

The Refugee Resettlement project is a great program for refugees who have come to the United States because they are in danger of losing their lives in their homelands. This is an extraordinary decision to have to make. These refugees have no where else to go. They are in fear of losing their lives. The refugees have to go through a rigorous process to be able to enter the United States. After they have done this, they have to leave almost everything behind and start all over again in the United States. It is very hard to do, but with the help of programs like the Refugee Resettlement program, these refugees are able to thrive in the United States.

My neighbors in Lake City, Minnesota are refugees from Bosnia. Their family consists of a husband and wife and their two children. In Bosnia, the husband was a prominent lawyer. They loved their homeland. One day a civil war broke out. They feared for their lives and asked to move to the United States. After two years, they were finally granted this request. In Lake City, they were able to live in a small, run down home. The whole community came together one day and built this family a garage. The husband now works in manual labor building fireplaces. He loves being here in the United States and he is happy. The family is doing well and their two children are now in law school on their way to becoming lawyers.

I think that it is important as a community to help out these refugees. By coming together as a community, we can care for others and help out those who have come to the United States for a new start. If we, as a community, can help give people a head start, then they will be able to succeed and also be able to live a great life here in the United States.

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