

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROCEDURE

Thank you for coming to us to receive help for your case file. We are praying for you and your family and we are doing what we can to help you in your time of need. For us to help you we need you to have a few items for us so we can work towards filing your case file:

- 1) You attended an Archdiocesan Refugee Sponsorship Workshop with Tashia and Muiwa.
- 2) We will need to ensure that you meet all the requirements to sponsor refugees in Canada and have adequate proof of these.
- 3) We will reach out to you and invite you to fill out the most current version of the application forms. We will send these to you, to ensure the correct version.
- 4) You will need to write a cheque or money order for your cases once we have asked you for it. Please note that there is an administrative fee. Each Generic Application processed will incur a \$525 CD fee, starting September 1st, 2024.

UNDER NO SITUATION CAN ANY MONEY COME FROM THE REFUGEE.
THIS IS ILLEGAL AND THERE ARE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.
ALL MONEY RECEIVED HAS TO BE TRACKABLE.

Please note that this table refers to a family with up to two (2) independent adults married and then their depended children under the age of 21. If your family is multiple adults or there are children over 21 years old they are considered a separate case and the cost is affected, including the admin fee.

| Family Size | Total Cost |
|-------------|------------|
| 1 | \$18,600 |
| 2 | \$27,100 |
| 3 | \$31,000 |
| 4 | \$32,600 |
| 5 | \$36,500 |
| 6 | \$37,700 |

Example: You want to sponsor 6 people, your mother, sister and her husband and their three children ages 22, 16, and 13. Your mother is a case size 1, your sister and husband along with the two youngest children are another family size 4, and the oldest child is an independent adult case size 1.

The cost is **NOT** \$37,700 + \$525 = \$38,225 a family of 6

You have mother's case = \$18,600 + \$525 = \$19,125 (family size 1),

Also, your sister's case = \$32,600 + \$525 = \$33,125 (family size 4), and

Your oldest niece/nephew's case = \$18,600 + \$525 = \$19,125 (family size 1)

The real total is \$19,125 + \$19,125 + \$33,125 = \$71,375

Deductions can be made for "gift in kind" such as rent if you are planning to have them live with you. There are strict rules around donations and deductions that we will work together on.

- 5) If you have sponsored someone in the previous year, we will ask that you wait at least two (2) years before you sponsor another person. This is to help make sure that everyone has the opportunity to help their family and friends. Also, the Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Office is less likely to accept a case that has a co-sponsor who is sponsoring more than one person.

GROUP OF FIVE SPONSORSHIP:

Our office is given an allotment (around 50 people) by the Canadian government. This is the maximum number of people that we can sponsor in a year. If we have reached that number, you might have to wait until the next year to send in your forms. We cannot exceed this and we ask the government every year for as many people as we can. If the people you want to sponsor have a UNHCR Refugee Status Certificate, not the same as having a UNHCR number, please consider doing a GROUP OF FIVE Sponsorship. You must have your permanent residency or Citizenship, be financially stable and able to afford to sponsor, need four other members who are willing to help you officially over the age of 18 and plan to settle the refugee who is applying in the same community you live in. If you can sponsor through GROUP OF FIVE you are helping us to bring over more refugees, and we are thankful for this!