

# Help us welcome a child arriving in Adelaide alone and knowing no-one!



*“One year ago, when I was coming to Australia, my life was so different. In so many ways. But now, I feel like I got what I wanted which is independence. It’s been the best year of my life. I also felt integrated with the community and I have made some lifelong friends. I have also learnt new skills and Australian culture.”*

Irina, Client, Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors Program

## **Can you imagine what it would feel like to arrive in a foreign country, alone – after being forced to flee your home country, or separated from your parents at a refugee camp?**

This is what a number of young people from our Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHM) Program have had to endure from an early age.

Our UHM Program organises residential care and support services for children under the age of 18 who have arrived in Australia on a Refugee or Humanitarian visa without their legal guardian.

We work with these young people to develop their independent living skills and connect them to community (education and employment) to be able to successfully transition into the world when they turn 18.

**If you would like to help support these unaccompanied humanitarian minors, why not put together a ‘Welcome to Adelaide’ pack for a young person aged 10-18?** This could include something for their new home, some information about Adelaide and any other items that would make them feel welcome.

Please drop off packs to Baptist Care **SA’s Wayville** office.

**130 Rose Terrace, Wayville** SA during work hours,

Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm.



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# Building Kingdom Communities.



1. The numbers of refugees has increased significantly in recent years. There are \*more than 26 million refugees in the world today. Refugees are people who have left their home country and cannot return due to a well-grounded fear of persecution.

**Pray that these people will find safe new homes in countries that provide them with welcome and support.**

2. More than half the world's refugees are children and young people under the age of 18 years.

**Pray for their safety and protection from abuse, trafficking, and loss of hope.**

3. Syria (6.6m), Venezuela (3.7m), Afghanistan (2.7m), and South Sudan (2.2m) are the countries from whom the largest number of people flee and become refugees.

**Pray for peace in Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and other conflict zones and nations.**

4. The five nations that host the most refugees are: Turkey (3.6m), Columbia (1.8m), Pakistan (1.4m), Uganda (1.4m), and Germany (1.1m).

**Pray that these countries will find effective ways to care for the large populations seeking refuge and that the international community will support these countries to provide appropriate care.**

5. During the period 2010 - 2019, 400,000 asylum applications were registered by unaccompanied and separated children.

**Pray that the children in the care of Baptist Care SA feel safe and welsome and are successfully supported to transition into the world when they turn 18.**

\*UNHCR June 2020

Source: UNHCR, 'Global Trends forced displacement in 2019'.