

What is it like to
spend a summer
with RRRRS?



Meet an Employee



Hi, I'm Gabe, and I've spent the Summer as RRRS' social media coordinator. RRRS relies on volunteers and donations, so being able to communicate our various projects to the general public is very useful. Also, especially in recent years, it's important that people understand that refugees and asylum seekers, no matter where they come from, want the same things for themselves and their families as anyone else. Showing how they work hard and engage with Rochester's community has been rewarding, and I've learned a lot in the process, too.

At RRRS, I've been encouraged to employ my strengths not only in relation to social media, but also drawing on my education in English and psychology. I've worked with several people on various projects, from a series of infographics to documenting events such as a Somali Independence Day celebration. Everyone here is motivated to help people in need, and they've always had my back when learning the ropes or encountering new challenges.

Meet an Intern



Hi! My name is Liz and I am a recent graduate of SUNY Geneseo, with a degree in International Relations and Spanish. As RRRS' summer intern, I've spent the last few months working on a handful of projects, with most of my time dedicated to the ARSEO (Advancing Student Refugee Education Opportunities) program. I served as lead facilitator for the five week program that sought to expose Rochester area refugee kids to subjects they've learned or will learn during the school year such as reading, writing, math and career opportunities.

My time at RRRS has been a great experience and I feel that I have learned so much professionally and personally. Through this internship I have been able to personify what were my academic interests at Geneseo into real-world practice, and it has solidified my goal of working in the field of international relations and foreign policy. RRRS offers a great work environment to learn and grow as a professional and individual, and I am incredibly grateful for my time there!

Meet a Volunteer



Hello! My name is Emma and I am a college student studying Political Science and Spanish with an interest in international relations. I got involved with RRRS because of my academic interests but also my desire to help others and the Rochester community. As a volunteer, I have gotten the chance to be involved with multiple different projects, however, I spent the majority of my time as an assistant to the ARSEO program, a summer education opportunity for middle-school-aged refugee students. In the classroom, I led and facilitated activities and lessons involving writing, reading, life skills, and math. I also had the chance to chaperone on local educational field trips with the students.

Volunteering with RRRS has been a rewarding experience that worked effortlessly into my schedule, with flexible hours and accessible staff. My time with RRRS has provided me with growth opportunities professionally, as I hope to be the lead facilitator for ARSEO next summer, as well as personal growth. It is a supportive and dedicated work environment that I have had the pleasure to be a part of as a volunteer, and I can't wait to be back next summer!



Meet a Volunteer

Hello! My name is Ingrid, and I am a rising senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School. This is my second summer volunteering with RRRS. Last year I worked primarily with a group of volunteers as RRRS began the development of their legal assistance program. I was so happy to return this year and have the ability to spend more time in the office. This summer I have had the pleasure of spending much of my time with children in English language lessons as well as briefly assisting in the ARSEO program. I enjoyed reading books, drawing and doing crafts with the amazing kids at RRRS!

Returning to RRRS has been a wonderful experience, as it has given me the opportunity to work with other passionate volunteers and continue to learn more about issues facing the refugee community. Volunteering at RRRS has provided an incredible way to engage with my community!