



Syrian Refugee Bulletin Number 6

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Congratulations to Rouge Valley Co-op Homes

Rouge Valley Co-op Homes in Scarborough has housed a Syrian family. The co-op hopes to house a second family soon.

Co-ops make units available to Syrian families

Black Creek, Ellen McGreal, Norris Crescent and Swansea Village Co-ops have decided to make apartments available.

Celia Chandler of Iler Campbell has prepared a Housing Charge Guarantee and Memorandum of Understanding for co-ops and groups sponsoring Syrian refugee families.

[Please click here to see it.](#)

Hugh Garner Co-op holds spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Syrian refugees

On Sunday, February 21 Hugh Garner Housing Co-op held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Syrian refugees. The fundraiser was organized by a group of co-op members and sponsored by the Donations Committee. Pasta, bread and salad were served in the co-op's meeting room. This fundraising dinner was held independent of whether or not a family will be coming to live at the co-op.

Charles Hastings Housing Co-op passes waiting list Refugee By-law change

Charles Hastings Housing Co-op has passed the Refugee by-law prepared by Bruce Lewis. The by-law was passed at the January 19 members' meeting. Co-ops who have frequent vacancies will not need to pass this by-law.

[Please click here to see the by-law.](#)



CHFT attended a Board meeting at Windmill Line to discuss the by-law. We also attended an Information Meeting for interested members at Muriel Collins Housing Co-op. Harbourside is having a members' meeting in March to discuss the by-law.

City administered co-ops will not be able to provide rent supplements. Before proceeding on market units, check with your social housing consultant.

Other resources

The City has now set up their housing registry. Go to this City of Toronto website, www.toronto.ca/refugees, and then click on Housing.

Other information sources are –

Lifeline Syria www.lifelinesyria.ca

the Government of Canada website www.canada.ca

The City, COSTI and other settlement programs use H.O.M.E (Housing Opportunities & Marketplace Exchange) an online portal which allows both businesses and individuals to post available housing, as well as goods and services they wish to donate, to help Syrian refugees arriving in Toronto.

More information on H.O.M.E. can be found here

<http://www.woodgreen.org/homeportalhelp.aspx>

Thank you

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