



Saanich Peninsula Refugee Initiative Group

UPDATE #19

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GOOD NEWS - PROGRESS IN SAFAA'S APPLICATION:

At her recent interview at the Canadian Embassy Safaa was told that her application has been approved. Safaa and her four children are now waiting for the details regarding their travel to Canada. Hopefully they will arrive in the next few weeks, although we have learned to always be prepared for delays.

We speak with Safaa every week via Skype and assure her that she and her children are in our prayers. It is difficult to imagine how painful it is to uproot your family from the region that has been the home of your ancestors for millennia. While the roots go deep, today the situation there is heartbreakingly difficult.

HOUSING MATTERS:

Thank goodness for the kindness of strangers. A generous landlord has stepped forward willing to rent a two-bedroom suite in Sidney to Safaa and her family when they arrive. Safaa's brother, who arrived in Victoria from Syria with his family nearly two years ago, is very happy that his sister and her children have a home to settle into quickly after the trauma of recent years. Thank you to everyone who helped with the housing search.

Another Syrian family (3 adults, 1 teen) who arrived in Canada last November must move out of their current Sidney location by December 31st. They are looking for a two or three bedroom place preferably on bus route 70 or 72. If you have any leads, please contact the Community Group that has been assisting this family through Tricia Kearns at 250-655-4701 or asktricia4help@aol.com.

LOOKING FOR ICE SKATES:

If you have a pair of boys ice skates size 7 please email sprig@gmx.com. Fatma's young brother has learned how to roller blade. He loves whizzing around and playing ball hockey with his friends. Now he would like to learn how to skate on ice like a real Canadian.

SHOPPERS Optimum Card:

Go to <https://www1.shoppersdrugmart.ca/en/optimum-new> to donate your points to SPRIG to help Safaa purchase supplies for her family.

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