

Wilkinson students, staff, alumni, parents ... Let's Sponsor a Syrian or Iraqi refugee family!

We will need to raise enough money to house, feed and clothe them for a year. It's about least \$30,000 at Social Assistance rates. In addition to money, we will help them settle, get OHIP, and enrol in school.

HERE'S HOW: (LEGAL & ADMIN)

1. We start a Wilkinson group. We, the Wilkinson Sponsor Group, are the SPONSORS.
2. Our group partners with a SAH (a SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT HOLDER). These are agencies that have permission from Citizen And Immigration Canada to bring in, to sponsor, refugees.

Three things about the SAHs:

The SAHs are refugee agencies run by Religious groups, so we may need to go through a local congregation of that faith in order to proceed. The SAH works on behalf of all refugees, no matter their religion. The religion of our Sponsorship Group members does not matter either.

The SAH is the administrator. They do the matching between Sponsor Group and refugee family. They manage the paperwork, and are the middleman between Sponsor Group and the Federal Government. Every SAH has its own internal process and rules. They will ask that the Sponsor Group sign forms and make monetary and time commitments, but ultimately the SAH holds the legal liability for the Sponsor Group. The SAH is the expert resource for the Sponsor Groups and the congregations. They are there to make sure the project succeeds.

The SAH is a charity, so they can issue tax receipts.

3. After the SAH has worked through all the details of the file with us, the SAH prepares the UNDERTAKING / APPLICATION TO SPONSOR, which the Sponsor Group signs. Depending on the rules of the SAH, there may be members of our Wilkinson Group who sign, and/or members of the religious congregation who sign.

ONLY AFTER THE UNDERTAKING IS SIGNED CAN WE PROMOTE OR FUND RAISE. It is a TDSB rule.

4. Wilkinson Sponsor Group fund raises!
5. Wilkinson Sponsor Group finds out about family, we get them from the airport and help them for a year.

**We are Wilkinson parents. Call me, Steve Russell 416-405-8635 or
talk to Principal Kelly, or leave your name at the office.**

<https://wilkinsonsporgroup.wordpress.com/>

Talk to you soon!