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# **EDUCATE A REFUGEE:**

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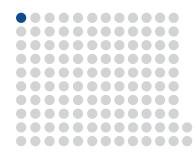
A refugee is a person who has been forced to flee his or her home country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

## **22.5 MILLION**

refugees and displaced persons around the world\*



are children\*



1 in 122 people in the world have been forced to leave their homes\*

20 - 30%

of refugees live in camps where conditions are primitive and unsafe<sup>^</sup>

Average length of stay in a refugee camp:

**17 YEARS**<sup>^</sup>

Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), in partnership with Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) and the University of Utah (U of U), is actively helping refugees living in refugee camps to improve the quality of their lives through a new joint effort, the Distance Learning Bachelor of Social Work program. The program empowers refugees by enabling them to earn a bachelor's degree in social work and gain the professional skills to address a wide range of social issues. Graduates become leaders in their communities, working to alleviate poverty, promote peace, and enhance security and stability in the refugee camps and the region.

I use the knowledge to handle cases and to teach my community members how to live together and advocate for people most vulnerable — like orphan children or unaccompanied minors.

– Refugee Graduate



<sup>\*</sup>According to the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees

This innovative program is taught entirely online through the use of Canvas, an interactive, distance education platform. Students have access to solar-powered computer labs provided by JWL, and will complete their coursework while they are still living in the refugee camps in locations such as Kenya, Malawi and Syria.

#### STEP 1

Students earn a social work certificate from JWL.

#### STEP 2

Students earn an associate degree from SLCC.

#### STEP 3

Students earn their bachelor's degree from the U of U.

While they are taking their courses, refugees will interact online with social work students at SLCC and the U of U. These communications are valuable to all students involved because they will learn from each others' experiences and gain valuable global perspectives. Graduates of this program will be prepared to work with both Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and governmental agencies that provide services in the camps to address the needs of all refugees.

SLCC needs your help to implement this critical program. With your support, we can provide scholarships to cover all the tuition and fees for refugee students. SLCC is providing the associates degree for a reduced cost and the U of U has agreed to waive tuition and just charge registration fees. A gift of \$4,000 means a refugee student can complete the program and earn a bachelor's degree in Social Work. Now more than ever, this education program is vital to alleviating the largest humanitarian crisis the world has ever faced.

Please donate today to help educate a refugee and change the world.

### Ways to Give

Your gift to Salt Lake Community College will cover the cost of tuition for refugees. Thank you for your support!



#### Online

Donate online using our secure form: slcc.edu/givenow



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Send a check or money order to:

SLCC Foundation PO Box 3808 4600 S. Redwood Rd Salt Lake City, UT 84123



#### Phone

Call 801-957-4247 to donate or speak to a Foundation representative.

<sup>^</sup>As reported by the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants