

Support for three groups sponsoring Syrian refugees coming to Uxbridge

A \$13,000 donation from 100 Women Who Care Uxbridge split between the three groups

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UXBRIDGE -- The community continues to support groups sponsoring Syrian refugees coming to Uxbridge.

A \$13,000 donation will be split between the three groups in Uxbridge sponsoring Syrian refugees. The donation was made during the most recent 100 Women Who Care meeting on Feb. 24. At each meeting three charities are picked from a hat and after a presentation from each, one is chosen to receive a group donation from 100 Women Who Care Uxbridge.

Ripple Effect, a group sponsoring Syrian

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refugees was chosen to receive the donation and decided to split the donation with Trinity United Church and Epsom-Utica United Church-Oakridge Outreach, two other groups sponsoring Syrian families coming to Uxbridge.

“This is a donation from the community and it belongs to the community,” said Wendy Foster, chairwoman of Ripple Effect.

“It was important to share, everyone has the same passion and interest for such a great cause.”

In total, four Syrian families will be spon-

sored in Uxbridge. Ripple Effect is sponsoring two families and has successfully secured housing for both families.

One family is a group of five and may arrive sometime in the summer. The second family is a group of six and is expected in the next month.

Epsom-Utica United Church-Oakridge Outreach will be sponsoring one family of four, the parents and grandparents of a Canadian Syrian who has a business in Durham Region, and expect them to arrive in March or April.

Trinity United Church will be sponsoring

a family of four and do not know when they will be arriving in Uxbridge yet.

Pastor Kirby Constable says the Trinity United Church is still searching for centrally located housing for the family they are sponsoring.

“We are looking for housing for three adults and a small child,” he said.

Pastor Constable said it was very generous of Ripple Effect to share the donation money with the other groups.

Trinity United Church has partnered with Ripple Effect as their sponsorship agreement holder and both have shared resources and information throughout the sponsorship process.

“They have been wonderful coworkers,” Pastor Constable said. “Everything they’ve learned ahead of us they’ve passed on.”

Anyone looking to donate to the groups sponsoring Syrian refugees coming to Uxbridge should visit town.uxbridge.on.ca/helping_those-in-need_syrian-refugees.



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