

MATTHEW HOUSE

A PLACE OF LOVE AND HOPE

Every day there are refugee claimants arriving at our shores, alone and seeking safety. They are part of the “forgotten refugees,” the ones who don’t make the news. Most arrive only with the clothes on their back and are simply numbered among the city’s homeless. It is these asylum seekers, often the most desperate, who become part of Matthew House’s close-knit community.

At its heart, Matthew House is a place of love, hospitality and support. We become a foundation that allows our refugee guest to succeed. Each person who arrives receives a warm welcome, a safe place to live, help with the complex process of asking for asylum and, most importantly of all, a caring community.

Those who find their way to our door arrive during the darkest period of their lives. They are fleeing their homes fearing prosecution, seeking safety and protection. As they are new to Canada, they have little to no support system. The holidays can be a particularly difficult time of year for them as many are lonely and isolated.

You can help bring hope this holiday season through a Gift of Hope



MATTHEW HOUSE GIFTS OF HOPE

In the following pages you will find a selection of meaningful gifts that support the unique needs of our refugee guest. Each is a practical gift that will support them as they transition to life in Canada.



Off to a Great Start

\$35

Your gift will support a full day of services for our refugee friends. This includes all meals, housing, settlement support and legal assistance. This gift enables them to start their new life in a supportive environment that will set them on the road to success.



Starting Over

\$50

You can help our refugee guest transition to the Canadian work force with confidence. Your gift will help support them write a resume, be supported with interview preparation and make an important step in obtaining their first Canadian job.



Welcome Home

\$100

Many residents arrive with little more than the clothes on their back and usually do not have clothing appropriate for Canadian weather. Your gift will go towards clothing, footwear and hygienic products to ensure their first days in Canada are welcoming and comfortable.



The Greatest Gift

\$200

Consider this gift that will provide assistance with preparation for their refugee hearing. This gift will make the greatest difference to our guest as they ask for asylum.



Cooking for a Healthy Future

\$60

Provide a gift that will warm the stomach and soul. Your gift will help ensure that our refugee guests have healthy meals and learn how to cook nutritiously. Your gift will go towards supporting our nutrition program that includes groceries, meal preparation and healthy, home cooked community meals.



Warm Winter Woolies

\$60

Most of our residents arrive with nothing to keep them warm for winter. Your gift will help provide a warm coat, hat, socks and mittens so they can experience the joys of winter.



Transport to a New Life

\$90

You can help a Matthew House resident as they navigate through the refugee process. There are many meetings and appointments they need to attend leading up to their hearing. Your gift will provide them with transportation to legal appointments, doctors visits and viewing apartments; all part of moving towards their new life.



Healing Garden

\$20

Working in the garden is an uplifting activity. You can offer someone the opportunity to continue working in this healing space. Your gift will provide plant supplies and tools that residents need to tend to the garden and nurture themselves while enjoying it during the warmer months.



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