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Volunteer Activities

HWF cannot continue to grow and would not be what it is today without the dedication of volunteers.

We have a variety of volunteer activities available at HWF. The level of commitment depends on you and many activities can be tailored around your schedule or done from home.

Wednesday Night Move Team Every Wednesday night a team of volunteers set about doing furniture pick-ups in a designated area of the city. They proceed to deliver all the furnishings and necessary amenities of a home as a welcome to refugee claimant families. Two to three families are moved in each week. Commitment is based by individual week and not by month.

The hours are 6pm – 11pm

*A car is recommended but not required. Carpooling can be arranged.

On-Site Visiting Team A pair of volunteers is sent to visit the families in their home a week prior to the move in order to assess their needs and survey the area for any potential obstacles that may delay the move or make the delivery of certain items impossible. Time and date are chosen by the on-site visiting team and coordinated with the respective families.

Hours are set between 8:30am – 8:30pm, Mon – Sun.

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Linen Packages, Dish Sets and Cleaning

Buckets All linens, dishes, and household supplies that are donated to HWF are sorted and put together into packages that are to be delivered along with the furnishings. Pick up of these items or delivery to your home can be arranged. Once the packages have been completed they can either be brought to storage or arrangements can be made for them to be picked up.

Translation HWF is proud to welcome families from all over the globe. We offer bilingual services, however we would like to be able to add to our repertoire of languages. If you are fluent in French, Spanish, Arabic, etc... Documents such as our newsletter, brochures and information packages can be sent via email or post for translation.

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HWF Fast Facts

Who We Are

HWF is a non-profit organization that helps refugee claimants start their life in Canada. Started by Nathalie Maione and Buffy Cassidy, two Ottawa women with families and businesses of our own, who recognized a need in the community and felt compelled to respond.

What We Do

Every Wednesday night we pick-up gently used furniture from private donors and deliver it to refugee claimants in the Ottawa area. These refugees come from difficult situations and all have limited financial means. Those who can find housing often lack the basics necessary to establish a home. Without help, individuals and families go without a place to sit or eat, without dishes or a bed, most for many months at a time.

Why We Do It

We've seen firsthand the difference a little help can make in the lives of refugee claimants from the Congo, Haiti, Rwanda and many other countries. They are from the very young to the very old, single parents, families, grandparents and teenagers who have arrived to Canada alone. We offer them more than just furniture: we provide a welcome at what may be one of the most difficult moments in their lives.

HWF Fast Facts Continued...

How We Do It

Since 2005, we have delivered this service through the dedication of a handful of volunteers and the support of community donors. To date, we have relied on a rental truck. We have assumed the direct costs to rent space at a small storage facility and pay out of pocket for all vehicles, insurance and fuel expenses.

Since 2005 HWF Has

- Delivered furniture, information and welcome to more than 230 refugee claimant families in the Ottawa area.
- Relied on the contribution of over 7100 volunteer hours per annum (apprx. 145 hours each week).
- Connected with low-income refugee claimants from more than 39 countries.
- Been incorporated and received charitable status.
- Connected with thousands of generous donors in the National Capital Region.
- Responded to a need and service gap in the community.
- Kept viable furniture out of the landfills and in circulation (apprx. 1000cf per annum).

Annual Fundraising Events

"From One Heart To Another"

HWF Annual Fundraiser -

- 1st Friday in April

Annual Garage Sales -

- Last Saturday in May

- 1st or 2nd Saturday in September

For more information on HWF and its upcoming events, volunteer activities, furniture and/or monetary donations please visit our website.

Don't forget to register for "Everything But The Kitchen Sink", the HWF semi annual newsletter!



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