

JUNE, 2022

C.A.R.E.

CANADIANS ACCEPTING REFUGEES EVERYWHERE



THE C.A.R.E COMMITTEE KEEPS ON GOING!

The work of the C.A.R.E. Committee has continued throughout the COVID pandemic. Welcoming, supporting, transporting, sponsoring, fund-raising, communicating, sharing are all aspects of the work of the committee. While some were limited by the Covid - 19 regulations, our work has continued.

Since 2015 when the committee was formed, we have welcomed 6 families to Antigonish - 7 adults, 19 children are now benefitting from the work of the committee and the wonderfully generous response by members of the congregation, community members, and organizations.

C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Sue O'Brien

Vice-Chair: Martin MacDonald

Secretary and Communications: Manoela Strehl

Treasurer: Mike O'Brien

Pastor: Rev. Danny MacLennan

Family Arrival: Claire MacDonald & Jim Hubley

Housing: Marg MacIsaac & Donald Gillis

Integration: Pam Chisholm, Shaun Chisholm, Sue O'Brien, & Jim Hubley

Employment: Diane Roberts

Health: Emma Lee MacDonald & Gladys MacDougall

Education: Martin MacDonald

·Most of our newcomer families are now fully employed, including some of the older teenagers.

·The committee continues to meet regularly to plan for further endeavours. Applications for sponsorship of two men - one a widower with two children - who are currently living in situations of privation and insecurity, were completed and were submitted more than one year ago. We await the Government's next step in the process. These men and children are relatives of two of our newcomer families who pray for their reunification.

·We look to the future and are presently completing the application forms for a man and his young daughter who live in fear in Uganda. They, too, are related to a family brought to Antigonish by our committee. When this application is submitted we will look at the next step - as always, our priority is to help the most vulnerable. We will look at existing requests, as well as other considerations - housing, Government- assisted programs etc. In face of the invasion of Ukraine, a sizeable amount has been contributed by C.A.R.E to the Antigonish Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund. Our work goes on!

·The acute shortage of affordable housing in Antigonish presents a challenge to us. Reunification of families provides some solution to this as well as building communities here:

We have been blessed by your support. Without it, none of this work is possible. You have supported us in so many ventures: yard sales, ham suppers, envelope campaigns, private donations, raffles, etc. Your help in donations of used items, furniture, bedding etc. has enabled us to provide homes, rather than simply living spaces. The welcoming community has given our families a sense of belonging, a sense of home.



Photo: some of the Committee members in 2021

Our fund-raising efforts to date have totaled \$205,000.
WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SO MANY WAYS.

We welcome new members to our Committee. If you are interested, please contact:

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DONATION INFORMATION

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