

DID YOU KNOW THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON IS AN OFFICIAL PARTNER FOR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP WITH THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF ONTARIO?

Yes, that's true. Diocese of Ontario Refugee Support (DOORS) is officially registered with Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH).

This means that the government recognizes and gives permission to DOORS to formally undertake refugee sponsorship on behalf of themselves and co-sponsoring groups.



DOORS has been working successfully to serve sponsorship groups and refugees for over 20 years in the Kingston area!

MORE INFO 

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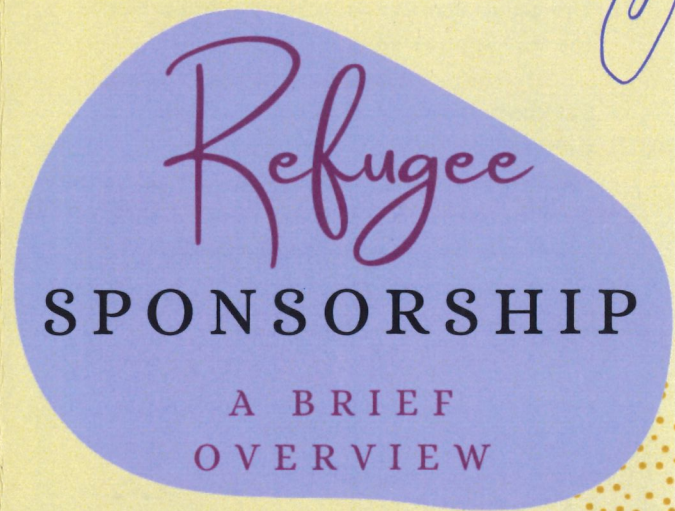
WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS, PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT SPONSORSHIP, OR ARRANGE TO MEET WITH YOUR PARISH GROUP.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

IRCC AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.CANADA.CA/EN/IMMIGRATION-REFUGEES-CITIZENSHIP.HTML](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html)

RSTP (REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM)
AT: [HTTPS://WWW.RSTP.CA/EN/](https://www.rstp.ca/en/)



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HOW DOES DOORS SPONSOR REFUGEES?

The most common categories of sponsorships are:

- **PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP:** A group offering to sponsor a refugee that they have identified. The group also assumes 100% responsibility for that sponsorship.
- **BLENDED SPONSORSHIP:** BVOR (Blended Visa Office Referred) is an agreement by a group to sponsor a person(s) already identified by the government. As such, they receive financial support to assist with the settlement requirements.



WHO CAN GET INVOLVED WITH REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Anyone who is a:

- Canadian citizen
- Permanent resident
- A member of a First Nation
- And is over the age of 18



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP?

- Through your parish as a member of a Constituent Group
- As a member of a group of five
- Through a community partnership with a Co-sponsoring group
- By financially supporting DOORS or another sponsoring group
- By providing "in-kind" support for arriving refugees



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KEEP IN MIND THAT THE IRCC CONTINUES TO REVAMP THE SPONSORSHIP PROCESS - SO WHAT WAS TRUE YESTERDAY MAY NOT BE THE CASE TOMORROW!

IS SPONSORSHIP COMPLICATED?

Any settlement undertaking takes:

- Planning
- Good organization
- Time



BUT you are not alone ... there are many settlement agencies in the community who assist sponsorship groups - this is where DOORS can assist.

HOW GREAT IS THE NEED FOR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP?

- The number of refugees hoping for sponsorship has never been greater nor more pressing.
- Many applicants have been waiting over 10 years for sponsors, often in very challenging conditions.
- In any given year, only about 1% of eligible applicants are successful in migrating to a host country such as Canada.
- Without the work of SAH's like DOORS, the crisis would be even more serious.



BUT HASN'T THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ALREADY AGREED TO ACCEPT THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN AND THE UKRAINE?

- Canada has agreed to settle at least 40,000 Afghan refugees, about 17,050 of whom have already arrived. Their settlement is being wholly assisted by the government.
- As far as the tragic displacement of people from Ukraine goes, these asylum seekers are not technically refugees and are being brought to Canada temporarily through a special program that does not involve sponsorship.