

Here's How to Sponsor An Indochina Refugee

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Want to sponsor an Indochina refugee?

Here's how: Call a toll-free telephone number in Washington where you will be asked for the following information:

- Are you calling as an individual or for a group?
- Are you calling about a specific family or in general?
- Are you offering temporary or long-term assistance?
- Are you offering food, housing, clothes, a job? What skills are involved in the job?

This information will be fed into a computer and matched with information gathered from interviews with refugees at the resettlement centers around the country.

So far, hundreds of calls have been received. A firm in Connecticut needs a secretary or clerk. A town in

Refugees Facing Connecticut Snub

HARTFORD, Conn., May 8 (UPI)—Gov. Ella Grasso, whose parents were Italian immigrants, said Wednesday that she won't extend an official state welcome to South Vietnamese refugees because Connecticut has its own problems.

"Connecticut doesn't want to react ungraciously, but I do not think at this time we can welcome these refugees to come to us unless invited by individual citizens. We have a 10 per cent unemployment problem and a hard time getting jobs for our people," she said.



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South Vietnamese refugees form chow lines to mess tents at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

South Carolina needs a town doctor and some laborers. A church in Louisiana is offering to sponsor three individuals.

A spokesman for the interagency task force coordinating the effort said, "We're asking people to think of something they can offer—free rent, food or something that will help put these people on their feet."

Such efforts have been done many times in the past, the spokesman said. "We took in about 40,000 Hungarians in 1956, about 650,000 Cubans in the early 1960s, about 1,700 Uganda-Asians in 1972. In a few months or, in the outside, a year, these people have been taxpaying members of the community."

The toll-free number is

800-368-1180. In the District of Columbia, you can call 632-9800. There are 16 phones, and operators answer calls from 8 a.m. to midnight EDT.

Those who wish to write can send the information needed to The American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, 200 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003.