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# How You Can Help Ascentria

# Next Steps

## Become a Faith Ambassador with Ascentria Care Alliance

Faith Ambassadors are the point person for Ascentria within their faith community. Key responsibilities include sharing information about Ascentria with your faith group and keeping everyone up-to-date on events and partnership opportunities. You can also make a presentation to your group or arrange for an Ascentria representative to speak to your group.

### Coordinate a donation drive or fundraising event

Check out the Ascentria website for a list of in-kind donations that are most needed. Items such as toiletries, books, diapers, household goods and school supplies are always in demand.

#### Volunteer

Participate in a one-time volunteer opportunity like beautifying the yard at the Ruth House teen parenting program, or assisting with a Citizenship Clinic or World Refugee Day event. You can stay updated on these types of events via Facebook.

#### Donate online

Individual members of many congregations support Ascentria with financial donations. Donations made on Ascentria's website are secure and easy to make. Many have also remembered Ascentria in their estate planning. Gifts of any size are appreciated.

#### Your voice matters!

To support Ascentria's advocacy efforts follow us on Facebook: <u>facebook.com/ascentriacare/</u> and Twitter: <u>twitter.com/ascentria</u>. Visit our website <u>Ascentria.org</u> to learn more about important issues that we are committed too.

#### Ascentria's partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)

LIRS is an internationally recognized leader known for innovative services for refugees, asylum-seekers, unaccompanied migrant children and families, migrants in detention, and other vulnerable populations. LIRS partners with Ascentria Care Alliance and social service providers nationwide, to help migrants and refugees rebuild their lives in America. Informed by their Lutheran faith and decades of experience with migrants and refugees, they have responded to people caught in conflict and facing persecution. Grassroots advocacy is vitally important to LIRS's mission of standing with migrant and refugee communities across the country. The support of local groups and individual advocates adds strength to their voice on Capitol Hill. Add your voice! Sign up for LIRS's **Stand for Welcome Action Alerts** by visiting www.lirs.org/advocate.

Diane Fitzmaurice, Ascentria volunteer manager, can help connect you to the right person and the right program. Please contact her by phone at 774-243-3938 or via email at <u>dfitzmaurice@ascentria.org</u>.