



30 FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE 
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Uprooted People for more than 30 years*



FALL NEWSLETTER





Season of Giving

FCJ Refugee Centre is making a call to everyone during this holiday season to reflect on generosity and support the work the Centre does in making society a better place for vulnerable populations.

During this giving season, we call on everyone to consider making a gift to show your support for refugees and other precarious migrants.

Your help will allow us to keep our doors open. Some of our key programs are:

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- SETTLEMENT & INTEGRATION**
 - Shelter for women & children
 - Refugee Housing Hub
 - Women's services
 - Food distribution
 - English Classes
 - Clinic
 - Youth
 - Access to Education
- IMMIGRATION SUPPORT**
 - Refugee process
 - Immigration orientation
 - PRRA (risk assessment)
 - Refugee appeal
 - H&C (Humanitarian & Compassionate App.)
 - Sponsorship
 - Work permit
 - Etc.
- ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
 - Migrants Workers Mobile Clinic
 - Direct services to trafficked persons
 - Migrant Women's Counter Trafficking Alliance
 - Youth Alliance Against HT
- PUBLIC EDUCATION & NETWORKING**
 - Webinars & training sessions
 - Borderless Voices podcast
 - YouTube channel
 - Resources
 - Country research
 - Newsletter & annual reports
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THANK YOU

Thank you to all our supporters who keep helping us in different ways like the Monthly Donor Program through Canada Helps or campaigns such as the Ride for Refuge and Giving Tuesday .



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Bag of Toronto

During this holiday season when you support local business you are supporting us! Bag of Toronto sells neighborhood-themed gift bags filled with goods from small businesses. During these holidays if you buy a bag, proceeds will be donated to FCJ Refugee Centre!

Thanks to Bag of Toronto for choosing FCJ Refugee Centre as the charity of this year in the Oakwood neighborhood.



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We invite you to make a one-time donation or become a monthly donor



Here are some ways you can donate to
the FCJ Refugee Centre:

DONATE 

- **Write a cheque payable to:** FCJ Refugee Centre and send it to:
FCJ Refugee Centre, 208 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, ON M6E 2V4.
- **Donate online through Canada Helps here:** <https://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/get-involved/donate/>





Open Work Permit

Migrant workers work essential jobs and contribute to our communities, but many are denied their fundamental and basic human right to change employers freely. Workers and their supporters are calling on the Canadian Government to abolish employer-specific work permits and need your support. Sign the petition demanding that employer-specific work permits be replaced with open work permits!



How can you get involved?: Sign the petition: <https://www.openworknow.ca/>

Migrant Rights Network: Quilt Project

FCJ is part of the project launched by the Migrant Rights Network “The Regularize Now Quilt.” This quilt will travel across Canada in 2023, connecting everyone involved in the “Status for All” campaign.

Each square will represent the struggles and solidarity of migrants.



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The Regularize Now Quilt





Canadian Council for Refugees, CCR

FCJ Refugee Centre team had the opportunity to join the Canadian Council for Refugees, CCR, Consultation that took place in Toronto. This is the first time the meeting was in person after 2 years of virtual meetings due to the pandemic. The theme of the event was "Towards equity and antiracism in Canada's immigration system". The consultation was dedicated to Janet Dench, who is stepping down after more than 25 years as executive Director at the CCR. There are no words that can describe the incredible work that Janet Dench did during these years. Thank you for all your passion and leadership supporting refugees!





FCJ YOUTH NETWORK

This Fall season we had a series of important workshops covering the topical areas of: healthy relationships, sex education, confronting homophobia and transphobia, dental health, and monkey pox awareness; along with this we did not forget to keep our long lived tradition of 'recreating the dining table that was left back home' with our family dinners and fun activities like pumpkin carving and a trip to Canada Wonderland's Halloween Haunt!!

The Youth Network has several new ideas that they are looking forward to implement this Winter season; and we look forward to sharing them with you in our next newsletter!





Family Reunification



A successful case of family reunification of a former resident of FCJ Refugee Centre from Afghanistan. She came alone to one of our transitional houses in 2020 and after being accepted as a refugee, we helped her to start with the family reunification process. It was a long process, Two years later after been accepted as a refugee, she could reunite with her two sons and husband. However she is still waiting for her daughter.

The detrimental impact of long waits for reunion with family members is huge.

The Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) called on the federal government to increase the immigration levels so that refugees are not forced to wait years to be reunited with their immediate family members.

<https://www.ccrweb.ca/en/media/family-reunification-sept>





HOLIDAY GIVING

Refugee Help in Refugee Hands: On this Holiday Season Donate to the Francisco Rico-Martinez Fund

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