

Wishing you
a wonderful holiday season
and new year of peace and happiness

- JVS Board of Directors and Staff

We wish you all the best for a bright and happy holiday season. In observance of the upcoming holidays, our offices will close:

Thursday, 12/24
Closing at 3:00 PM

Friday, 12/25
Closed all day

Thursday, 12/31
Closing at 3:00 PM

Friday, 1/1
Closed all day



GIVE BACK AND GIVE HOPE

We kicked off the giving season last week with Giving Tuesday, [sharing stories](#) of the remarkable individuals we work with year round -- stories of perseverance, hope and success. Individual donations are an integral part of making these successes possible, and we appreciate receiving end of year gifts.

To make sure your gift is counted as being received in 2015, allow ample mailing time or give online at bit.ly/Donate2JVS. To give by phone, please call (617) 399-3272. Together, we can continue to empower the more than 20,000 people JVS serves annually.

Donate



Our Refugee Services staff wearing shirts from a rally at the State House which showed support for Syrian refugees.

LEGACY OF REFUGEE SUPPORT & ADVOCACY

JVS and JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) released a [joint statement](#) on the Syrian refugee crisis, reiterating our shared commitment to refugee resettlement and protection. The statement was mentioned in [The Boston Globe](#) as one of numerous decries from statewide religious communities on the call for banning Syrian refugees in Massachusetts.

JVS has been welcoming and integrating immigrants into our communities and economy for over 75 years, when the first victims of the Holocaust began arriving from Austria and Germany. The languages spoken and countries of origin may have changed, but the needs remain the same.

Volunteer Opportunity

Seeking volunteers to help teach computer skills at both basic and intermediate levels. To learn more about these opportunities, and others, visit our [Volunteer Match page](#).



CITIZENSHIP SERVICES

Have you heard of the JVS Citizenship Program that offers citizenship services, with flexible scheduling for working adults? The program provides help completing the citizenship application, preparation for the citizenship test and interview, as well as fee waiver and disability waiver assistance. **There are openings through December 31, 2015.**

Learn More

Service List

FACES OF JVS: Jessica Cirone

Jessica is the Manager of Refugee Services at JVS, supporting staff who assist over 500 individuals annually in obtaining a first job in the United States. She also outreaches to employers to strengthen job placement opportunities, and collaborates with colleagues across the agency to support JVS's mission. Her prior work included helping community members achieve economic stability with LIFT-Boston, directing the Yemeni Refugee Program, and running educational programs at FECS in New York, NY. Jessica has also worked in association with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Meheba Refugee Settlement located in Northwestern Zambia.

