



SYRIAN REFUGEE ARRIVAL FUND

With the support of donors, the Red Cross is there to welcome Syrian refugee families as they arrive and help them integrate into their host community.

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THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Your support has enabled the Red Cross to assist families upon arrival.

There was laughter and tears, mittens and teddy bears.

On December 31, the Red Cross team at the Montreal welcome centre greeted a new group of Syrian refugees. For the volunteers, it was another shining example of the humanitarian spirit that runs through the entire Red Cross family. But it struck a special chord with volunteer Ha Lu, who arrived as a refugee in Canada with her family more than 30 years ago. *"I had tears in my eyes. You really care about these people. You just want to help as many families as you can."*

For several hours, the Red Cross team answered refugees' questions and met their immediate needs. Sometimes the little things make all the difference after such an ordeal. Volunteers ensured families could contact loved ones to give them news. They distributed food, hygiene kits, winter clothes, and gave the kids teddy bears. *"It's such a simple thing, but you could really see just how much they appreciated us being there."*

1 ARRIVAL IN CANADA
Moments after stepping off the plane, Syrian refugees are welcomed by Red Cross volunteers and given essential items.

- Winter clothes
- Baby care
- Stuffed toys for kids
- Hygiene
- Telecommunications to contact loved ones back home

2 INTERIM LODGING
While waiting for their new community to be ready to welcome them, refugees are temporarily housed in hotels and provided with activities, snacks, and meals.

- Hotel stays
- Meals
- Activities

3 SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
Support involves welcoming and integrating Syrian refugees and providing humanitarian aid by meeting families' essential needs. A sponsor component is also planned to financially support integration projects in host communities.

To learn more about integration support:
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