Once your BVOR sponsorship application has been approved, please use the template below to create a welcome message that introduces your group to the refugee(s).

The message should be personalised to include details about your group, information about where the refugee(s) will be living on arrival and the general support your group will be providing. A more in-depth and discussion about support (e.g., monthly budgets, in-kind donations etc.) should take place once the refugees(s) arrive in Canada.

Once you have created the message, it can be sent to the refugee(s) using their contact details that were shared with you by IRCC. How you send the message depends on what contact information is available and you may be able to send it via email, text message or use messaging services such as WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram, Viber or Facebook Messenger. Your group can even record the message as a video or audio clip and share it with the refugee(s).

As this is the first contact, keep it general and do not go into specifics.

Please email [bvor@rstp.ca](mailto:bvor@rstp.ca) if you have any difficulties finding the contact details of the refugee(s) you are sponsoring.

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[Insert Greeting]

We are your sponsorship group and we have sponsored you to Canada under a program for refugees called the Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) program.

We are really excited to meet you and welcome you to your new home. Our group has [insert number of members]. We are [insert details of how you know one another] and our names are [insert names of group members]. We live in [insert name(s) of town/city]. This is what we look like [insert photo of group here, if possible].

[Insert names] will meet you at the airport when you arrive at [insert name of final-destination airport]. When you arrive in Canada, you will be living in [insert name of town/city] for the first 12 months after your arrival. [Insert details about town/city, such as where it is in Canada, what is in the local area, if there is a community that speaks the same language/is the same nationality or culture etc.].

As your sponsors, we are responsible for helping you during your first year in Canada. We are not being paid to sponsor you and we are not part of the government. We are a group of people that really wanted to help!

We have arranged for somewhere for you to live in during your first year in Canada and will support you in accessing services, including doctors, schools, language classes and job services, and will help you get comfortable in your new home. We, along with the government, will also provide you with financial support during your first year. We will meet during your first few days in Canada to talk more about the support you will receive.

We would really like to hear back from you, please contact us at [insert contact details].

We look forward to meeting you!