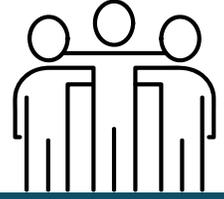


**UNITING THE CHURCH.
TRANSFORMING THE CITY.**



Unite's mission is to inform, connect, and equip churches and their partners to care for their people and communities. We believe this is part of the redeeming and restoring work God is planning in advance for us to do, so we've been building partnerships and amassing the right tools to make that happen.

Welcome Newcomers

Afghan Allies

Following the war with Afghanistan, UN countries agreed to welcome Afghan Guests who were now in danger and set up a process for doing so safely. Their first stop was one of several military bases (called "Safe Havens") where they were processed. As of Feb. 15, all Safe Havens closed with around 74,000 Afghan Guests having been resettled in the US. Texas has attracted many Guests due to our cost of living and job market (10,710 Afghans elected to come to Texas).

Once on US soil, they have freedom of movement, so an unknown additional number of Allies have moved here. Some Guests, most likely those with family here already, didn't wait for the needs, assessments, and resourcing process. Instead, they left independently once the appropriate screening had been completed. They were placed on a waiting list for "intake" with the resettlement agencies, and the agencies are now beginning to process their cases.

Some Afghan clients who had resettled in other states finished their initial resettlement period and so chose to move to Texas to be near the community ties they have here. Their benefits expire after 90 days, and that window has closed for the early arrivals. About 4,500 per year is the sweet spot for DFW's resettlement agencies. Since August, **DFW has received about 2,400 total refugees**, most of whom have been Afghan Guests.

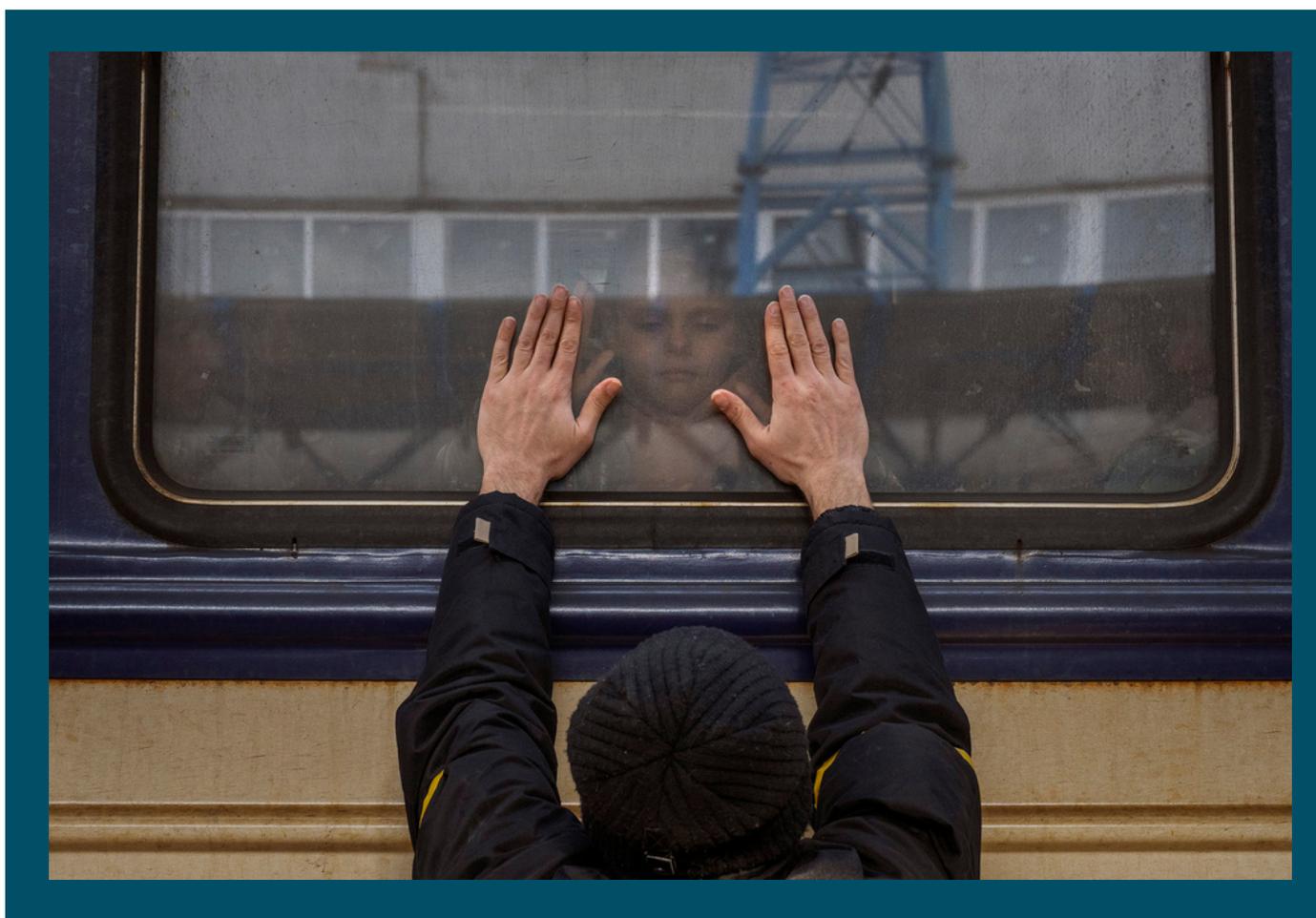
Incoming Ukrainians

For the first time since WWII, the EU has opened up Temporary Protective Status which offers the Ukrainians a much better option than going to a distant country. President Biden announced that the **US would welcome up to 100,000 Ukrainians** into the US from all pathways, including those who come here to be with family, get a work or student visa, etc. Depending on their situation, they might then file a claim for asylum which may or may not make them eligible for federal benefits.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services announced [Temporary Protected Status](#) (TPS) for individuals from Ukraine. Individuals must demonstrate their continuous residence in the US since April 11, 2022, and continuous physical presence in the U.S. since the designation date on the Federal Register notice (4/19/2022). Doing so will allow them to find work.

HOW CAN I GIVE HELP?

Ukrainian refugees and immigrants are arriving in North Texas and need help settling into their new homes. Churches and others who want to help incoming Ukrainians can **find all approved volunteer and giving opportunities** [here](#).



If you have any questions or would like more specific information on how to get involved, please contact jonathan@unitethechurch.org or rebecca@unitethechurch.org