

Opportunities to Help

SSACA needs your help as an individual or through your organization to:

- Sponsor a refugee or family
- Share American culture
- Assist with special projects and gatherings
- Provide rides to the grocery store, hospital or to other appointments
- Donate (funds, furniture, household items, used automobiles, clothing)

SSACA Services Include

- Immigration assistance
- Newcomer orientation
- Cultural adjustment support
- Drivers manual review classes
- Programs for women
- Temporary child care
- Job search assistance
- Interpretation/translation
- Housing assistance

"We all go together. No one gets left behind."



Southern Sudanese American Community Association

is a 501 (c)(3) organization based in Anchorage, Alaska. We provide cultural, family activities and youth and socio-economic assistance to Sudanese families living in Alaska. We help connect refugees with the support and tools needed to learn English, job search, find housing, and make a new home here in Alaska.

This organization advocates for human rights and freedom of families still living in Southern Sudan and Darfur and also for those who have been displaced due to civil war who now live in neighboring countries without adequate education and health care.

The organization raises awareness and advocates against the use of children as soldiers by warring parties, abduction of children and children enslavement practice in Sudan and against domestic violence everywhere.

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SOUTHERN SUDANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SSACA assists refugees making the transition into American life, helping us use our many talents to become productive, self-supporting citizens who realize the American dream for ourselves, our children, and generations to follow.



"We've been separate for such a long time because we come from places that have been at war. We want to come to know one another again here in our new home."

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Refugee Resettlement

Refugee resettlement requires community support. When new families arrive, we need a place to live, household furnishings, clothing, food, and some help knowing how to get started. SSACA assists newcomers in making this transition but we also rely on our neighbors in Alaska and organizations to help and welcome new arrivals. Through SSACA, we help each other in our quest to learn English, enroll children in school, access help and learn American culture. **New refugees need friends in Alaska.**



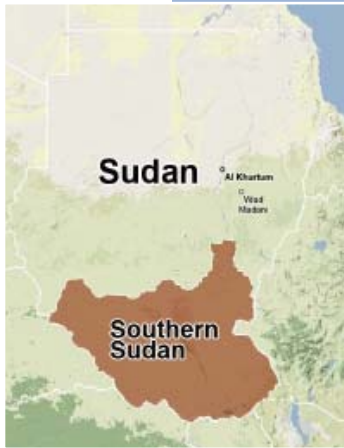
Quality of Life

Refugees who have lived here for several years or have become citizens still need help improving our families' lives. We are devoted to helping each refugee become a productive, self-sufficient citizen.

Through SSACA, we help each other learn English, job search, prepare for job interviews and find housing. Even after basic needs are met, we still must learn so much before feeling comfortable and at-home in our new community. We believe in American opportunities and freedom. You can support us in helping each other to have the very best chances for success in achieving those dreams.



Google Maps



Refugees



We have fled from our own country for safety, due to war and genocide. We come to America with little in material wealth but bring hope for our future and a strong desire to learn and work. We come from

many different areas and cultures. But what we have in common is a desire for a safe home, education, and a future for our children.

SSACA serves refugees from tribes in Southern Sudan, Darfur and other parts of Africa. Sudan has been devastated through decades of fighting. Schools, hospitals, and other institutions have been destroyed. Many have fled to refugee camps or cities in neighboring countries and applied through the United Nations to come to the United States.

Youth Program

Our program aims to encourage our Sudanese youth in Alaska to participate in safe, healthy community activities and make new friends. We carpool for outdoor field trips, arts and crafts activities, sports activities, family trips and tutoring. We also gather to share and preserve our Sudanese culture including dance, music, languages and respect for parents and neighbors.



Family Assistance

We help each other take the first step toward economic self-sufficiency and provide assistance as families relocate to Alaska. Our mentors and volunteers can help in these ways:

- Access to refugee assistance
- Child care
- Interpreters often accompany people on doctor visits or job interviews
- Instruction on how to meet daily needs, find housing and transportation, grocery shop, understand banking and participate in school
- Training and support services addressing cultural expectations while preserving family values and culture
- Education about community support networks for refugees and immigrants