About the International Rescue Committee:
The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. For over 75 years, we have offered lifesaving care and life changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from conflict or disaster. At work today in over 40 countries and 23 U.S. cities, the IRC leads the way from harm to home.

Within the Tucson community, the IRC in Tucson provides opportunities for refugees - survivors of violent conflict - to rebuild their lives and regain self-reliance. We do this by providing intensive case management, job training and placement, mental health services, and a connection to the community that will help them achieve long-term success in becoming thriving Tucsonans.

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Here are a few ways you can get involved:

Job-Readiness Workshop

Number of Volunteers: 3-10
Time: 2-4 hours, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon
Description: IRC’s Job Readiness Workshops are designed to increase employability for newly arrived refugees. Volunteers will assist refugee clients in developing skills needed for searching and attaining employment. Teams can sign up to assist in one of the three existing training modules which include the following topics:
- Interviewing and professional skills
- Mock interview role playing
- Filling out job applications
Healthy Kids Hour

Number of Volunteers: 3-10
Time: 2-4 hours, Weekday after school
Description: The Healthy Kids Hour raises general health awareness in refugee children. Businesses will host a hygiene item drive prior to their scheduled event date to raise necessary resources for the children and their families. Teams will plan an hour long project that can reinforce children’s understanding of health or hygiene. Examples of activities can include:
- Hand-washing
- Oral hygiene
- Nutrition

Bicycle Drive

Number of Volunteers: 1-2 organizers and entire office staff
Time: Negotiable
Description: IRC will provide you with all the necessary marketing materials and resources to host a donation drive within your office. With support from your business the IRC in Tucson will distribute new bicycles, helmets, safety gear and locks to recently arrived refugees. With a bicycle and the skill to maintain it a refugee can save hundreds of dollars each year in transportation costs. Donors will help refugees overcome transportation barriers and expand their ability to access resources in Tucson. Team volunteers may optionally attend a safety training day for clients.