



# WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Dear Friends,

The Refugee Task Force of Omaha is working on the 2008 celebration of World Refugee Day. This day has been set aside as a day to educate the country on refugee issues. Our community of Omaha is the home to thousands of refugees from various parts of the world. This free community event will be held as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, June 21, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Benson High School – 5120 Maple Street  
Omaha, Nebraska

The day will include an educational program on refugee issues, musical and dance performances by the different refugee groups, lunch, vendors with hand-made items, job fair, vision and glaucoma screening, a fashion show, awards ceremony, children's carnival and sporting events such as volleyball and soccer. Last year, over 500 individuals took part in the World Refugee Day event. This year the Planning Committee is anticipating 1,000 participants.

In order for the 2008 World Refugee Day to be a success, the planning committee is asking for your help. There are several different ways that a business, church, community group or individual can be part of this event. Financial contributions, operating a booth, volunteering at the event, promoting the event to others, sharing information about the refugee communities in Omaha or just coming to the event are all ways that will support World Refugee Day. If you would like to have a booth at the event, please complete the attached flyer. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please send a check to **Lutheran Family Services** (with the memo note indicating that it goes to World Refugee Day 2008) and mail it to

**Lutheran Family Services**  
Attn. Jeff Vandenberg  
1941 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 402  
Omaha, NE 68105

Additional promotional materials and posters will be coming out in April. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer at World Refugee Day, please contact me at 402-557-2431. I am thanking you in advance for your support of the 2008 World Refugee Day celebration.

Sincerely,  
**Susan Mayberger**  
Chairperson  
World Refugee Day Planning Committee