



Refugee Spring Summit and Bike Drive

May 20 CLE Brown Bag Lunch at HCBA

May 21 Workshops, Food and Fun at HCBA 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Donations of new or used ADULT bicycles, helmets, lights, locks

A Community Event organized by the HCBA Diversity Committee in collaboration with DCF Refugee Services, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Services of Florida and Gulf Coast Jewish and Community Services.

Purpose: Provide a fun and educational event where the legal community and refugee community meet and learn about each other, establishing a relationship of trust and respect for each other.

Did you know....

- Refugees did not choose to leave their homeland. They fled because of a well-founded fear of persecution and were granted refugee status by our country. Many refugees aspire to go home when things get better.
- Many refugees arrive with little more than the clothes they are wearing.
- The United States resettles more refugees than any other country and Florida resettles more than any other state. Tampa is the third largest city in Florida for refugee resettlement, behind Miami and Jacksonville.
- Hillsborough County resettles approximately 600 refugees a year, the majority from Cuba, but also Burmese, Ethiopians, Iraqis, Eritreans, Nepalese, and many other nationalities.
- Most adult refugees depend upon bicycles to travel to and from work, school, and English as a Second Language classes. Some refugees commute by bicycle from Fowler Avenue to downtown hotels.

How can I or my firm help:

Make a donation: a new or used ADULT bicycle, helmet, lights or bike lock.

If you would rather make a financial donation for the purchase of an item(s): Please make checks payable to HCBA Bicycle Drive

Attend the CLE on May 20, 2011 Brown bag lunch

Attend the Refugee Spring Summit on May 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the HCBA

For more information about participating organizations, go to:

Lutheran Services of Florida: www.lsfnet.org

Gulf Coast Jewish and Community Services:

www.gulfcoastjewishfamilyandcommunityservices.org/refugee/

FL DCF Refugee Services: www.dcf.state.fl.us/refugee

Catholic Charities: www.ccdosp.com

