

At some point in your life, you've probably felt like an outsider. Maybe you're new to Houston and it doesn't feel like home yet. Or you feel forgotten, excluded for some reason, like you'll never belong. These experiences of "being on the outside" can connect us to each other—resettled refugees, immigrants, and local Houstonians alike.

FAM Houston believes it takes insiders and outsiders befriending one another in community. As one of our volunteers put it:

"Just as we strive to make our refugee friends feel loved and not alone, they also make me feel welcome, loved, and part of their community. FAM Houston inspires me to hope more, be more grateful, and love my neighbor as myself."



OUR MISSION

To work for justice by building empowered community among refugees, immigrants and local Houstonians. We do this through four practices...



1

Hospitality

the unconditional sharing of one's self + the unconditional welcome of others



2

Mutuality

the commitment to creating and maintaining relationships that go both ways



3

Storytelling

acknowledging and embracing our similarities while recognizing and celebrating differences that show how we're woven together



4

Inclusivity

celebrating differences + helping someone understand they are needed and invited to join you on their own terms



OUR PROGRAMS

Women's Empowerment Group

WEG creates brave space for Congolese and other refugee women to find mutual community with American women, build a support network, and grow in confidence while navigating life in Houston. Our collaborative initiatives include adult English classes, emergency assistance, women's and pediatric healthcare support, and the Youth Empowerment Group.

Throughout the school year, we meet weekly on Thursday mornings on Zoom to share resources and check on each other.

Pamoja

Meaning "together" in Swahili, Pamoja pairs newcomer and Houstonian families to form relationships, engage in mutual learning, and walk alongside one another through life's ups and downs.

Our companioning model bridges gaps for newcomers and locals. Companions receive comprehensive training before they are matched with a family. Our hope is that companions will check in weekly.

Shamba Ya Amani (Farm of Peace)

Our community farm in Alief is run by resettled refugees, immigrants, and local Houstonians with the hope that this agricultural endeavor will serve as a model for increasing food access and human connection.

We gather every Saturday morning to tend the community field, harvest vegetables, and host seasonal events like Cut-Your-Own Bouquet Days. Volunteers are always welcome!

Location: 8401 Dairy View Lane

Congregational Partners

We provide pathways for faith communities to discern vision of ministry with their neighbors and strategically engage in local relational ministry with the community.

- Westbury United Methodist Church
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- Chapelwood United Methodist Church
- Memorial Drive United Methodist Church

Storytelling

Creative workshops and community events for all ages that invite neighbors into the practice of personal and communal storytelling.

Workshops are held seasonally and are often facilitated by local artists and creatives.

Epworth League

A city-wide ministry for 18-35-year-olds that provides community, fosters discipleship, and equips leaders to love their neighbors and serve God and the Church.

We meet weekly on Tuesday nights for dinner and a guest speaker. Location: Houston-area churches on rotation.

Do you want to support FAM and be involved in the next part of our story? Contact us!

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