

“The work they’re doing with refugees is the kind of soul-level healing the world needs more of.” - Community Partner



Over 500 Refugee Neighbors, Volunteers, Students & Children Gathered This Summer

Our 6-session Summer Program included fun for everyone in the family! We celebrated different cultures, enjoyed meals together. We had programs specific for adults, students, children, and kids with special needs. Middle and high school students from around the world volunteered, along with many adults in our community.



THREE Buses Needed for EVERY Program

Many of our refugee neighbors want to join our program, they just don't have a ride. We began by chartering one bus in 2022; this summer our THREE buses picked up neighbors in St Charles, Geneva, Batavia, North Aurora, Aurora, and Montgomery. We made a promise to our neighbors: We will come for you!



Translation Technology Helps Everyone Understand

When a refugee neighbor arrived at our Summer Program, our staff and volunteers equipped them with an iPad and headphones. Then they toggled to 1 of 63 languages. As English was

spoken into the microphone, the words were translated live into many languages, including Russian, Spanish, Swahili, French, and Farsi. For the very first time, many of our neighbors could engage in the presentations shared at Radical Love because they could understand what was being said. At Radical Love, we are working to build bridges in our community, and the very first step to doing that is to understand one another.

Since we began in 2021, we have impacted over 20,000 lives including refugees, children, low-income senior citizens, and volunteers.



Turn the page to learn more



Our Mission:
To reflect the radical love of Jesus through our work with Refugee Families, Senior Citizens, and Children

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Our Summer Program



Adults

We brought in speakers to help our adult neighbors learn about budgeting, planning for the future with money, building strong relationships, and internet safety. Adults then chose a learning track and practiced English.



Childcare & Special Needs

More than 75 children ages 5 and under were cared for this year. And we held a special program for children with special needs so that every refugee family wanting to attend had a place.

“My family came all summer on the Radical Love bus. My brother has special needs, and people cared for him each week. My mom practiced her English, and my little sister had fun. This program made my whole family happy!”

- Neighbor from Asia



We Continue to Tell The Story

In April of this year, Radical Love gave an All-School assembly at Geneva High School. Three refugee neighbors shared their stories with 1600 high school students. More than 150 students joined Radical Love following the assembly and many came to help this summer!



Kid's Program

While adults are learning and building community, our kids enjoyed soccer, basketball, taekwondo, chess, STEM activities, and volleyball.



Beach Day!

The Summer Program culminated with our annual Beach Day at Batavia Quarry, where we swam, played volleyball, enjoyed pizza and cotton candy, and celebrated a summer of community!



Radical Love Bracelets

Every participant this summer received a Radical Love bracelet, which honored the late Pastor Amos Shakyia (pastor of the local Nepali church), who died of a heart attack in May at age 40. This was the verse shared at Amos' funeral and what he spent his life sharing:

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:39-39. The verse was simplified for our bracelets:

Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus.



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First Annual Radical Love Student SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED For Higher Education

Congratulations to Priscila Adela!



Priscila Adela, our African Outreach Coordinator, embodies the mission of Radical Love. Priscila first came on the Radical Love bus as a participant in our Summer Program. Soon after, she became a student volunteer, helping with our kids' program. We hired her last Spring, and through her love and compassion, more African neighbors are coming to Radical Love. Priscila entered her junior year at a local university; the scholarship will cover her books and supplies.

Coming Up: Christmas Around The World

Saturday, December 13

We need volunteers of all ages to help us with this special event. The morning includes welcoming our refugee neighbors, sharing a meal together, doing a craft, and having each child visit our "Giving Workshop," where they will select presents for the adults in their life. Our event culminates with a talent show, featuring the many cultures represented at Radical Love.



2025 Celebration of Community & Fundraiser

The evening brought together 250 neighbors, who worked to raise over \$136,000 for Radical Love! We had over 30 silent auction baskets, and a live auction that included 12 couples winning trips to Greece! Woven into the night were powerful stories and beautiful music by our refugee neighbors.

🌟 SAVE THE DATE 🌟

August 7, 2026

Celebration of Community & Fundraiser
Acquaviva Winery

Radical Love has become a trusted friend to hundreds of refugee neighbors in our community. We work to know each person by name; it's slow and intentional, but we're trying to love like how Jesus loved, and that is **one person at a time**.



Our Fundraising Stays Local

Invest in Radical Love today and then come to one of our programs to see your generosity in ACTION.

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14 Schools & Housing Complexes

When we began Radical Love, we were helping 1 school; we now partner with 14 schools and housing complexes in our community, helping to provide snacks for hungry children, assisting with needed items such as school supplies and winter gear, and celebrating teachers at each of these schools (many do not have a PTO to run teacher appreciation events).

Our Team

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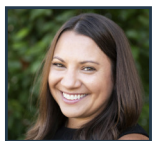


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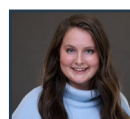
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Speaks Spanish



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Speaks Russian & Ukrainian



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You Are Loved Crew Sweatshirts

Our newest sweatshirt line, featuring the 12 languages spoken at Radical Love! Help us share this vital message! Our languages include (as seen in order on the sweatshirt): Spanish, Swahili, Karen, Nepali, Russian, English, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Farsi, Kinyarwanda, Mongolian, and French. God hears and understands each of these languages, and He loves us ALL.



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