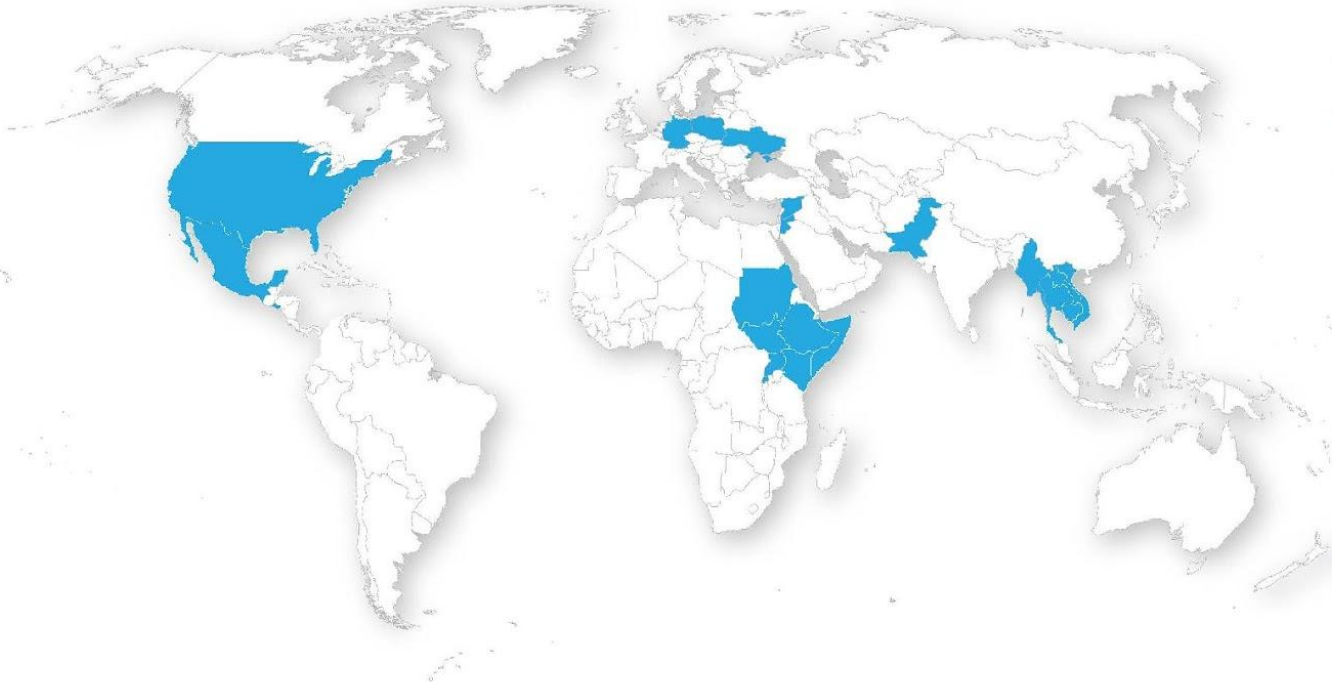




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Today we are talking about sponsorship, what it is and why it matters. The focus is on sponsoring Ukrainians in this session—please remember—**sponsorship is now possible for people of all nationalities who have refugee status.**

More information is forthcoming about sponsoring individuals of other nationalities as soon as possible.

Seven million Ukrainians – most of them women, children and the elderly – have fled Ukraine since February in the wake of Russia’s invasion.

99.9% of those who’ve fled have found safety and support in European countries, at least 2 million of them in neighboring Poland.

Through the **Uniting for Ukraine** program, the United States joins European countries as a safe haven for Ukrainians.



Uniting for Ukraine offers a pathway for Ukrainians to come to the United States for an initial two-year period.

Under this program, a Ukrainian family must have a sponsor in the United States who agrees to help them get on their feet.

Alight is working to pair amazing sponsor groups with Ukrainian families arriving in the U.S.

What is Sponsorship? Sponsors create the support systems that ensure newcomers can thrive. Sponsors are neighbors, cheerleaders, and guides for people starting on a long, difficult, and exciting journey.

More specifically, sponsors are responsible for finding safe and appropriate housing for newcomers. They support newcomers in ensuring health needs are met, kids are enrolled in school, and adults find work, among other factors.

Sponsors may be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or other lawfully present individuals. This includes Ukrainian Americans, immigrants who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS), recently arrived refugees, and other everyday Americans, like you! Nonprofits, educational institutions, and employers can also help sponsor people fleeing Ukraine.

Why does Sponsorship matter? Becoming a sponsor is a commitment of time and attention, but it's also one of the **most meaningful ways you can help a family who's had to leave their lives behind and start new.**

These families have had to make hard choices in the face of great uncertainty and danger. **They've had to be courageous all along the way.**

Together, we too can choose to be brave in our response and truly **step up** for our newest neighbors.



In partnership with Welcome.US, Alight is providing sponsor groups with orientations and trainings prior to AND after their Ukrainian family's arrival. **We'll help make sure you're prepared for your welcoming role.**

Alight staff will be available to answer questions, guide sponsors, and we'll provide a hub of resources, too. There's plenty to do, and **we'll do it together.**

If you have been looking for a
hands-on way to help right here at home,
this is it!

What does sponsorship entail?

BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Forming a team and identifying a lead
- Attending trainings to clarify the process and prepare you for your role
- Getting plugged in with the Welcome.US site to be connected to a family
- Filling out the I-134 form with the US government to get approval for the family to travel
- Fundraising as a group to supplement governmental resources available to families
- Helping arrange day-one accommodations and resources for the family

What does sponsorship entail?

AFTER ARRIVAL

- Being at the airport to warmly welcome your family
- Helping them get settled comfortably into a new home
- Guiding them through government services and appointments
- Getting kids enrolled in school and adults enrolled in language courses
- Helping adults find a job
- Finding daycare for little ones
- Helping families navigate public transportation

How will Alight support my sponsorship journey?

ALIGHT WILL PROVIDE

- An initial training session to prepare you for your family's arrival and offer time for questions and support
- A dedicated Alight team member to support you through the process
- A toolkit to help you navigate fundraising, housing, education, transportation and community resources
- Ongoing support through weekly check-ins, communication and guidance from our team



For newcomer families, **having a sponsor group** they can turn to means the difference between **flourishing in their new community** and struggling through confusing systems and requirements.

You can make this difference.

For more information, or
to sign up as a sponsor,
email Steph:
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THANK YOU!