

Sponsorship voices



CATHLEEN MAGLADRY
BVOR refugee sponsor

“You notice changes in children so fast, they go to school in no time. They’re picking up English slang, they’re playing sports. I can’t recommend it highly enough because it’s such a great experience.”

VICTOR NYAN
Sponsored BVOR refugee

“When I first arrived in Canada, I had a feeling that yes, the country that I arrived in is a country where my life would be safe. They (sponsors) gave me love...they should still try if possible to support even more refugees and to give them life the same way they gave me life.”

TYLER BERGLUND
BVOR refugee sponsor

“It’s (BVOR) evidence that you can do something...with minimal resources, with not a lot of people - refugee sponsorship is probably the most meaningful and powerful thing I’m aware of that we can do.”

Join the BVOR movement.

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Welcome New Neighbours.

Learn about the program that matches sponsors in Canada with refugees in need of community & support.



The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

Sponsor refugees.

What is the BVOR program?

The **Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR)** program can match you with a refugee in urgent need of sponsorship and resettlement to Canada.

How it works

The Canadian government provides BVOR refugees with 6 months of income support while sponsors provide an additional 6 months, along with start-up costs.

As a sponsor you will also offer 12 months of crucial practical, emotional and social support to help newcomers adapt to life in Canada, starting from the moment they arrive. This includes activities such as:

- Finding a safe place to live
- Looking for a job
- Getting to know their new neighbourhood

Ready to arrive

BVOR refugees have already been approved for resettlement by the Canadian government and usually arrive in just 4 to 12 weeks after being matched with a sponsor!



Make an impact.



Why sponsorship matters

Many BVOR refugees have been living in unsafe situations, often for many years, with little hope of a secure future. By becoming a sponsor, you can help more refugees and refugee families reach safety in Canada.

The need for resettlement

The reasons why BVOR refugees need to be resettled are complex and varied. They may be targeted, discriminated, or persecuted because they are:

- Women and girls at risk
- Members of the LGBTQI+ community
- Religious and/or ethnic minorities

Build community

Refugee sponsorship allows strangers, friends, families, and communities to create powerful bonds that transcend language and culture at a time when it's needed most.

Not only will you be giving refugees a warm and supportive welcome, you will also be part of building a stronger and more inclusive Canada.

Get started.

Who can sponsor?

To sponsor, you must be in Canada and create or join one of these groups:

- A Sponsorship Agreement Holder or one of its Constituent Groups
- Group of Five
- Community Sponsor

Groups can be made of friends, family, neighbours, colleagues, or anyone who is committed to making a difference.

How we help

The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) offers free training and support to sponsors through:

- **Online & in-person training across Canada**
- **Fact sheets, guides & other resources**
- **A dedicated BVOR Worker to answer questions and guide you**
- **A service to match you with BVOR refugees**

