## What Moves You?

The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly fundraising bike + walk in support of Journey Home serving people seeking hope, safety, and freedom. **Join us Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025!** 

Dear Friends,

Journey Home Community offers transitional housing, settlement assistance and relational support to refugee claimants who typically arrive in Canada with nothing.

We are raising funds for Journey Home Community through Ride for Refuge, <u>will you help</u> <u>us?</u> Our goal is \$5,000. Journey Home's goal is to raise \$150,000.

Let's support refugee claimants who have been persecuted in their home country. Our hope is they will feel accepted and welcomed in Canada. While Journey Home provides essential living resources, perhaps their greatest gift is community, friendship and love.

Do you know that refugee settlement needs are rising steeply? In 2024 Journey Home Community welcomed over 300 refugees in the lower mainland and expect to do the same this year. Unfortunately, we turn families away every week because we do not have enough resources.

Please support our Ride for Refuge team Nelson Ave Community to raise funds for JHC and welcome more families. There are two ways you can participate:

## **Donate Only**

If you are unable to join my team, but would like to help me reach our goal you may use this: <a href="https://ride.w-ith.me/NACC">https://ride.w-ith.me/NACC</a> to get a tax receipt right away! Cash, please envelope and put you email address, home address, and name on the front. Donate to a team member or to the team!

## Walk/Bike/Donate

On September 23, 2023 I invite you to join with others in Richmond! If you would like to walk or bike please use the following link <a href="https://ride.w-ith.me/NACC">https://ride.w-ith.me/NACC</a>

Any amount will be most helpful and appreciated; donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. Our team goal is to raise \$5,000 – we hope to exceed this greatly!!

Cheques can be made out to RIDE FOR REFUGE with Richmond in the memo line.

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If you can come to the event, we are meeting at Richmond Christian School, Elementary Campus @ 5240 Woodwards Road, Richmond BC V7E 1HI. This is the location for our start, finish and celebration! Hear first-hand of the impact you have made in the lives of refugee claimants. This event will celebrate our Captains, Participants, Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers.

However you choose to support this cause, we would love you to join us for our Celebration Event following the walk or ride. Please let us know if as a donor, you plan to join us for the celebration event by registering on the website as a team member.

As long as you donate and register you can join in even if you don't walk or ride.

There will be a 50K+ Ride scheduled earlier in the day and ending before 12:00 Noon lunch. See David Pel or Peter Van Ooyen if you wish to ride a longer distance. To sign up, indicate "offsite" on your registration.

Event Day Schedule:

10 AM Meet and Register 11:00 AM Move

12 PM Munch and Celebrate - Lunch will be served with enough food for everyone. Those who are first to arrive, please wait until everyone has been served lunch to see if there is extra left for seconds. Throughout the lunch, it's going to be a beautiful celebration. Please make plans to stay through this event if you can.

1 PM Event Ends

If you have any questions or want to learn more about this cause that is close to my heart, please call or email me. For more information please visit <u>Richmond (Journey Home Community)</u> - <u>Ride for Refuge 2025</u> Click on the icons as you scroll down for all kinds of great information!

For Journey Home and our Team,

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