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We're a group of friends, old and new, from three corners of the city. That's why we call ourselves the **East West Refugee Collective**. We came together to do something good. We are non-denominational and non-professional, simply volunteers working to resettle a refugee family in Toronto.

SINCE MARCH 2011, 12 MILLION SYRIANS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF CIVIL WAR

- millions have fled Syria with nowhere to go, and have little hope of ever returning to their former lives
- half of these refugees are children
- increasing numbers of refugees are arriving each day in Europe. More than 4 million Syrians have been taken in by the already overstretched and politically unstable countries neighbouring Syria. Both Europe and the Middle East are struggling to meet the overwhelming needs of this population

Canada's new Liberal government has promised to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of this year, but many experts say this is an unattainable goal. We can help make it more possible by privately sponsoring a family, but we must commit to supporting a refugee family for a year as they get settled in Canada and start their new lives.

EAST WEST REFUGEE COLLECTIVE HAS SIGNED ON THE DOTTED LINE.

Our goal is to have a family identified and relocated to the Toronto area in 6 months. We hope to speed this up by working with Rosedale United Church, who've helped settle over 45 refugees in the last 20 years. They understand the processes and have the contacts, but they need help to raise the money and provide the ground support required to resettle a refugee family.

The government allocates \$27K per refugee family to cover their rent, utilities, food, transportation, clothing, everything they need, for one year. We don't think that's enough in Toronto. We want to give the family a good start, by raising \$35K - which will also cover their plane tickets and medical tests, something we've learned the government charges them for, at interest, only 30 days after they arrive!"

HOW YOU CAN HELP

MONETARY DONATIONS: You'll receive a tax receipt for the full amount you donate. You can donate through [Canada Helps](#) or via cheque. In both instances, please ensure to [complete this form](#) to receive your charitable receipt. If donating by cheque, please make it out to Rosedale United Church with "East West Refugee Collective" in the memo line and mail to:

**East West Refugee Collective
Rosedale United Church
159 Roxborough Dr.
Toronto ON M4W 1X7**

if you've collected cash, please email us and we'll make appropriate arrangements.

IN KIND: Gently used household goods; we're currently working out storage solutions; please email us to let us know what you can donate, and set these items aside for future collection.

VOLUNTEER: Successfully resettling a refugee family is a ground game. We're looking for help in many areas - if you've got skills or experience you think may be helpful, please contact us. We're connecting with different community groups to ensure we maintain a good overview and participate in discussions to advocate for the successful integration of newcomers into Canadian society, so anything you can do to help will go a long way.

ADVOCATE: write your MP/MPP; get on twitter, facebook, instagram, reddit, etc. Encourage our government to clear the path for needy families.

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