

# Women of Welcome Christmas Gift Guide

Gifts for refugees and immigrants +your family and friends.

2021

### Give to our new neighbors

### **Migrants in Texas**

<u>Send supplies</u> to the Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas which provides a place for countless men, women, children, and infant asylum seekers to rest, have a warm meal, a shower, change into clean clothing, and receive medicine and other supplies before continuing on their journeys. \$10 sends 30 snack packs of Goldfish crackers and \$25 will send 6 bags of kids sore throat & cough pops -- a must as we head into winter.

### Refugees in Michigan

<u>Send presents</u> to our refugee brothers and sisters arriving in Michigan. Our friends at Bethany will make sure incoming refugee families receive these items. \$20 will give 12 pairs of gloves to gear up for winter and \$8 will purchase a special cardamom tea blend so our new Afghan neighbors can have a small taste of home.

### New arrivals in California

Give a welcome gift to refugees arriving into Sacramento who are setting up their new apartments and building a new life here. \$30 purchases a floor lamp to brighten up a home, or for \$9 you can get a kiddo a very adorable bunny rabbit toy. World Relief will make sure your gift goes to a family who needs it.



### Give charitably

Our partners at <u>World Relief</u> work globally and here at home serving vulnerable people, including refugees, immigrants, and displaced people. You'll find them working with people in their home countries. They provide aid to refugees forced to flee their home. They work to restore hope for families undergoing unimaginable hardship, and if refugees are resettled in the U.S., they help them rebuild a home here in America. We couldn't think of a better place to direct your dollars.

### Give to your friends and family

Check items off your Christmas list that will delight your loved ones and help to support new Americans. We've categorized them to help you find exactly what you're looking for!

### To drink

- Get in the holiday spirit with <u>Cranberry Cheer Tea</u>. Teas are ethically sourced, packaged and served by refugees settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan and a percentage of proceeds are donated to refugee resettlement agencies. (Want to show someone you're thinking of them all year long? You can even get a monthly tea subscription!)
- More of a coffee drinker? Send a <u>sweet and balanced blend</u> from Refuge Coffee Co. Those in the Atlanta area might already love this coffee shop and coffee truck that employs refugees as baristas and empowers them to use their talents in their new city.
- Pair your coffee or tea with our <u>Choosing Brave Tumbler</u>. Every sip will remind you that you can do brave things for the sake of others.



### To unwind

- Relax in a hot bath with <u>Winter Warmer Bath Bombs</u>. Made by Zuwena and Rose from Refugee Bath Co. These remarkable ladies were living in a refugee camp in Tanzania before resettling in Washington! A portion of the proceeds will also benefit future refugee resettlement.
- Enjoy the light of a <u>Whiskey + Bonfire Candle</u>. Handmade by women in Tijuana, Mexico, your purchase allows women to thrive in their home country.
- Give some cozy comfort to the little ones on your list with this soft and snuggly <u>baby blanket</u>. Handmade by refugee artisans in the Chicagoland area, it has plush fabric on one side and a cute, cotton print on the reverse side.

### To decorate

- This <u>woven pedestal platter</u> would be perfect to hold fruit in your kitchen, or knick-knacks on your shelves. We value supporting women in their home countries, and this was handmade by women in Honduras!
- Add beauty to your Christmas tree with this lovely <u>Eternal Snowflake Ornament</u>. It was crocheted by Afghan refugees living in India. In addition to employing refugees, a portion of the purchase will go to Catholic Charities as they serve Afghans arriving in the United States. Let this serve as a reminder to pray for our Afghan brothers and sisters around the world.
- Support refugees and immigrants in Seattle and add a touch of beauty to your table with hand-sewn <u>cotton napkins</u>. Perfect for your friend that cares about sustainable living and caring for our new neighbors!



- This <u>leather briefcase</u> is a striking investment piece. Perfect for the professional or student in your life. The leather will only get more gorgeous and unique with age. Your purchase makes a difference for young people in rural Honduras attending a vocational program that keeps students in school when they would otherwise often have to leave before 6th grade!
- Keep your cords nice and organize with a leather <u>Cord Taco</u>. Your headphones and chargers will stay tangle-free when you throw them in your purse or backpack. Your purchase provides employment and community for refugee women resettled in the Chicagoland area.

### To wear

- Share some joy with this <u>Glad To Be Together</u> shirt. The shirt is created by women in Lima, Peru, and screen printed by new Americans who came to the US as refugees!
- Perfect for the stocking, this <u>adjustable face mask</u> was created by former refugees living in St. Louis, Missouri.
- This precious <u>llama onesie</u> is perfect for the littlest ones on your shopping list. Just like the face mask, this is made by Forai's refugee artisans in Missouri.
- Wear your welcome with the <u>Salam Necklace</u>. Featuring the Arabic word for peace in both English and Arabic, your purchase benefits PROJECT SHINE, helping refugee teen girls realize their full potential.
- Gift these bold <u>Lavish Earrings</u> from Noonday Collection made with love by female artisans in Guatemala.



### To keep the giving going

• Treat a loved one all year long with <u>a monthly box</u> of three quality handmade items created by artisans locally and globally. Your box may have jewelry, accessories, home goods, ceramics, artwork, spices, and more!

### Bonus: to play with your pup

• Play fetch or tug-o-war with your doggy with a <u>braided dog tug toy</u>.

Handmade by Rahel, a former refugee living in Seattle. Your pup will be so happy on Christmas morning!

## "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." John 1:14

This Christmas season, don't lose sight of the fact that Jesus dwells among us. May your holidays be full of joy and peace as you look for ways to welcome others as Christ has welcomed

you.

Women of Welcome is a community dedicated to diving into the whole of scripture to understand God's heart for the immigrant and refugee. We believe God calls us to a deep love for the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the forgotten. Together we're on a journey to understand biblical hospitality in an authentic way. Therefore we seek to learn, engage, and grow to be more like Christ in our welcome toward the sojourner.

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