

Darfuri refugees getting winter clothes and guides to US life.

Because all of our Board and most of our membership have been refugees from Darfur, Sudan themselves, they know what new arrivals here in the USA often do not receive from their local resettlement agencies, and that advice and friendship from a community of your own people means everything. Three of our Board members have written a guide to life in the US dealing with goal planning, keeping a clean apartment and basic US bank and other financial options.

First we go to the Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration website and find how many people arrived in which states each month. Then, using our extensive connections nationwide in the Darfuri American community, we locate, contact and ask the new arrivals what necessities they need. When we cannot supply them from our own donated clothing supply, we purchase used jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters at second hand stores (or buy polyester blankets new, since they are so seldom donated). If they live a great distance from us, we ship their packages UPS Ground, if not we take it to them in person. All clothing/blanket packages also contain a copy of our guide to life in the US, which include our contact information and our website.

Check progress on this project and others on our website, www.dorotidarfur.org

Suggested Donation options:

\$10 sends a refugee household a guide to life in the US with two adult sweatshirts or sweaters.

\$20 sends a guide to life in the US with two winter jackets or five sweaters or sweatshirts.

\$40 sends a guide with four winter jackets or nine sweaters or sweatshirts.

\$60 sends a guide and a new queen-sized polyester blanket with three winter jackets or four sweaters or sweatshirts.

\$70 sends a guide and two new queen-sized polyester blankets with two sweatshirts or sweaters.

This list assumes several things:

- 1) that UPS Ground will cost us about \$1.56 per pound (lb.), but that larger boxes or distances greater than two hundred miles will cost more than this rate,
- 2) that we can get good used winter jackets at Louisville Goodwill stores for \$6.29 each (and that we will not receive any as donations), and that they weigh two pounds each,
- 3) that we can get adult sweatshirts or sweaters from Louisville Goodwill stores for \$4.29 each and weigh one pound each.

- 4) that we can get one queen-sized polyester blankets new for about \$25 (and that we will have to buy blankets since they are usually not donated to us or Goodwill), and that they weigh three pounds,
- 5) that we will be able to supply over half of demand for sweaters or sweatshirts from our own donated clothing supply at no cost to us, and
- 6) that each of our guides to life in the US costs us \$3.72 to make and weighs 4 ounces.

Cost of items:

A two pound adult winter jacket: \$6.29

A one pound adult sweater or sweatshirt: \$4.29

A three pound new, queen-sized polyester blanket: \$25

A four ounce DOHS Guide to Life in the US: \$3.72

UPS Ground shipment per pound, over less than 200 miles in a small to medium sized box: \$1.56/lb.

Estimated number of people served:

Assuming we want to raise a total of \$5,000 for this project, and that

35% of that will be from \$10 donations that serve one person each (\$1750, or 175 people helped),

30% of that will be from \$20 donations that serve two people each (\$1500, or 150 people helped),

25% of that will be from \$40 donations that serve four people each (\$1250, or 124 people helped),

5% of that will be from \$60 donations that serve three people each (\$250, or 13 people helped),

5% of that will be from \$70 donations that serve four people each (\$250, or 14 people helped), then

we will be serving about 476 people.