

# Refugees arriving in Ottawa thanks to KSRSG sponsorship

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Refugees are starting to arrive in Ottawa thanks to the sponsorship efforts of the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Support Group (KSRSG).

This Support Group is an initiative of several churches in the Stittsville/Kanata area including the Stittsville United Church, St. Thomas Anglican Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, all in Stittsville.

On Wednesday, June 29, the KSRSG welcomed Dani Marina to Ottawa. He is a refugee from Syria who had been living in Lebanon.

He has family in Ottawa who are currently providing him with most of the assistance that he needs in establishing himself in Ottawa.

On Friday, June 17, the KSRSG welcomed 12 members of the Hakam and Nejrabi families to Ottawa.

They are originally from Afghanistan who had been living in Tajikistan. The two families are related to each other and have family members in Ottawa who

are providing them with a lot of support. The families are each renting a house but they require a number of household items. Items needed by these families include living room furniture (sofa and chairs to seat six people), a coffee table, a dining table and chairs for six, a dinnerware set and tableware for six, four single beds and one double bed including sheets, blankets and pillows, a TV and stand, a freezer, blender, lamps and night stands, electric kettle, microwave, bicycles, computer, vacuum and kitchen utensils.

If you can provide any of these items, please contact Penny Gelinan of the Kanata United Church at [penella@sympatico.ca](mailto:penella@sympatico.ca).

And the KSRSG is not finished in its sponsorship work. The group is still awaiting news regarding its sponsorship application for a single young woman from Syria who is currently living in Lebanon. In addition, the KSRSG is preparing a sponsorship application for another family from Syria.

Rev. Grant Dillenbeck of the Stittsville United Church is the current president of the KSRSG.