

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Russian Oregon Social Services
4033 SE Woodstock Blvd.
Portland, OR 97202

Volunteer Description

TITLE: **Volunteer Tutor**

PURPOSE: To encourage and assist newly-arrived Russians to learn and speak English so that they will ultimately become self-sufficient citizens of American society.

DUTIES:

- Participate in initial orientation session with volunteer coordinator
- Meet at clients home once a week at mutually established time
- Help clients gain practical English language skills
- Communicate progress of tutoring sessions to volunteer coordinator on a monthly basis
- Participate in quarterly volunteer meetings

TIME REQUIRED:

- Two hours per week
- Ongoing, consistent instruction (3 months minimum)
- Time can be increased depending on intern program requirements.

SKILLS:

- Patience with and interest in working with people of limited English ability.
- Good verbal skills
- Knowledge of Russian helpful but NOT necessary

BENEFITS:

- Immense satisfaction in helping refugees adjust to and become productive citizens of American society
- Wonderful opportunity to learn about Russian culture
- If bilingual, an opportunity to utilize language skills on a one-to-one basis

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