. Most of the shampoo and combs donated to Catholic Social Services for the refugee resettlement program are unsuitable for these folks. Donated items that can not be used by the refugees are given to other programs, such as homeless shelters.

With the collected money we also purchased sheets, blankets, bath towels, pots and pans, cutting boards, can openers and much more.

In addition, many items were collected and donated such as book bags loaded with needed supplies, comforters, new pillows, sheets and blankets.

Moving forward into 2019, we find that we need a couple more people on our team. We have the warehouse open the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm to receive donations. Catholic Social Services is now posting this on their facebook page and now we actually have people stopping by. We do not have a lot of meetings as we can accomplish most things via e-mail.

If you can join our team to help on some of the remaining 11 Saturdays for this year, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please e-mail me at [lindabrandon76@gmail.com](mailto:lindabrandon76@gmail.com) if you would like to help or have questions.

Thank you for all of your support for arriving refugees over the last couple of years.

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