Mission

We are a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to empowering refugees and immigrants of Middle Tennessee through direct social services and educational programs.

Join us in the work we're doing!

Volunteer

You can serve in a variety of ways in the community or in our programs.

Please contact us:

volunteer@empowernashville.org

Invest

Spread the word to your famliy and friends about what NICE is doing in the community.

Invest in our work with a monetary or in-kind gifts. We are in need of welcome kits, furniture and other household items for client's homes.



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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children Families





























Founded in 2005, Nashville International Center for Empowerment provides direct social services and education programming to immigrant and refugee populations in Middle Tennessee. We aim to increase our clients' access to resources, facilitating long-term independence and stability.

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NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL Center for Empowerment



NICE is invested in creating a diverse community in which all members are fully integrated, developed, empowered and contributing.

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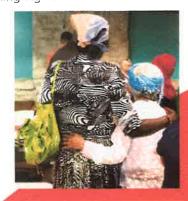
noun: refugee; plural noun: refugees

A refugee is a person who flees his or her country and is unable or unwilling to return due to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.



NICE FACTS:

2005: Originally founded as the Sudanese
Community & Women's Service Center
2010: Renamed Nashville International Center
for Empowerment (NICE) to more fully represent
the refugee and immigrant community we serve.
2011: NICE became a resettlement agency.
2015: NICE expanded to serve over 15,000
people from 72 nations and has grown from a
staff of one to 25 employees that speak 32
different languages.



Our Programs

EDUCATION

One of the best ways to empower refugee and immigrant communities to thrive is through education. We offer English, Citizenship and Computer classes for adults. Our Youth Education Program provides academic support and mentoring. The Culture Exchange Series provides cultural guidance to communities so they may better serve and relate to refugees.

EMPLOYMENT

In order to become self-sufficient, an income is a necessity. For many refugees who have lived in refugee camps much of their lives and have little prior work experience finding a job can be a struggle. Our Employment Program gives these refugees an opportunity for a better life by helping them find secure and stable jobs.

HEALTH

Refugees & immigrants are at high risk for health complications and often do not know how to live a healthy lifestyle. Participants enrolled in the health program receive services such as nutritional cooking, yoga and fitness classes, health screenings, and intensive medical case management.

Thank you, NICE.
You taught us how to catch a fish to live in American way!!! The road to destination is always under construction!!!

- Deepesh, Entrepreneurship Student and Founder of Central Market I cried tears of joy when NICE helped me get a job. That job saved my family from being evicted from our apartment and gave us an identity!

> - Dhan Employment Program Client

IMMIGRATION

We enable our clients to effectively and efficiently transistion to life in Tennessee. Services include notary public, Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited staff completing and filing immigration forms, consultation services, and case follow-up.

RESETTLEMENT

Imagine arriving in a new country with one suitcase containing all of your belongings! When refugees first arrive, we help meet immediate needs like locating and furnishing a home, scheduling medical screenings, enrolling children in school and access to social services. Through our Reception and Placement Program, Refugee Cash Assistance, Match Grant, Refugee Medical Assistance and Refugee Social Services programs we support clients and help break down barriers to self-sufficiency.

RISE

RISE (Refugee Integration Support and Empowerment) assists in the integration of refugees into the Nashville community by eliminating the barriers to employment and fills a service gap encountered by refugees once their initial resettlement assistance has ended.

I'm always amazed at the diversity of the students in my class and the various ways that we learn from each other. I value the relationships I've formed with my students and I alwaysleave the class energized by them.

- Elizabeth Rose, Volunteer