



# IIT Syrian Newcomer Support CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

## Befriend a Family. Be an Ansar!

Alhamdulillah our Syrian newcomers have begun to move into their first permanent homes in Canada. IIT has been involved in supporting their settlement through a number of initiatives all driven by gracious volunteers like you. **As our Syrian sisters and brothers begin their lives in Toronto, they need our support.** We are looking to try and pair newcomer families that are moving to East Toronto with local families. It's an opportunity to befriend a family and provide social support. You can help empower them over the next few months to familiarize and integrate them in their new setting. You will NOT be required to accommodate them in your home nor do you need to be able to speak Arabic. It is NOT a financial relationship but one of friendship and mentorship.

### Other Current Volunteer Opportunities

Additionally, if you are unable to commit to the Befriend a Family program, please consider other opportunities to assist our Syrian newcomers. We are looking for **Daytime** volunteers to help with school enrollment, navigating the health system, driving, showing them how to shop, use the TTC and neighborhood orientation. Again Arabic is a plus but not necessary. If you are unable during the day then alternatively, please consider signing up for evening and/or weekend support. We need you! If you are interested please contact us by email at [Syriansupport@Islam.ca](mailto:Syriansupport@Islam.ca)