

REFUGEE and NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE (RNC) – THREE YEAR BUDGET

Over the weeks of Lent we have been featuring the work of the RNC past present and future. We have also featured the people and faces behind our efforts. In order for the committee to continue its work it needs approximately \$21,500 over the next three years. Our figures for 2022 are fairly certain and already we are a good ways towards meeting our target. The figures for the following two years are less certain and may indeed change if the committee, with the congregations support and direction, takes on more work. Below is a summary of the proposed effort and the dollar figures behind them.

2022

Sponsorship: Abshiro Ahmed Mohammed: Khatro's mother has been a refugee since 1992. The civil war in Somalia forced her to flee to Kenya with her husband and daughter Khatro who was two. She still lives in Haggadera Refugee Camp, which is under continual threat of closure by the Kenyan government. She looked after Khatro's youngest son Abdihafid from infancy 2019 until his move to Canada to join his mother and brothers in December 2021. The congregation has agreed to her sponsorship. We are currently working to submit an application in partnership with the Sponsorship Agreement Holder the Anglican Diocese of NS and PEI. We will need the full sponsorship funds on hand at the time of submission. These funds will need to be held until her arrival. **\$6089.00**

Travel Loan Payment: In an earlier blog we featured Francisca (Franc)Nannyanga and her three children Bridget, Patricia and Denis. FBCH assisted with funds for the process involved in the children joining their mother in Halifax in 2021. Over the next three year the RNC would like to provide funds to help cover some of the cost of the government travel loans that Franc is responsible for. We are proposing providing \$1000 per year starting in May when payment must begin. **\$1000.00**

Travel Loan: In order for Abdihafid to travel to Halifax this past December his mother had to agree to a government travel loan to cover not only his travel but also that of his escort from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Payments on the loan will need to begin in December 2022. The exact amount is not yet known, although the IOM portion will be approximately \$2500. The RNC would like to cover the full cost of the loan when it becomes due. **\$4500.00**

Miscellaneous: Funds to meet unexpected needs and to provide support to the Newcomers community at FBCH. **\$1000.00**

Subtotal: \$12,589.00

2023

Settlement Hassan Aden: An application to bring Khatro's husband Hassan to Canada was submitted in December 2020 and approved for processing in the same month by IRCC in Ottawa. At the moment there is a backlog of applications waiting to be processed and it seems unlikely that Hassan will arrive until late 2023. Most of the funds needed for Hassan's sponsorship are being held in trust by ISANS (approximately \$14,000). The RNC is budgeting an additional \$2000 for settlement costs and also \$2000 for his travel loan.

\$4000.00

Travel Loan Franc Nannyanga:

\$1000.00

Miscellaneous:

\$1000.00

Subtotal: \$7000.00

2024

Travel Loan Franc Nannyange :

\$1000.00

Miscellaneous:

\$1000.00

Subtotal: \$2000.00

Total: \$21,589.00