The Cache Refugee Immigrant Connection (CRIC) creates a community for everyone and works hard to support those leaving their homeland due to discrimination, violence and inequality. Founded in 2013, the nonprofit organization provides numerous resources for diverse refugees and immigrants, and helps to cultivate a safe and welcoming home for those adapting to life in a new place.

CRIC embodies inclusion and promotes diversity for individuals moving to Cache Valley as it serves more than 270 individuals from over 25 countries to support their integration into the community and country. The organization provides walk-in hours where refugees and immigrants can meet with community volunteers to complete job searches and immigration application, as well as receive education support. Over the years, CRIC has also provided several services that help refugees and immigrants integrate into the community, including a citizenship study group and a driver’s license study group.

By nourishing acceptance of individual differences, CRIC has become a beacon to those needing assistance as they embark on a journey aimed at self-improvement and protection of human rights. The organization strives to enhance community relations, hosting a Thanksgiving potluck dinner every year, and it grows a community garden every summer so that refugees and immigrants have an opportunity to grow and harvest fresh produce. CRIC supports children by collecting school supplies in an annual back-to-school-supply drive and encourages meaningful social connections through its Neighborhood Program. CRIC also works with USU to provide important educational experiences for students taking the Multicultural Psychology course, which provides for rich experiences to increase contact between students and refugees and immigrants.