

## **ARK -The Church of The Ascension Community Syrian Refugee Project**

ARK stands for acts of random kindness. ARK is the name of a growing outreach project at the Church of the Ascension. While watching the march of refugees across Europe, many of us at the Church of the Ascension in Sudbury felt compelled to help. A steering committee was formed to lead this good work. Our goal is to provide support to a refugee family from Syria to settle successfully in New Sudbury, becoming self sufficient, financially stable and socially supported. Our group will be grateful for the assistance of many friends to achieve this goal.

We are developing a settlement plan to prepare for the arrival of a family of 5 from Syria, and will support them in their first year in Sudbury. As we learn more details about the family members and their arrival date, we will determine their needs and obtain housing, furnishings, clothing and other household and personal items.

A network of caring individuals will be needed to work with the new family to help them to develop the skills necessary to live successfully and independently in our community; language, transportation, shopping, budgets and banking, school registration, healthcare, and employment. Volunteers will be welcome in many roles.

If you have an interest in helping the family in their settlement, please provide your contact information and an indication of how you believe you can best help. For more information, to send a donation, or let us know of your interest in being involved, contact us:

### ARK Steering Committee:

Honourary Members: Church of the Ascension Rector: The Ven Anne Germond, Warden Erma Howe

Parishioners: Jane Cox, Gwen Bonas, Jennifer Cawley Caruso

Supporting community volunteers: Heather Jeramaz, Darlene Lennox and Carolyn Thain.

### Donations to:

The Church of the Ascension - Refugee Fund

In care of: The Church of the Ascension

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