



## Saanich Peninsula Refugee Initiative Group

# UPDATE #33

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Roma and her two children have been with the local Moslem community for the past month. What a memorable way to be welcomed into their new community through the blessed time of Ramadan.

Now this family are ready to settle into their own new life in Canada. This week Roma signed a lease for an apartment in Victoria, in the same building with another family who also recently arrived here from Ethiopia via Israel. The apartment is close to a middle school and a primary school. Through the InterCultural Association and the School District Roma and both children are now linked with education and English language assessment.

Despite our efforts, housing did not work out for them on the Peninsula; however, it is good that they will be near people and agencies that will support them.

### **YOU CAN HELP ROMA AND HER KIDS?**

Thanks to those of you who have offered household articles. We'll be in touch soon. Otherwise they are starting from scratch. They need:

#### **For their house:**

- **Sitting room furniture etc.**
- **Kitchen equipment, utensils, dishes, etc. etc.**
- **Sheet, towels**
- **Chests of drawers for bedrooms**

#### **For the children:**

- **English books for a 12 year old girl and a 9 year old boy with African heritage.**

**If you can help please email [info@sprig.me](mailto:info@sprig.me) or phone 250 656 0834.**

Your strong, interest and kindness toward Roma and her kids is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the many SPRIG supporters who are ready to step up and welcome newcomers into our community.

Thank you to the sponsor group who submitted the application to sponsor Roma during her first year in Canada. They are supported by the Anglican Diocese Refugee Program and by funding from SPRIG.

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