

Muslim Association of Canada Supporting Syrian Refugees

Mississauga – September 22, 2015 - The Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) is working with several federally-accredited partners across the country to support the Canadian resettlement of Syrian refugees.

MAC has mobilized the community around their #EmbraceSyria campaign, partnering with a number of accredited Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) to directly support the sponsorship of Syrian refugee families in Canada. The goal of the campaign is to sponsor at least 30 Syrian refugees. In addition to its own campaign, MAC is providing direct financial support to trusted relief organizations such as Lifeline Syria to facilitate resettlement. All proceeds from funds raised go directly towards Syrian relief - there are no management or administrative costs assumed by MAC.

The following are a few initiatives that MAC has been involved in:

- On September 13, 2015, as part of the #EmbraceSyria campaign, MAC planned a community fundraising dinner, raising over \$90,000 in pledges. That event was attended by over 300 members of the community, including Waterloo Mayor Dave Jaworsky, Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanoic and other members of municipal council.
- In London, an interfaith coalition between local groups (including the Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario, London Muslim Mosque, and the Metropolitan United Church) is working with London Mayor Matt Brown to sponsor several Syrian families through Lifeline Syria.
- In Toronto, an interfaith coalition between Masjid Toronto (MAC) and the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto is seeking to sponsor two Syrian refugee families.
- MAC Mosques are also collecting money to directly support refugee resettlement.

The Muslim Association of Canada continues to plan events in partnership with its friends in communities across the country to support the refugee effort. MAC continues to urge all Canadians to support this cause.

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For further information, or to donate directly to the #EmbraceSyria campaign, please visit: <http://embracesyria.com/> or call MAC at (905) 822-2626.

The Muslim Association of Canada is a not-for-profit organization registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a charitable organization. MAC works to strengthen communities through education, religious service and charitable giving since 1997. MAC only operates in Canada.