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## **Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island Ready to Welcome Ukrainians to the Ocean State**

*The agency responds to the U.S. government's announcement welcoming 100,000 Ukrainians to the U.S.*

Providence – With the United States government's announcement, today, that it will admit 100,000 Ukrainians to the U.S., Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, the state's largest refugee resettlement agency remains ready to welcome and support all Ukrainian who have fled the invasion and seek to find a safe, welcoming home here in Rhode Island.

"Millions of Ukrainians have had to flee their country for their lives, and they need help," exclaimed Kathy Cloutier, Dorcas International's Executive Director. "This is where we come in—we stand ready to support Ukrainians who seek refuge here. We welcome *all* who wish to call Rhode Island home."

The United States government announced 100,000 Ukrainians will likely arrive on U.S. soil between FY22 and FY23 (i.e., between this year and next). While most details remain unknown at this time, we anticipate the possibility of receiving Ukrainians with different immigration statuses—refugees, humanitarian parole, family-based or other visas. Also, while there are already a very small number of Ukrainian unaccompanied minors in the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement's care, it is not anticipated that we will see a significant number of unaccompanied Ukrainian children coming to the United States.

Since the invasion of Ukraine began, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has estimate that 3.6 million Ukrainian refugees have already fled their country, and over 2.1 million of the refugees are now in Poland. UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency, has reported that more than half the country's children have been driven from their homes and are either internally displaced or have taken refuge in neighboring countries.

For more information about the work of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, please visit [diiri.org](http://diiri.org).

*Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island strives to create a welcoming environment for all, working to empower the most vulnerable among us for the past 100 years. We meet our clients where they are by providing innovative wraparound programs and services helping those seeking to overcome educational, cultural, economic, and language barriers. A non-profit 501(c)(3), [Dorcas International](http://Dorcas International) offers adult education, language learning, job training, citizenship and immigration services, refugee resettlement, translation and interpreting, clothing and household needs, and more.*

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