## REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP at Leaside United Church

Leaside United Church has a long legacy of sponsoring refugees.

Since our first sponsorship of "Boat People" in **1979** /**80**, our faith community has successfully sponsored **9** different groups and helped **5** others. There were only **4** groups of people who were not approved for sponsorship during the last **35** years.

These people came to Canada from a variety of countries: Vietnam, Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Iran, Ethiopia, Iraq, Rwanda and Korea.

To date, there are over 90 people living safely in Canada as a result of these sponsorships.

There is a great humanitarian crisis with millions of Mid-Eastern and African refugees. Once again, we are moved to help by sponsoring and encouraging others to sponsor these people in great need.

On Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 a Community Information Night For Refugee Support is being held in our church at 7:30pm.

It is our hope that both the information and the spirit of this meeting shall empower both individuals and groups to great acts of generosity and kindness.

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