



Semi-Annual Newsletter



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Announcement

In 2022, DOORS wants to make sure our sponsors stay informed. The world of refugee sponsorship can change quickly, and it can be difficult to keep up with new information.

This newsletter will be distributed semi-annually and will cover DOORS activities, IRCC updates and useful information from some of our partners.

We want to thank all our sponsors and partners for the wonderful support you give us as we continue to navigate these changes

We hope our sponsors will feel more connected to our program and we invite your ideas.

Mimi Merrill, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator (DOORS)

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The First 6 months

With increasing interest in sponsorship and the challenges of the current COVID-19 Pandemic, it is important for DOORS to run as efficiently as possible. Here are some of our plans.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY

- In these months DOORS will be focusing on reviewing the application statuses of our applications that were submitted 2017-2020. As a sponsor who has applied during this timeframe, you may be contacted for additional information.
- Prepare Operation Afghan Safety applications for submission
- Launch our volunteer search: We are on mission to find committed volunteers to assist us with our work

MARCH – APRIL

- By March, we hope to have received our full allocations for the year and we will begin preparing regular applications for submission
- We will continue our efforts in preparing sponsors for possible IRCC monitoring.
- Submit Operation Afghan Safety Applications
- Receive regular applications from our sponsors

MAY – JUNE

- Application submission will begin with a goal to submit all applications before September. (We aim to submit applications much earlier than this if we can secure enough volunteers).
- We hope to host a sponsor recruitment event in June.



If you are interested in learning more about Operation Afghan Safety, please e-mail:

doorsref@gmail.com

E-mail Subject Line: Operation Afghan Safety – Sponsor Interest

AFGHAN INITIATIVE

At the end of 2021, the government of Canada announced a commitment to assist in the resettlement of 40 000 Afghanistan nationals who have become refugees due to the events that unfolded in the country last year.

This led to the creation of Operation Afghan Safety a program designed to privately sponsor highly vulnerable Afghan refugees.

DOORS will be participating in the initiative and has committed to start with 10 spaces and if needed we will request more.

The Afghan Refugees who are eligible for this program, must fall into the following categories:

LGBTI, Persecuted Religious Minority, Human Rights Defender, Women Leaders, Journalist

DID YOU KNOW?

DOORS had no new arrivals last year until late 2021. We are happy to see travel plans begin to pour in much earlier this year.



UPCOMING WEBINARS, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS

DOORS works closely with the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) and we would love our sponsors to benefit from the wealth of knowledge RSTP provides, by letting you know about the upcoming events:

UPCOMING

G5/CS Post-Arrival Financial Calculations Workshop

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

G5/CS Sponsors' Post-Arrival Responsibilities Workshop

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

(please visit this link to find registration details:
<https://www.rstp.ca/en/training/webinars/>)



DOORS Upcoming events:

Application Review Workshop

Feb 15th 7pm (invitation link will be sent out soon)

March 1st 7pm

Financial Policy Webinar

Feb 25th 7pm

DID YOU KNOW?

DOORS keeps a list of refugees who are looking for a sponsor. Many of these refugees have friends and family in the area but need a sponsor to bring them to Canada. Contact us if you can help.