

DIY: OUTREACH Organization: Oasis International Project: Baby Shower

IMPACT

A refugee is a person fleeing persecution based on their race, nationality, religion, social group, or political stance. Often, they are running from war, torture, and traumatic situations and then spend at least two years in an application process to relocate. Statistics show that once they get to St. Louis, less than 10% of refugees will make an American friend. Imagine coming to a country with an unfamiliar language and culture after a horrifying experience and not having even one friendly face to welcome you, guide you, or love on you!

<u>Oasis International</u> welcomes refugees to St. Louis with the goal of making them feel loved and at home. One way they do this is by showering moms-to-be! Grab a group of friends and help a refugee mom get prepared for her little bundle.

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Read more about refugees in the United States <u>here</u> and then follow the link above to read about how Oasis International serves our new neighbors.

Step 2: Now that we've looked at the need, let's see what the Bible says!

Step 3: Contact Leslie Broome at labroome1221@yahoo.com for more details and to check for availability.

Step 4: Register your participation <u>HERE</u> so we can measure the collective impact on our city.

Step 5: Follow directions from Leslie for the shower and spend some time praying for the mom, baby, and family. If you have kids, feel free to include them! They can help pick out gifts, wrap, or make cards for the family.

FUN IDEAS

• Take some time to learn more about the country and culture where the mom and family are from.

- Before or after the shower, grab some coffee and pastries at <u>Hartford Coffee Co.</u> or stop for lunch or dinner at <u>Meskerem</u> <u>Ethiopian Restaurant</u>.
- Take pictures and post to social media using #forthelou. Please make sure to get permission before posting. <u>Pictures on</u> <u>the internet can sometimes be a safety risk for some refugees.</u>