

A refugee claimant is defined as someone who claims protection at a port of entry or at a Canada Immigration Centre. This person is unable or unwilling to return to their country because of a fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, political opinion, nationality or membership in a particular social group.

Journey Home Community Association Values

- Our foundation is Christian, respecting the dignity of each individual.
- Our focus is refugee claimant families.
- Our orientation is relational - inviting each person into community and desiring the growth of all.
- Our approach is holistic, recognizing every aspect of human life.
- Our activity is based on prayerful reflection.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Matthew 25:35

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Journey Home Community Association

*Serving refugee claimant families
in Greater Vancouver*





Approximately 23,000 refugees claim asylum in Canada annually.

Assisting newly arrived refugee claimant families on their journey to a new life in Canada

Journey Home Community Association began operations in the fall of 2005 to serve refugee claimant families in the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

The research conducted at the time revealed that there were few immediate housing options available for refugee claimant families. Poverty is rampant among this group and they are attempting to survive on extremely limited resources.

GIVING HOPE

Our aim is to provide families with temporary housing and their immediate physical needs; introduce them to resettlement resources and assist them with establishing a strong relational support network.

Currently there are about 700 refugee claimants coming into Greater Vancouver every year and our goal is to help 30-40 families by 2010.

By 2007 JHCA had assisted six refugee claimant families with resettlement in Burnaby and Surrey.

PARTNERING WITH WORLD VISION

In April, 2007 Journey Home received funding from World Vision as part of their "Partners to End Child Poverty" program in Canada. This partnership will assist with providing the start-up structure and staffing needed to accomplish our goal of reducing poverty among refugee claimant families.

YOUR DONATIONS NEEDED

As a new non-profit society, Journey Home has applied for registered charitable status. In the meantime, pending approval from Revenue Canada, donations can be made through New Hope Community Services Society in order to receive a tax receipt. New Hope will pass along all donations to Journey Home Community Association.

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How you can help . . .

- Make a donation
- Help with ESL tutoring
- Befriend a family
- Join in the fundraising
- Provide a suite
- Help with transportation

- **Volunteers are most welcome!**
- **Donations for major needs: office equipment, van for transportation, housing subsidies, and general operations.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A tax receipt will be provided for donations of \$20 or more. Please make cheque payable to New Hope Community Services Society (noting that funds go to Journey Home Community Association).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Province / Postal Code _____

Telephone (optional) _____

Email (optional) _____

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

Please contact me about getting more involved.