



# POWER Post

## May-June 2012 (Vol. 3, Issue 3)

The POWER Post is a bi-monthly e-newsletter sharing success stories of the USCCB/MRS Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees program. If you have any news items, stories or pictures relating to your parish program to share, please contact Daniel Sturm at [dsturm@usccb.org](mailto:dsturm@usccb.org).

~Daniel Sturm, MRS Special Projects Manager

### POWER Webinars: Mark Your Calendar!



MRS will host two POWER webinars to share promising practices gained during the first six months of the program. The purpose of these trainings is to help POWER program participants and other network affiliates learn from one another in order to improve their programs and leverage new funding sources. The first 45-minute live webinar, scheduled for Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, covers innovative approaches to recruiting parish volunteers, and will feature guest experts "in the studio." The Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> webinar will highlight tips for effective community outreach and media relations. Webinar recordings and presentations will be available on the members-only website.

**POWER Webinar on Parish Volunteers**  
Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.



**POWER Webinar on Effective Communication**  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

### Auditors in the House? Here's the CFDA Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for POWER is 93.567. Please note that this number only captures the Matching Grant portion of your 2012 POWER Budget. For example, if 50% of your POWER program funds come from the USCCB's National Matching Admin Funds, this CFDA number captures \$12,500 of your budget. The remaining fifty percent (or \$12,500) come from the USCCB's unrestricted funds, and the CFDA number does not apply.

### Important Note on Backlog of POWER Payments

I would like to share a note I received from Greg Scott (USCCB/MRS Associate Director of Grants and Program Administration) relating to the backlog of payments, which has also impacted many POWER programs. He has let us know that the USCCB encountered problems processing reimbursement requests through the MRIS database. However, as of June 27, all relevant MRIS database glitches have been fixed and POWER payments have been completed successfully.

### Media

#### Refugee Singer in the News (Lansing, Michigan)

In May, our local CBS affiliate aired a story on the life of a refugee we resettled, and his family's journey from Congo to Lansing, the role we played in his resettlement and his activities in the U.S., including his job interpreting for schools, his wife's participation in childcare training, the success of his children, and his newly-released album, "Miracle."

Beth Mugavero, [mugaveb@stvcc.org](mailto:mugaveb@stvcc.org)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdKGBByC\\_Wk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdKGBByC_Wk) (Part I)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1WXWKDhJao> (Part II)

[http://statenews.com/index.php/article/2012/06/come\\_together](http://statenews.com/index.php/article/2012/06/come_together)

### **Catholic Press Features POWR (Louisville, Kentucky)**

There was a nice profile story in *The Record* about POWR and its volunteer, education and donations projects.

*“Catholic Charities of Louisville, which aids hundreds of refugees each year, is hoping to engage more parishes and schools in its work through a new initiative called Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR). About two dozen parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville already help the agency minister to refugees. With the help of a grant from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the agency hopes to involve 25 more by the end of the year. “Some parishes and schools, we already have a strong relationship with,” said Christopher Clements, a Catholic Charities employee who helps refugees settle here. “For those already involved, we want to take it to the next level. And we’re starting to create new partnerships.”*

Darko Mihaylovich, dmihaylovich@archlou.org

<http://therecordarchlou.wordpress.com/2012/06/14/catholic-charities-hopes-to-engage-more-parishes/>

### **Newsletter Highlights Program Achievements (Phoenix, Arizona)**

Our work was featured in St. Vincent DePaul’s e-Newsletter about refugees in Phoenix written by our POWR staff member Debbie DiCarlo (page #10, “Welcoming the Stranger”).

Joanne Morales, jemorales@cc-az.org

<http://www.stvincentdepaul.net/newsletters-2012/June-2012-Newsletter-revised.pdf>

### **Welcome the Stranger Column Launched (Charlotte, North Carolina)**

We have published two articles in our *Welcoming the Stranger* column, featuring one of our local parish priests who worked with the USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services office before entering the priesthood. The second, “Refugee Resettlement Office Volunteer Shares Experiences Working with Refugees in Africa” recounts the experiences of one of our refugee mentors who worked with the UNHCR.

**Q: What would you say to encourage others to support refugee resettlement?**

**Fr. Reid:** *Doing this type of work is certainly challenging, but very rewarding. If you would like a great way to grow in virtue, then volunteer to help refugees. Today volunteers are needed to drive refugees to cancer treatments, and to tutor children and mentor parents. Help in setting up housing for newly arrived refugees is always needed – donating or collecting donated furniture and household items. And as is always the case when serving the poor and needy, you will find Christ in the refugee!*

Sandy Buck, skbuck@charlottediocese.org

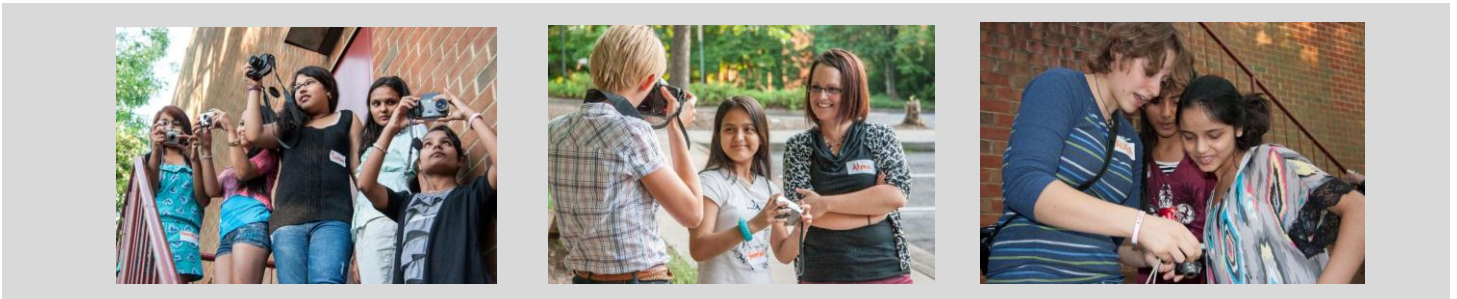
<http://tinyurl.com/dxroo27>; <http://tinyurl.com/cb3obbp>

### **Radio Broadcast Hypes POWR Program (Jacksonville, Florida)**

Our Intensive Case Manager talked about POWR during a recent broadcast of La Voz de Emanuel, a Spanish-language radio show. The deacon, who was the host of the program, invited other parishes to form POWR groups. And one volunteer wrote an article about the Refugee Resettlement program for the Maryknoll Affiliates July/August Newsletter.

Sarah Male, smale@ccbjax.org

<http://www.maryknollaffiliates.org>



## **Employment**

### **Parish Hosts Crafts Workshop (Hartford, Connecticut)**

Through our partnership with St. Mary’s Church in Simsbury we were able to set up a sale for members of the parish who were interested in our International Threads group, which provides refugee women with the opportunity to create traditional crafts and learn about entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency. This event allowed women to sell their crafts and was a great way for us to spread information about refugees and the work of Catholic Charities in this regard.

Lindsey Boudreau, lboudreau@ccaoh.org

### **Workshops Offered in Four Languages (Jacksonville, Florida)**

We continue to offer the bi-monthly Job Search Orientation and Employment Practice, which has been renamed Professional Development Workshop. Thirteen clients attended the most recent workshop, in which four interpreters assisted Nepali, Burmese, Karen and Arabic speaking clients. This workshop helped clients gain self-esteem and skills.

Sarah Male, smale@ccbjax.org

### **Former Refugees Serve as Mentors (Winona, Minnesota)**

We rented a space in our building to provide one-on-one training to Match Grant clients, and volunteers assisted in providing budgeting training. The phenomenal component here is that refugees, who arrived several months ago, serve as mentors for newcomers. The benefits of their experiences are empowering others. We are thrilled to have a new space to store the countless welcome baskets we have received, and a new classroom area for volunteers and clients.

Mary Alessio, [malessio@ccwinona.org](mailto:malessio@ccwinona.org)



## **Outreach**

### **World Refugee Day Draws Press (Houston, Texas)**

Our POWR coordinator was on the World Refugee Day planning committee and helped launch a first annual benefit concert to promote and raise money for these events. The concert featured three refugee music groups and was attended by over 100 people. The event received a lot of press coverage. First, Houston's mayor held a press conference to proclaim June 11-16th World Refugee Week, triggering local television and radio coverage. *The Houston Chronicle* also featured two stories about refugees that week and the event was covered by several other media outlets.

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<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Texas-leads-nation-in-refugee-resettlement-3623614.php>

<http://www.chron.com/life/article/Houston-s-diversity-to-be-celebrated-at-World-3638358.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/yahoo#!/HoustonWRD>

### **POWR Volunteers Co-Organize Event (Anchorage, Alaska)**

The most popular local news station covered our World Refugee Day event, which featured donated picnic-style food, music, dancing and activities for children. Five POWR volunteer groups contributed to the event's food table. And we signed up 16 volunteers to help with serving food, taking photos and running kids' booths.

Kristen Borash, [kborash@cssalaska.org](mailto:kborash@cssalaska.org)

### **Refugee Ministry Curriculum Complete (Jacksonville, Florida)**

We have developed a set of one hour lesson plans for grades 2 to 4 for our Refugee Ministry Awareness Program. This lesson plan's objective is to promote students' awareness of violence and human rights abuses. Students will be given time to reflect on their own lives as well as the Holy Family, and the plight of refugees. Hopefully, students will learn to appreciate their own blessings, nourish their family lives and share their gifts with our brothers and sisters in need.

Sarah Male, [smale@ccbjax.org](mailto:smale@ccbjax.org)

### **Archbishop Gomez Letter in Circulation (Los Angeles, California)**

Archbishop Gomez approved a letter introducing the POWR program to the Los Angeles diocese. The letter is signed by him and is to be sent out to nearly all the pastors in every parish in the diocese.

Becki Lambert, [blambert@ccharities.org](mailto:blambert@ccharities.org)

### **Middle School Students Volunteer Time (Cleveland, Ohio)**

We have connected with a community program Help to Others (H2O) in Lakewood, teaching middle school students about refugees and what Catholic Charities does to help resettle them. In return, each week the students help set up apartments, often for their future classmates. The program has been very successful. This is our second summer working with H2O. We have added a new element this year, which allows refugee students to teach Americans their native language and culture. This has promoted acceptance in the schools and a welcoming environment to refugee children.

Stacy Dever, [sdever@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:sdever@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

## Donations

### **Parish Donates Truckload of Kitchen Supplies (Louisville, Kentucky)**

St. Martha Church's Social Needs Committee donated a whole truck load of new kitchenware, cleaning supplies, paper products, hygiene items, and much more. In addition to these useful items for new and current refugee clients, we also received a monetary donation of \$1,700.

Darko Mihaylovich, dmihaylovich@archlou.org

### **POWR Donation Drives on Target (Lansing, Michigan)**

In May and June we received \$1,543 of in-kind donations specified to POWR. This donation of fabric and notions supports the therapeutic Women's Sewing Circle for torture victims. We remain on target with benchmarks in this area.

Beth Mugavero, mugaveb@stvcc.org

### **Parish Raises Scholarship Funds for Burmese Students (Jacksonville, Florida)**

The Assumption Refugee Ministry group raised \$13,240 for two Burmese children's scholarships for this coming school year. We also received donations of books and uniforms for these students.

Sarah Male, smale@ccbjax.org

### **Truckload of ESL Books Arrives in LA (Los Angeles, California)**

We received a donation of a truck load of brand new ESL books for children from Nativity School in El Monte. To give a rough estimate, the cost value of such items is probably about \$2,000.

Becki Lambert, blambert@ccharities.org

### **Benefit Concert Raises Significant Donations (San Jose, Calif.)**

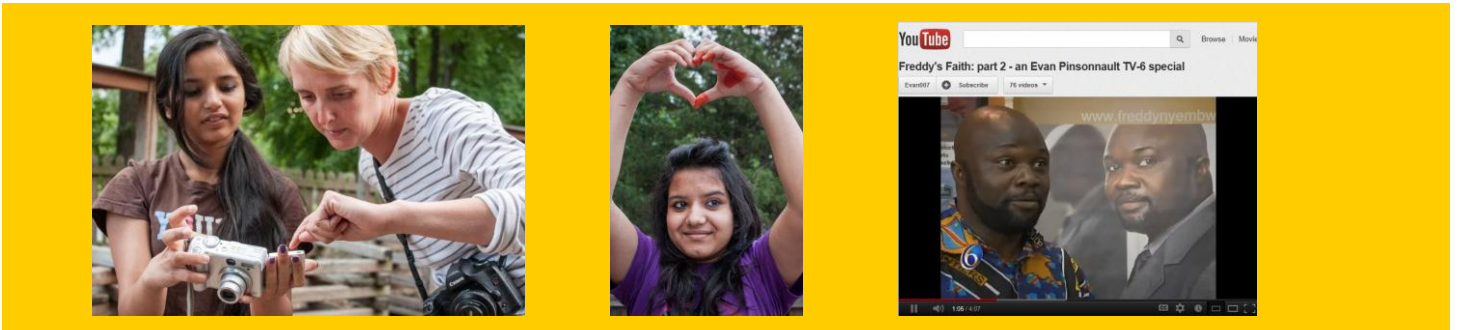
Our June Benefit Concert raised \$3,500, and an individual donated \$5,000. We plan to hold a benefit concert every year, which is a great family-friendly program. We had over 250 people this year and want to go for 500 attendees next year.

Claire Collins, ccollins@catholiccharitiesscc.org

### **Significant Apartment Setup Donation Received (Salt Lake City, Utah)**

Recently we have received a direct donation of 12 apartment set-up and cleaning kits.

Raul Yumul, ryumul@ccsutah.org



## Volunteer Management

### **Two Parishes Assist Bhutanese Refugees (Kansas City, Kansas)**

Good Shepherd Catholic Church has begun a weekly children's program. Fifteen parish volunteers are helping with activities and field trips for a group of refugee children, which has ranged from 10 to 50. This church also has a second project involving the Bhutanese community garden, providing training on garden equipment, and facilitating group trips to hardware and seed stores. St. Pius X Catholic Church has started an outreach program for Bhutanese mothers. They are holding bi-weekly groups during the summer to teach refugees about American culture.

Betsy Thomas, bthomas@catholiccharitiesks.org

### **Volunteer Management in Full Flux (Dayton, Ohio)**

We have recruited the Ethiopian Orthodox Church to provide ethnically appropriate welcome meals to Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees. We have also improved our communication with volunteers related to arrival dates and locations. One parish is interested in forming Welcome Teams of volunteers, who will assist with pre-arrival needs as well as airport reception, meals, welcome and grocery shopping. In addition, we have an intern developing a Cultural Ambassador Curriculum, with the Volunteer Coordinator, which will support cultural orientation.

Amy Hart, harta@cssmv.org



### **Joint POWR-MatchGrant Venture Takes Shape (Lansing, Michigan)**

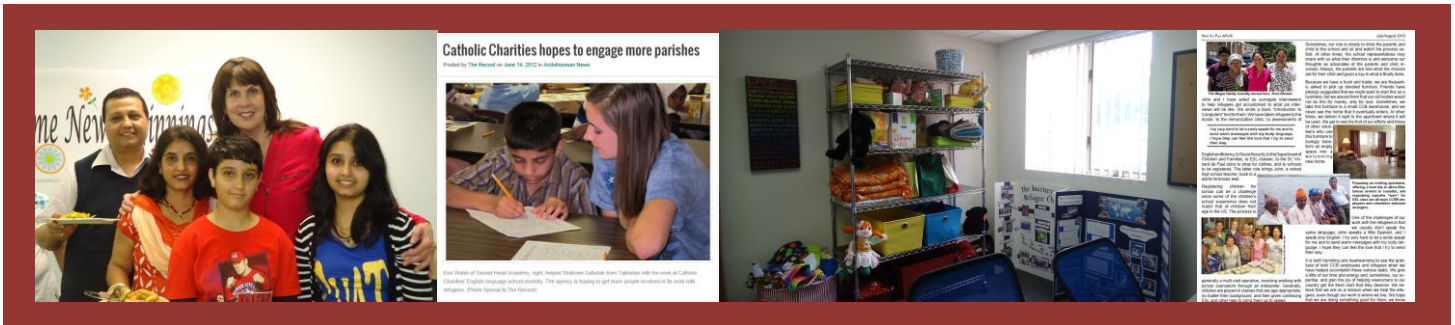
The combination of the transition house with Match Grant clients and POWR volunteers managing the property and mentoring continues to grow. An event to connect volunteers with the transitional house is scheduled for early August to improve the appearance of the house by working on the lawn and garden. Subsequent events will employ volunteers in maintaining and improving the house itself in addition to work directly with clients living in the unit. A local Catholic parish, Resurrection Church, has expressed interest in helping with regular maintenance and improvement of the house.

Beth Mugavero, mugaveb@stvcc.org

### **POWR Volunteers Zone in on ESL Instruction (Houston, Texas)**

We are about to start a new orientation session for new arrivals. However, several POWR volunteers who taught orientation classes mentioned they would like to work with refugees in ESL-related activities. To respond to that need, we created three ESL classes that are volunteer-run at the apartment complexes where refugees live. We consider this a significant development in the POWR program and a great supplement to our orientation program.

Peter Stranges, pstranges@catholiccharities.org



### **Company Is Donating Volunteer Time and Goods (Cleveland, Ohio)**

This spring, we have met with local businesses and corporations. Eaton Corporation of Cleveland has scheduled a volunteer date as a result of our presentation. They will donate backpacks and school supplies to encourage literacy to both adults and children.

Stacy Dever, sdever@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

### **Mentor Program Launched (Amarillo, Texas)**

We met with the Students in Free Enterprise group through West Texas A&M University to discuss a project they want to begin with refugee clients in apartments complexes throughout Amarillo. They want to adopt families while also beginning a few programs in early September, which would include tutoring, basic computer skills, resume building, and any other needs we may have. We plan to involve anywhere from 20-50 students in this project. We are also partnering with the American Housing Foundation to provide employment training, case management and ESL instruction.

Katherine Camp, kcamp@cfsama.com

### **Full-time Volunteers Sign Up for POWR (Cleveland, Ohio)**

We have been able to secure two full time volunteers for next year through the Humility of Mary and the Franciscan Cap Core for this upcoming year. We have also been able to recruit two college interns to help in the fall/winter.

Stacy Dever, sdever@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

## **FUND RAISER** *Ideas for 2013*

### **Parishes Interested in Raising Funds (Winona, Minnesota)**

We are collaborating with two parishes who are interested in pursuing advent fundraising projects this winter. We plan to create and mail an annual donor letter and article in late fall.

Mary Alessio, malessio@ccwinona.org

### **Partnering with Catholic Relief Services (West Palm Beach, Florida)**

The local Catholic Relief Services group is interested in providing funding for our program.

Emma Soler, pa\_refugee@catholiccharitiesdpb.org

# Upcoming Conferences



8/1 (2 pm EST)	R&P Case Management 101 (I)	Webinar	MRS Diocesan Development and Support Team	eharshaw@uscgb.org
8/8 (2 pm EST)	R&P Case Management 101 (II)	Webinar	MRS Diocesan Development and Support Team	eharshaw@uscgb.org
8/29 (2 pm EST)	Parish Volunteers (POWR)	Webinar	Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR)	dsturm@uscgb.org
9/19-20	2012 ORR National Consultation	Conference	ORR	<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/cnjnkp">www.tinyurl.com/cnjnkp</a>
9/22-25	National Immigrant Integration Conference	Conference	The National Partnership for New Americans	<a href="http://www.integrationconference.org">www.integrationconference.org</a>
9/26 (2 pm EST)	Effective Communication (POWR)	Webinar	Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR)	dsturm@uscgb.org
9/30-10/2	2012 Catholic Charities USA Annual Gathering	Conference	CCUSA	<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/c25t42o">www.tinyurl.com/c25t42o</a>
10/17 (10 am & 2 pm)	Identifying Match Grant Cash and In-Kind	Webinar	MRS Diocesan Development and Support Team	eharshaw@uscgb.org
10/18-19	National Refugee and Immigrant Conference	Conference	Center for Forced Migration Studies	<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/5w4zldk">www.tinyurl.com/5w4zldk</a>
11/13-11/15	New Director Orientation	Workshop	Migration and Refugee Services	eharshaw@uscgb.org
12/12 (10 am & 2 pm)	R&P Basics	Webinar	MRS Diocesan Development and Support Team	eharshaw@uscgb.org

## Noteworthy

### Community Embraces POWR with Open Arms (Winona, Minnesota)

POWR is being welcomed with “open arms” throughout the community. Outreach is a key component in creating the awareness needed to “open hearts” and encourage support for the refugee families. It is my experience that oftentimes the obstacle to gaining involvement in the community is the fact that there is a lack of information, or inaccurate information is circulating. We are receiving requests routinely to educate organizations and schools, and POWR provides an opportunity to encourage volunteerism and stewardship. This is life changing. Times are tough economically, for not only refugee families, but those born and raised in this country. For many, our requests for monetary donations are a hardship. Volunteerism allows people to empower by using their skills and talents. These gifts are priceless.

Mary Alessio, [malessio@ccwinona.org](mailto:malessio@ccwinona.org)

### Collaboration with Refugee Ministry Office Pays Off (Jacksonville, Florida)

The POWR Coordinator is working closely with the refugee ministry contact person in the parishes. Giving talks at the churches is one of the greatest opportunities to reach out to the community. The word of our programs has spread through the diocese and people are starting to express interest our Refugee Resettlement Program.

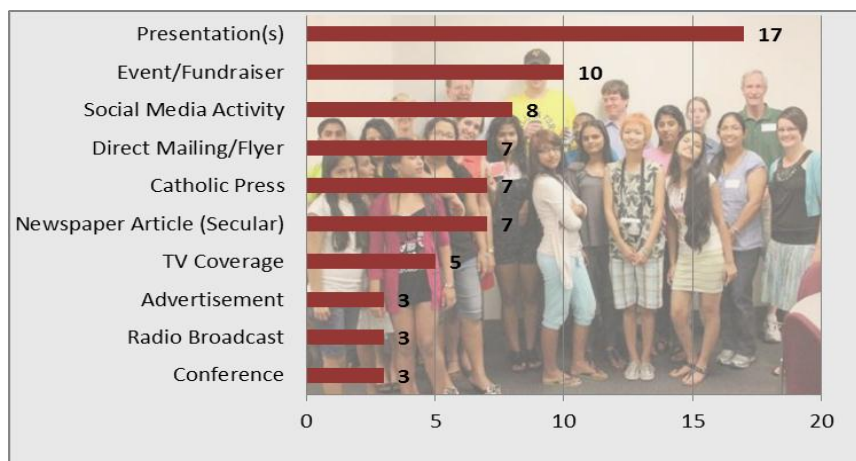
Sarah Male, [smale@ccbjax.org](mailto:smale@ccbjax.org)

### Key Parishes Become Active Partners (Hartford, Connecticut)

Many parishes that became aware of refugee resettlement through POWR initiatives have become very involved in ongoing efforts to assist our refugee population. As stated above both Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford and St. Mary’s Church in Simsbury have provided us with significant in-kind donations and have become committed to improving the lives of refugees. This has allowed us to develop contacts from these churches who have taken it upon themselves to create awareness of this population and who in turn create more opportunities for donations, etc.

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## Outreach Activities



Reporting Cycle: May-June 2012 (20 programs reporting)



## POWR Webinar Resources

Recordings and presentations are now available on the Members-Only Website.

### 1 Webinar on School Partnerships (03/15/2011)

This webinar highlights partnerships with schools and discusses the development of a *Refugee Ambassador's Guide* in Indianapolis, Ind.

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/etrainings.shtml>

### 2 Webinar on Volunteer Management (04/26/2011)

This webinar explores different approaches to utilizing volunteers, with a special focus on the use of AmeriCorps Vista funds.

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/etrainings.shtml>

### 3 Webinar on Marketing & Social Media (06/28/2011)

This webinar discusses how social media and marketing strategies can increase a program's visibility, donations and volunteer power.

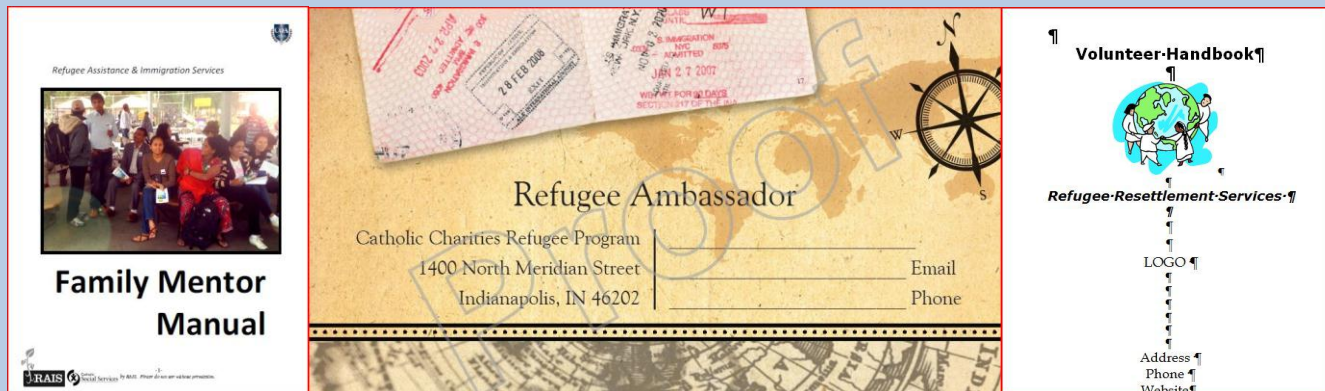
→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/etrainings.shtml>

### 4 Webinar on Special Events (08/23/2011)

This webinar highlights the opportunity of utilizing special events, such as the *Refugee Cooking Class* developed in Portland, Maine.

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/etrainings.shtml>

A new webinar series is planned for Aug. 29 and Sept. 26.



## POWR Network Volunteer Guide Books

The following volunteer guide books were developed in the context of the 2011 Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugee program. Please let us know if you wish to add your program's volunteer resources to this growing directory ([dsturm@usccb.org](mailto:dsturm@usccb.org)).

### Anchorage, Alaska

→ <http://www.cssalaska.org/files/RAIS/MANUAL.pdf>

→ <http://www.cssalaska.org/files/RAIS/Warm%20Meals.pdf>

→ <http://www.cssalaska.org/files/RAIS/Transportation.pdf>

Indianapolis, Indiana → <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/indianapolisrefugeeambassadorguide.pdf>

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/indianapolisrefugeeambassadorpassport.pdf>

### Richmond, Virginia

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/richmondvolunteerhandbookvolume1.doc> (Vol. 1 - Resettlement Services)

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/richmondvolunteerhandbookvolume2.doc> (Vol. 2 - Volunteer Roles and Job Descriptions)

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/richmondvolunteerhandbookvolume3.doc> (Vol. 3 - Volunteer Service Agreement)



# POWR Outreach *Special*



Would you like to convince more parishioners to become volunteers in your program, or refine your “elevator pitch” about refugees? The following POWR outreach tools and resources will help you improve your elevator pitch. - *The Editor*

## PARISH OUTREACH RESOURCES

### Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* Statement, “Refugees: A Challenge to Solidarity”

→ [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/corunum/documents/rc\\_pc\\_corunum\\_doc\\_25061992\\_refugees\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/corunum/documents/rc_pc_corunum_doc_25061992_refugees_en.html)

### The Iraqi Refugee Crisis: USCCB/MRS Backgrounder on Policy and Catholic Social Teachings Implications

→ <http://tinyurl.com/d3mpnn4>

### USCCB Committee on Migration Fact Finding Commission Reports

Reports of the Committee on Migration of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, with useful insights and recommendations.

→ <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/fact-finding-mission-reports/>

### USCCB Hearing Testimony at the President’s FY 2013 U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

→ <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/congressional-testimony/upload/USCCB-Testimony-5-1-12-Admissions-Hearing.pdf>

### USCCB/MRS National Migration Week Materials

Just as on the road to Emmaus, Christ’s disciples met him in the guise of a stranger, this year’s theme helps remind us that Christ makes himself present to each of us in the lonesome traveler, the newcomer, and the migrant.

→ <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/>

### Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity

This document challenges us to prepare to receive newcomers with a genuine spirit of welcome that provides a bridge for them to cross from one culture into another. A wonderful resource for communications and religious education committees, seminaries, and school superintendents.

→ <http://tinyurl.com/cssrtlx>

## GENERAL MEDIA RESOURCES

### Books and Films

Check out Project SOAR’s list of books and documentary films with a focus on the stories of refugee (overseas and domestically).

→ <http://www.ethniccommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/SOAR-books-and-films-March-2012.pdf>

### Community Media Hand Book

Useful handbook from the Community Media Center of the North Bay (Santa Rosa, California), with a focus on broadcast and alternative media.

→ <http://www.communitymedia.org/pdf/manuals/HowToDealWithTheMedia.pdf>

### Curriculum on Understanding Refugees

The Oakland School District in Waterford, Michigan has developed an integrated curriculum entitled “Understanding Refugees” to help middle school students learn more about refugees. This 10-day unit plan offers cross-curricular connections for mathematics and language arts classes, a suggested book list, additional resources, stories about refugees, and an evaluation tool.

→ <http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us/resources/externships/human/0203/HS%20332.pdf>

### Mapping Local Resources

This guide provides a step-by-step approach on how to find and map local resources in your communities to improve services to your clients.

→ <http://www.ethniccommunities.org/resources/resource-library/external-relations-partnerships-guidebooks/>

### Media Hand Book

The International Rescue Committee has developed a media handbook, which will help you with writing press releases and pitching stories to reporters.

→ <http://www.ethniccommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/MediaCommunicationsHandbookSOAR-06.17.09.pdf>

### Mythbusters: Refugee Resettlement

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has posted a useful fact sheet to its website that busts myths about refugees and immigrants

→ <http://www.lirs.org/mythbusters>

### Refugee Resettlement Frequently Asked Questions

Check out the USCCB’s frequently-asked-questions compilation about refugees, as well as some useful talking points about refugees and the economy.

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/resettlementfaqs.pdf>

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/economytalkingpoints.pdf>

### Refugee Resettlement Training Resources

The Cultural Orientation Resource Center offers training materials and resources on Cultural Orientation, Employment Readiness, and more.

→ <http://www.cal.org/co/lessonplans/webinars/webinars.html>

USCCB/MRS – a directory of media relations materials has been posted on the Members Only Website

→ <http://old.usccb.org/mrs/diows/media.shtml>



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