

REFUGEE CARE PACKAGES

In preparation for the 2,700 Syrian refugees and other refugees that are expected to land in B.C. over the next few months – and the 500-600 in Burnaby, specifically – Edmonds Community School has committed to preparing care packages for at least 25 families whose children will attend schools in the Burnaby School District.

YOU CAN HELP

Refugees arrive in Canada with only the clothes on their backs. Shopping can be overwhelming at first but there are many practical items that can be useful for families in their first few weeks in Canada. We have compiled a list of some of the most useful items for families settling in a new country (please see other side). If you would like to support our endeavour, please contact Mischa in the Community Office to see which items are still needed. Donations of NEW ITEMS ONLY will be accepted.

In order to streamline the collection process, we are asking supporters to either:

- a) **Donate a complete set of new items** (all contained in the Rubbermaid bin and laundry basket), or
- b) **Donate 25 of one care package item** (before purchasing, please confirm with Mischa that the item is still required).

Monetary donations to “Edmonds Community School” will also be accepted. Tax receipts for all donations in the amount of \$20 or more will be automatically issued. Please ensure that a full name and address are included with the donation and that “Refugee Care Packages” is written in the memo field.

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CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

Rubbermaid bin	Shampoo
Laundry basket	Soap
Laundry soap	Toothbrushes
Dish soap	Toothpaste
Sponges	Combs
Dish towels	Hairbrush
All-purpose cleaner	Alarm clock
Scrub brush	60W Light bulbs
Toilet paper	100W Light bulbs
Toilet scrub brush	Dish rack
Paper towel rolls	Cutlery organizer
Buckets	Shoe rack
Table cloth	Pillows
Bath towels	Blankets or quilts
Hand towels	Cutlery set
Face towels (washcloths)	Dinnerware set
Bath mat (for the floor)	Cookware set
Shower curtain with rings	Superstore gift cards
Coat hangers	Walmart gift cards

WHO IS A REFUGEE?

There are 43.7 million refugees in the world today.

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.