How Can I Help?

- Bring in cash, cheque, or donate online.
 Tax receipts will be issued!
- Cheques should be made payable to Calvary United Church (our sponsorship partner) or to WCI if no tax receipt is needed.
- Canada Helps ONLINE website donation, search Calvary United Church, look for St. Jacobs, select "WCI/Calvary Refugee Fund" on the drop down menu.
- ONLINE links are on the WCI website, and this pamphlet!
- Support a Fast for Freedom participant with a monetary pledge. Contact Student Activities for details.
- Volunteer for the Refugee Support Committee – see Ms. Shortreed, Ms. Schulze or Mr. Nickel.
- Donate an In-Kind Service or Goods for more details, see the list we need on our WCI website: wci.wrdsb.ca
- Follow our progress on WCI's Twitter and Facebook page (#WCIcares)

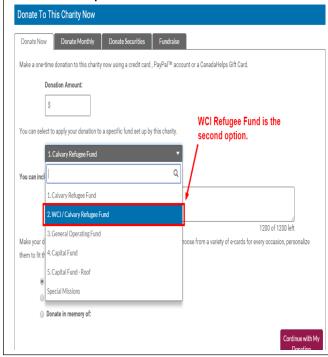
ONLINE DONATIONS:



http://bit.ly/wci-refugee

DON'T FORGET.....

Pick *WCI/Calvary Refugee Fund* on the Canada Helps site!



WCI Refugee Family Sponsorship

Help Us Help Others!



We are taking action because **we care** and because **we can**!

Help WCI welcome a Refugee family to our community.

Tel: 519-884-9590 (School number)

wci.wrdsb.ca

Our Story

WCI has committed to private co-sponsorship of a Refugee family!

The family will have school-age children and will become part of our school's community. This family had a safe, healthy, productive life that has been replaced by war and homelessness.

An amazing group of WCI staff and students are committing to ensuring all aspects of the family's first year in Canada are taken care of for them, **and you can help**!

WCI has a long history of caring for our local and global communities and we see this **groundbreaking sponsorship** as our next step in making that caring real.

We believe *our actions are as important as our money*, and our commitment to this family for all aspects of their support in their first year in Canada is testament to our values.

We believe **no one is a refugee by choice**, and that these human beings are the classmate or friend we just haven't been introduced to yet.

Our Partners

The **Mennonite Central Committee** (MCC) is our **Sponsorship Agreement Holder**. They are providing resources and information.

Calvary United Church in St. Jacobs is our amazing **Constituent Group**. They are the group shouldering the financial and legal obligations for WCI. For this reason, donations will be made through this church's name and tax receipts will be issued by the church.

WCI is the co-sponsor for the Refugee family we will be matched with; providing all financial and day-to-day supports for the first vear!

Refugee Facts •

- 1 in 122 people in the world is a refugee
- 80% of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries
- Refugees make up 8.9% of Canadian immigrants
- 1.6% of Canadian immigrants are privately sponsored
- WCI's sponsorship will be through a Blended Visa Office Referred initiative (BVOR)

We Need You!

- Donate Money! Our campaign dates are Dec. 14- Jan. 15.
- We need to raise over \$30,000.00!
- Donate In-Kind services or goods! We need housing, medical, dentist, household items, clothing, etc. See the WCI website for a full list.
- **Participate** in a WCI fundraising event, or design your own community fundraising event!



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