

## YWCA ST. THOMAS-ELGIN

Providing leadership, advocacy, opportunities, and a voice – empowering women and their families everyday!

### *Unite For Refugees*

Dear Friend,

The United Nations Refugee Agency estimates, there were 19.5 million refugees living outside their home countries at the beginning of 2014. More than half of these refugees were children under 18 years of age. In Syria alone, the total number of individuals fleeing the country has grown to over four million people since violence began to escalate in the country in 2011. The United Nations describes the conflict in Syria as the world's single largest refugee crisis in almost a quarter of a century.

In response to the dire situation of refugees worldwide, the YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin's Board of Directors recently committed to financially support the resettlement of a refugee family. As a multi-service, community-based organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of vulnerable individuals, the organization's leadership felt strongly about helping a refugee family to overcome their hardships and build a new life in St. Thomas-Elgin. In order to ensure refugees receive the support they need to successfully settle and integrate into our community, we invite you to join in making a difference in the life of a refugee family.

As you enjoy moments with family and friends this festive season, please consider making a donation in support of the resettlement of a family seeking to safely start a new life free from violence and persecution. Donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted and are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

**All funds received for this purpose will go directly towards supporting the needs of local refugee family sponsorships.**

#### **YES, I WILL SUPPORT UNITE FOR REFUGEES AND HELP A REFUGEE FAMILY TO BUILD A NEW LIFE IN CANADA.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please withdraw a monthly amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my Bank Account or Credit Card.

(Minimum amount is \$15 per month and withdrawals will be taken the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month - please attach a void cheque for Bank withdrawals)

OR

Enclosed is my single gift of:  \$50  \$75  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1,000  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

I am making this donation by:  Cheque  Credit Card

Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Please mail your donation to the YWCA, 16 Mary St. W., St. Thomas, ON N5P2S3

