

Dames For Humanity

EMAIL UPDATE

5 January 2017



OUR GROUP:

Left to Right (Back): Patricia South, Joan Dirstein, Barbara Barde, Beverley Simonsen, Rosemary Zigrossi

Left to Right (front): Susan Sutton, Diana Burke, Johanna Schueller,

1 MONTH WITH OUR SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

□ **INVITATIONS SENT** – Meet the Sabai family and DAMES on January 21st, 2017 Noon-2pm at 18 Thorncliffe Park Drive and enjoy a Syrian lunch. **Please RSVP.**

The Sibai family have now been in Toronto for 1 Month and we wanted to give you the following update on their settlement progress, which has been truly amazing, thanks to the effort of the DAMES and your generous support:

- *Winter coats, boots and gloves provided for all*
- *Guidance for use of ATMs and INTERAC for purchases completed*
- *Monthly support budget finalized*
- *Language training to start this week- Rabea – January 9th and Marah -January 11*
- *OHIP applications completed, cards received and Health checks for all boys who got the first of five vaccinations required*
- *Female Arabic speaking family doctor obtained within walking distance of their apartment*
- *Oldest boys Lutfi and Ghaith now have unlimited local phone access through CHATR using their current mobile phones.*
- *Boys all got laptops and Said got an iPad with games to learn English.*
- *'Santa' Christmas stockings provided for each family member and opened on traditional Christmas day*
- *Our family met their other family members who were sponsored in October 2016 as well as cousins from Montreal. Our Sibia family hosted them at their apartment over the holiday period.*
- *Replaced Microwave as previous one was broken.*

The DAMES are still keeping busy but finding this very exciting and rewarding to help the family get settled quickly.



Family visit and meal
by Marah and Rabea



Santa stockings



Adonis Supermarket rides

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