

JHC News



Serving refugee claimant families in Metro Vancouver

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We are a community of friends who share the love of Jesus Christ with a focus on serving refugee claimant families in Metro Vancouver.

JHC Refugees now helping others adapt to life in Canada

Maria arrived in Vancouver with her two daughters a year ago carrying two suitcases and a computer. This former high school math teacher had become an outspoken critic of the drug gangs in her Mexican hometown and feared for her family's safety. Claiming refugee status when she landed in Vancouver was her only way of escaping that fear.

Struggling in Vancouver with the language and trying to make ends meet, Maria fell into a depression. Another refugee with Journey Home met Maria and brought her into the "Community." A larger apartment from BC Housing, and friendships followed. She is unrecognizable today having grown in confidence and showing leadership in her community. She volunteers at the community centre, her local church and is now assisting other refugees. She also received a grant from South Burnaby Neighbourhood House to run a community cooking class where new refugees learn to cook and speak English.

Maria said, "I thank God every day for permitting me to live here and for giving my children a chance at a normal life. I love my new home and Canada. I don't feel like a foreigner here; this is home."

"You need to spend money to obtain funding..."

One of the dramas for non-profits has been the economic downturn and Journey Home Community is not exempt from this situation. This is further impacted by the end of our three-year partnership with World Vision Canada.

We believe that God's grace will see us through these difficult times. But we're also being proactive and reaching out to foundations for financial support. This can be somewhat difficult since information is not easily available.

The JHC Board recently decided to purchase a reputable foundation search software program and support services for approximately \$2000. We believe this is money well spent, but we need your assistance. Because our revenue is presently at a lower level than usual we are asking for partners to help provide the funds for this project. It would be a tax deductible donation and would give us the ability to embark on a productive search for funds from relevant foundations. Your partnership would be highly valued!

Save the Dates ...
JHC's Annual Refugee Family Picnic Saturday August 14th

Ride for Refuge - 2nd annual fundraising bike event for JHC
Saturday October 16th
Register your team or yourself at
www.rideforrefuge.org

Thanks to our Recent Donors...

- Everyone who donated in our recent Spring Campaign
- Southside Community Church
- Vancity



Software Project
\$2000.00

NEW on our website: a short JHC video for World Refugee Day - www.journeyhomecommunity.ca
Donate online at our website with Canada Helps—giving is an easy click away!

Welcome New Board Members



At the March 26th AGM for Journey Home, two new Board members were nominated and welcomed onto the Board. Helen Krenzler, is retired from the City of Burnaby and lives in Surrey with her husband Dal. They attend Southside Community Church

Helen said, " I am very excited to be a part of JHC's ministry. It is very important to me to have personal contact with the families as well as being on the board. It feels good to know that we can make the right decisions because being led by God is central to what we do."

Andrew Mutuma, is from Kenya and knows first hand about refugee matters. He has a background in social work and pastoral ministry.

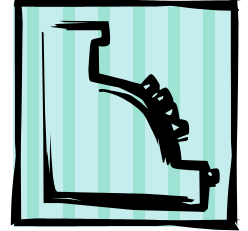
Andrew has a certificate in Residential Care of Children and Young People with Special Needs. While in Kenya he served with the Red Cross and YMCA. He is presently working in security and attends Celebration Christian Fellowship Church in Surrey. He is married with six children and hopes to have his family join him here soon.

WANTED!

Thrift Store Developer/Manager (F/T Position)

JHC requires an experienced business person who shares our values to establish a thrift store.

- Ideal for retired business person looking to make a difference
- Previous thrift store experience preferred
- Hire and train staff
- Oversee volunteers
- Build a donor base for goods
- Bring store to profitability



Thrift Store Volunteers Needed

- Organize and sort donated goods
- Assist with store operation
- Provide investment capital

We will be calling for donated clothing and household goods soon.

Check our website for Thrift Store news as it unfolds.

Please submit your employment resume or volunteer details to james@journeyhomecommunity.ca

Your involvement in JHC is valued

Please indicate where you would like to be involved:

- Volunteer with a refugee family or with the organization
- Become part of the prayer team
- Make a donation
- Provide funds for software project
- Subscribe to the mailing list for news updates
- Join the RIDE for REFUGE
- Assist with the JHC Thrift Store

THANK YOU for your support!

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