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DES PLAINES WELCOMES FAMILIES SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE U.S.

DES PLAINES, Illinois (October 1, 2022) – Today, the City of Des Plaines welcomed a group of asylum seekers to our community. These families and individuals will be assigned to temporary housing in the City as they proceed through the legal immigration and asylum seeking process. They are often fleeing dangerous situations in their home countries.

City leaders were made aware of this potential situation late last week and have been in regular communication with State officials regarding the process. Des Plaines Mayor Andrew Gozckowski indicated that the City was willing to assist in getting these families situated. Gozckowski said, “I am proud to represent a community as diverse and welcoming as Des Plaines, and I am pleased that our state has the capacity and willingness to welcome these asylum seekers with dignity, compassion, and open arms.”

At this time, the State of Illinois has not requested any resources from the City of Des Plaines. However, the City will continue to collaborate with State and local officials to ensure the safety of these families and provide support as needed.

On Sept. 14, Governor Pritzker issued an emergency disaster proclamation that enables state and local agencies to provide the assistance needed by these families. The Illinois Department of Human Services is spearheading donation and volunteer efforts and the City is encouraging all who want to support those initiatives to [visit the IDHS website](#). Onsite donations cannot be accepted.

The City will remain in contact with State officials and will continue to share any new information or updates it receives with the community.

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