



WIND Mobile & Lifeline Syria Extend their Support to Guelph Syrian Refugees

Over the past few months, the Guelph community has shown a measurable response to the plight of Syrians who have been forced to flee their homeland as a result of the civil war.

The example that has paved the way for a ground swell of community response has been well documented through the leadership and philanthropy from Jim Estill, President of Danby Corp. to commit his financial support for 50 Syrian families that are in various stages of arriving in our community. With Jim Estill's vision, a network of supports have been working to identify high-priority needs, including access to mobile communications with the basic necessity of communication for families embarking on a new life in Guelph in effort to ease their transition.

With these efforts, the Guelph Chamber of Commerce is pleased to confirm that in conjunction with Lifeline Syria, WIND Mobile has extended its offering beyond the GTA to provide all eligible refugee families settling in Guelph over the course of the next two years to receive a mobile phone and two years of WIND service, free of charge. Individuals or groups sponsoring refugees through private sponsorship are being encouraged to access this offering by sending requests via email to, wind@lifelinesyria.ca to facilitate the request process.

As part of the collective community response, the Guelph Chamber of Commerce is committed to fostering community prosperity, which is why we have launched a Corporate Challenge to connect businesses to the joint Syrian refugee campaign efforts. As part of the initiative, the Chamber is leading the outreach and coordination of corporate donations, and connecting individuals and businesses that are interested in making donations. For more information on the Chamber's Corporate Challenge, and to request donation information, please contact Adam Stewart, Guelph Refugee Forum Corporate Challenge Coordinator, by email at adam@guelphchamber.com.