

# FAMILY



## Refugee Sponsorship Vegreville Wants to Sponsor Another Family

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Refugee Sponsorship Vegreville (RSV) held a Zoom meeting on February 18 as RSV wants to sponsor about Syria refugee family to come and live in Vegreville.

Holly Cependa, Chair of RSV said the RSV committee wants to sponsor a family that is going through a really rough time because of the situation in Syria.

“The refugee family that the community sponsored prior, they know this family and are the ones who brought it to our attention. The family that we plan to sponsor met a lot of the criteria already;

they have been granted refugee status. So, we are going to do this and help them,” Cependa explained.

“We want to sponsor another family to come to Vegreville because when you read the story about the people in Syria once you get pass the tears and heart-break, you ask yourself, why not help



them? We are so blessed in this country. We take it for granted. There are people who don't even have any rights or freedoms to move about or the right to vote, they don't even have citizenship anywhere. These people have no quality of life. If we can make it better one person, one family at a time, why not? I believe that is what we are here for, to help one another.”

Cependa said the RSV Committee has close to 15 members now. Vegreville United Church is the host but you do not have to belong to this church to be on the committee. “It is a community effort.

The church is just taking a lead for the financial part. Anyone who makes a donation to the cause, at the end of the year, they will issue a tax receipt from Vegreville United Church.”

When I asked Cependa with the COVID-19 pandemic happening and people having little financial resources and with social distancing, there are limited opportunities to host fundraisers, how do they plan to raise funds to bring this family to Vegreville, Cependa replied, “We are not sure how this is going to happen, we are trusting in God and praying and counting on the passion of other people. It might take a while. It took over two years to raise the funds the previous time to bring the other Syria family to Vegreville,” Cependa added.

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