

CONNECTING



Susanna Lubanga was born and raised in Heidelberg, Germany where she attended school and two years of university. She transferred to Abilene Christian University in 2002 and graduated from ACU with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations. She began working for the International Rescue Committee in 2005 as a case worker. Over the past 10 years, Susanna has held various positions, supervising all major grants and took on the role as Resettlement Director in August of 2012.

WHAT CAN I DO TO GET MY FAMILY MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY?

- Mentor a refugee family
- Assist with ESL and civics classes
- Intern or volunteer in the office
- Volunteer as an ad hoc volunteer setting up apartments and taking new families to the Christian Service Center
- Tutor a refugee student (new program!)
- Group volunteers – host an interview workshop, help out with yard work, organize a donation fair for refugees etc.
- Hire a refugee

Susanna is married to Joell, a native of Kenya and the couple has two children. She is active at Highland Church of Christ, on the Hendricks Women's Health Advisory Council, as the current chair of the visiting committee to ACU's political science department and as President of the Taylor elementary PTO board. Susanna is a graduate of Leadership Abilene and coaches youth soccer in her spare time.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFO?

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The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future.

The IRC Abilene opened its door in October 2003 and began resettling refugees in January 2004. Refugees arrive from many different countries and are successful in rebuilding their lives and future in Abilene. The IRC assists through case management, employment services, ESL, youth programming, vocational training, cultural orientation, New Roots garden programs, children's programming, and immigration services. Refugee clients are now citizens, home owners, and business owners in Abilene.

