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Helping Syrian Refugees—Edmonton Presbytery

A Resource for United Church Congregations, and Others Who Are Want To Help

There is a great deal of good-will in Edmonton and the Capital Region, as we seek ways to help Syrian Refugees. A number of United Church congregations are working toward sponsoring refugees. Some are in the beginning stages, and some are well underway.

If you are interested in helping, you can contact these congregations, or agencies that work in resettlement.

Congregations

Robertson-Wesley United Church is well underway in their work. A family of twelve has been approved, and should be arriving soon.

They will be grateful for financial donations, household donations, volunteers, storage and they are searching for housing.

Contacts:

General Inquiries: Elizabeth Nash elizabethrambow@hotmail.com

Household Donations: Kathryn Rambow 780 964-3444. kathryn.rambow@gmail.com

Volunteers: Michelle Young michelleyoung15@gmail.com

Online Donations: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/robertson-wesley-united-church/>

Sherwood Park United Church is working with the Ecumenical Refugee Sponsorship Committee. They are working with a co-sponsor to bring in two families, and anticipate sponsoring another extended family. They are looking for housing, storage space, household goods, and financial donations.

Contact: Brian Finkbeiner 780-464-6753 bfinkbeiner@shaw.ca

Riverbend United Church is well underway in their work. A family of thirteen has been approved and they are awaiting arrival. There will be needs for housing, household donations, storage, financial donations, and volunteers including some food preparation (preferably Hallal) and drivers to medical appointments.

Contact: Jackie Pambrun-Hunt at Riverbend at 780-430-7275
or David James 780-987-4702

St. Andrew's United Church is working with the Glenora Community League.

Contact: St. Andrews at 780-452-4454

St. Paul's United Church is underway in their work.

Contact: Heather Razaghi 780-439-7475 razaghifamily@gmail.com

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Southminster-Steinhauer United Church is underway in their work.

Contact: Southminster-Steinhauer 780-435-2028

Trinity United Church and **Pilgrim United Church** are working on sponsorship.

Chalmers Castle Downs United Church, Mill Woods United Church, and St. Albert United Church, are all interested in sponsoring, and in the beginning stages.

Spirit West United Church is also interested, and in the beginning stages working in cooperation with their community.

Community Agencies

Catholic Social Services: works with government sponsored refugees. They are seeking volunteers and living accommodations.

Phone: 780-391-3338.

Website: <http://www.catholicsocialservices.ab.ca> there is an online volunteer form, and an online accommodations form.

For household donations contact the Society of St. Vincent DePaul 780-471-5577

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers: Settlement and Support Services

Phone: 780-424-7709

Website: <http://emcn.ab.ca/> there is an online volunteer form.

email: info@emcn.ab.ca

facebook: Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers. There is information about the Syrian Emergency Relief Fund, which can accept donations online.