

# The Office of Refugee Resettlement



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## World Refugee Day 2010 – A Renewed Sense of Commitment

On this day, we remember the millions of refugees – men, women, and children – who have been uprooted and fled their homes due to persecution. Refugees have witnessed some of the greatest struggles our world has ever known. They have endured suffering and pain, and often experienced atrocities beyond comprehension. But their will to survive is strong, and their resiliency is awe-inspiring.

On this day, we remember the millions of refugees on the other side of the world, their plight, and their hardship.

On this day, we also celebrate the millions of refugees who have resettled in the United States. During the past three decades, refugees have made considerable contributions to American society. They have enriched our culture and diversity; they have made significant economic contributions and revitalized communities; and they have, perhaps most importantly, taught us about the power of the human spirit and the courage to overcome adversity.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement remains committed to helping refugees find a new and safe home in the Land of the Free and showing them, firsthand, one of America's greatest virtues: its generosity.

On this day, I encourage all of us who work with refugees to refocus our efforts and renew our dedication to the important work we do – restoring hope and dignity for some of the world's most vulnerable individuals.

Sincerely,

  
Eskinder Negash