



# Saanich Peninsula Refugee Initiative Group

## UPDATE #15

Dec 22, 2016

**MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL**

***What SPRIG has done this past year could not have happened without each other.  
As Fatma often says, "Thank you for being you".***

### **OVERWHELMING GRATITUDE!**

Thanks for the myriad of kindnesses that have enabled Fatma and her family to settle into their new community. Thank you for donating good quality furniture, household goods and clothing. Thank you for accompanying them to appointments, helping with driving, searching for housing, or exploring employment possibilities. Thank you for being on the roster to speak English with them every week.

Meanwhile Safaa awaits her immigration interview hoping that she and her four children will be approved to come here soon. We have started talking with Safaa via Skype every week. As we prepare for their arrival we need more funds to ensure that we can support her family adequately.

Thank you for donating so generously. Donations made before December 31<sup>st</sup> will receive a charitable tax receipt for 2016. Please make your cheque payable to St. John's United Church Refugee Sponsorship Fund and mail it to St. John's United Church, 10990 West Saanich Road, North Saanich, BC, V8L 5R9.

### **WANT TO BE INVOLVED?**

Please help us bring our information up to date. Print the [Volunteer Form](#) found under Volunteering at [www.sprig.me](http://www.sprig.me). Complete and return it by email to [sprig@gmx.com](mailto:sprig@gmx.com) or by post to 8570 Cathedral Place, North Saanich, V8L 5E1.

Settlement work is very rewarding. The goal is to enable the families to be self-sufficient within one year of their arrival in Canada. You can support this work in a variety of ways occasionally without personally contacting the family or by giving significant time and effort in direct contact with them. Priorities of settlement support are to respect the privacy and independence of the newcomers and to ensure their safety. Therefore, all volunteers who work one-on-one with sponsored newcomers must have a criminal records check.

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