

Dames For Humanity

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This is our fourth Newsletter to provide our volunteers and donors with regular updates on progress in sponsoring our Syrian Refugee family.

PROGRESS SLOW BUT MOVING FORWARD!!!

I'm sure our supporters and donors are now feeling as disappointed as the DAMES are that our Syrian refugee family is not yet in Canada.

However we are all still optimistic that our 'family' will be here this year as some progress has been made. This included the required government health checks for all family members. We can report that the family is

in good health so no obstacles there.

The next steps are to obtain their Visas for Canada and arrange travel through the approved process.

We continue to follow up with Immigration Canada and their Saudi Arabia Office to try and expedite this process.

DAMES FOCUS...

The DAMES met with representatives from the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office (TNO) who provided an outline of the excellent services and support they provide for refugees that we can leverage.

We have identified a three (3) bedroom apartment and in process of leasing. We also have a good inventory of furnishings and household items.

A draft budget and 'contract' outlining financial and other support for the family once they arrive was developed.

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DAMES FOCUS...cont.

The family will be required to review and sign this contract.

We received some information on the children's interests, vaccinations and translated university records from the family. Translation support is provided by the Arab Community Centre.

Our Welcome and Orientation Plans are in the final phase of completion.

Please support our Sponsors:

Real Storage has generously extended our free locker to October 2016. DAMES THANKS YOU.
<https://www.realstorage.ca>



How You Can Help

We thank all our sponsors who have now donated furniture and supplies for our refugee family of six. We have a donation REGISTRY site where you can check what we have received so far and add items you would like to donate. Click here to check the list:

[DONATIONS REGISTRY](#)

May we suggest donation of GIFT CARDS that are available for necessities like food, as well as entertainment items for the boys who would benefit from some fun after their ordeal over the last few years. Some suggestions include Loblaws, The Bay, Shoppers Drug Mart, Movies, iTunes, ToysrUs, Art Galleries, the Science Centre and Museums.

We will also be hosting a Welcome event when the family arrives and you will all be invited.

Our Syrian Refugee Family

