

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

It has been almost two years since God laid it on our hearts to explore refugee sponsorship as a congregation. Several churches are currently partnered including; MRCC, MRBC, Jubilee Church, Church on the Rock and NorthRidge.

We are sponsoring a family of 7. They are a father and a mother with 5 children: 2 young adults and 3 in high school. They will be arriving some time this late summer or early fall.

If you will be involved with the family in a more hands on capacity then you will need to have a Criminal Record Check completed. Contact the office for more information. It is free and only takes a few minutes.

All areas need more team members. Please consider your giftings and where you can help us. Thank you !

Fundraising

Thank you to those that have contributed. So far we have raised over \$98,000 which will be shared with this family and another private sponsorship that we will also be pursuing in the near future.

Transportation

A Co-lead to help organize rides along with June Busch.

More volunteers willing to be drivers for appointments – both men and women are needed. Also, people willing to teach them the bus system so we can help them be independent.

Furnishing/Clothing

Help for Lori Robinson with coordinating household set-up and move in. We will need vehicles and extra help.

We still need a few household items. Contact us and we can send you the list. Old cell phones that are working would be helpful. We also need to stock a pantry and would like help with that.

Housing

Led by Nancy Greenall and Noreen Odell.

Please be in prayer and spread the word that we need to house 1 family of 7. A central location near shopping and the bus route would be ideal.

We also need options for temporary housing for when they first arrive as arrival notice will be very short and help setting up the house when they do.

ESL

One or two people to help coordinate this area.

We need people to volunteer to be tutors and have conversational English with members of the family.

Education

Karla Vernon is coordinating other aspects of education with public school enrollment. We are looking for laptops for the high school students.

Homemaking/Social Skills

Led by Kathy Bartel and Tanya Westlund.

We need more people to show them Canadian life, how to shop, cook, maintain a house, practice English, help with school work, share activities like: soccer, picnics, music, coffee meetups etc ... We need men (especially), women and young adults.

Some prepared meals for the first week would be lovely.

Medical

We need one or two people to help oversee this task. Lots of information has been compiled and we have doctors and a dentist lined up but we need someone to oversee and coordinate.

Employment

Church on the Rock is overseeing this team. If you have employment options please let us know. They likely will have to work on ESL first and we don't know what their prior jobs were.

Prayer Team

We would love a dedicated prayer team for the family, those involved helping and for the year in general with all that is required of this process. If you would like to lead that, or be on that list please let us know so we can create one. We would then send out prayer requests as needed throughout the year. At this time we need prayer for their safe arrival, a smooth transition in to Canadian life, for resources to come into place i.e housing, and for solid communication between us and the family avoiding any misunderstandings and confusion.

For all general inquiries or interest in getting involved, please contact either Leah Pillet (MRCC) 476.2141 or lpillet@hotmail.com or Leanne Cody (MRBC) 467.3310 or lcody@shaw.ca