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***Together, we can
provide a lifeline
for families fleeing
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search of safety!***

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About Us

We are a group of concerned citizens in the Madawaska Valley appealing to our community to help sponsor and settle a refugee family.

Our Goals:

- Assist a refugee family with children in the settlement process
- Help them adapt to and learn about Canadian society
- Enable them to live independently, find employment, and join the ranks of hardworking Canadian citizens

Refugees are:

Ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances, forced to flee their home country due to war, injustice or lack of protection.

Who can sponsor a refugee?

With approval from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, a group of at least five Canadian citizens may sponsor a refugee or refugee family.

Sponsor Responsibilities

With assistance from the Government of Canada, **we will be responsible for financial support during the family's first 12 months in the country**, or until the family becomes self-sufficient in that time frame. **Housing, furnishing, clothing and household supplies must be in place upon arrival.** We must help the family settle in the community by finding doctors, dentists, applications for OHIP, and other benefits as applicable. In addition, we must find and support education and language training for children and adults.

A key role for our group is to provide emotional support to the family as they make the transition from refugee to resident.

Refugee Benefits:

Upon arrival in Canada, refugees are permanent residents of the country and are entitled to:

- Apply for OHIP
- A SIN card
- The right to work
- Other federal/provincial benefits as applicable

More Info: How can you help?

Refugee family selection is based on the needs of the individual or family and corresponding community resources.

You can help support a family as they make the transition from refugee to resident by **donating funds, household goods, or volunteering your time** as they settle in our community.

Following the sponsor's application and funding being in place, it can take up to three months for a family to be selected and settled.

After three years living in Canada as a permanent resident, refugees may apply for Canadian citizenship.

