



Syrian children in a refugee camp in Jordan

The Fairlawn Refugee Sponsorship Program

In 2015 Fairlawn Avenue United Church celebrates its 100th anniversary. We are celebrating our past by working to give one family a better future in Canada. A future without war. A future with possibilities and opportunities. A future supported by a community who believes we are connected to God and each other by love. Thank you for helping us make this dream a reality.



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Ways to Help

- Fundraise with a Dinner Party
- Donate Money
- Volunteer

We will require many volunteers to take on small, defined tasks.

These may include sourcing or donating furniture and clothing, cleaning and stocking the apartment, taking the family to a Service Ontario office, introducing the family to the library or community centre, helping with a fundraising event at Fairlawn and so on.

You may sign up on the fairlawnchurch.ca website or by speaking with a member of the Fairlawn Refugee Sponsorship Project Team. To make a donation, make the cheque out to Fairlawn Avenue United Church. In the memo line write Refugee Fund.

Contact us
www.fairlawnchurch.com



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Why sponsor a family of refugees?

The conflict in Syria has led to millions of people being displaced, both within Syria and in the neighboring countries. This is such a large problem that many of us think that we can't make difference. That is not true.

You can change the lives of one family. Fairlawn Avenue United Church wants to give one family an opportunity to start a new life in Canada. We can do that with help from our congregation, our friends and our community. You can help us.

How much does it cost to sponsor a family?

We need to raise funds to support the family for a year while they transition to their new country.

Our goal is to raise \$35,000. This will cover start-up, monthly expenses and a small contingency amount. This amount will allow the family a very modest standard of living.

We have raised well over half of the necessary funds but there is still a ways to go. We invite you to contribute to this designated fund as generously as you are able. Donations will be tax-receiptable.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

~Anne Frank



How does it work?

Fairlawn will apply for a family under the guidance of AURA (Anglican United Refugee Alliance).

We plan to apply for a family of five. They are United Nations designated refugees and will have likely been living in a refugee camp for some time.

How will Fairlawn support the family when they come to Canada?

- **Financial support for 12 months**
- Start-up support – find and furnish an apartment, meet at airport
- Integration – help find a doctor, schools, language class, government services, interpreters, employment
- Emotional support