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OUR JOURNEY

Stepstone House was founded in 2019 to welcome and contribute to our City's efforts to address housing needs for refugee claimants and newcomers.

We have been enriched by the guidance and expertise of Matthew House Ottawa, the encouragement of City Councillor Keith Egli and his staff, and the support of Mayor Jim Watson and the City of Ottawa. We acknowledge the partnership of various agencies which have provided us indepth support including Refuge613, United Way, Food Rescue and the Canadian Red Cross.

My wife Jackline and I are forever indebted to the kindness of the residents of Ottawa but most importantly, thankful to our team of amazing and dedicated volunteers. Thank you.



WHO WE ARE

Stepstone House is a not-for-profit transitional shelter for refugees and newcomers. With three houses in the City and a dedicated team of volunteers, we provide accommodation to single men and women in our two houses and have created space for families in our third house. We aim to provide the best possible services to redefine the reception of refugees and newcomers.

WHAT WE DO

We provide shelter, sustenance, settlement support, referrals to resources and one-on-one integration guidance to refugee claimants and newcomers. We strive to see each refugee claimant and newcomer respected and welcome to Canada.



Stepstone House endeavours to provide top of the line accommodation for her residents





PARTNERS:

Stepstone House entirely depends on the generosity and kindness of our partners and the community to provide services. We are indebted to the following community partners for their support and contributions towards our commitment to refugees and new comers.



Canadian
Red Cross



FOODRESCUE.CA



United Way
East Ontario



Mayor Jim Watson and Councillor Keith Egli visit Stepstone House. Thanks to CTV and Stefan Keyes for telling our story.





Louisa Taylor of www.refugee613.ca and other sector leaders including representatives of YMCA/YWCA and www.refugeehub.ca visit Stepstone House





Andrew, one of our volunteers receives loan Chromebooks from the Ottawa Public Library



Stepstone House receives a donation from employees of Cowaters International. We extend our sincere gratitude to all our community partners.



Rev. Joseph Kiirya receives Ann McSweeney, Executive Director, www.isisters.org. We are always finding ways of providing extra resources to refugees and newcomers to help them compete and succeed. We are grateful to www.isisters.org for providing computer and entrepreneurship training (particularly) to our female residents.



Roland & Valerie Priddle visit Stepstone House



Pastor Geoff Heegs of the Life Centre, Ottawa visits Stepstone



Pastor Luke Haggett & Chapel Ridge team



Rev. George Kwari of St. Stephen's Parish, Ottawa

Stepstone House extends gratitude to individuals, community and churches for your love and support.



Pastor Alphonse, Rev. George Kwari, Councillor Keith and Kristen Egli, www.thebiggive.ca and Lynda Russett from www.firstplaceoptions.ca among many providing supplies to support Stepstone House





Stepstone House in partnership with www.isisters.org and the Ottawa Public Library committed to providing computer training and entrepreneurship empowerment to residents, particularly the women.



Executive Director of Stepstone House and volunteers engaged in shopping for groceries. We remain indebted to individuals and organisations who have donated and brought us gift cards and groceries to support our budget.





At Stepstone House cooking and meals are communal. Volunteers and residents work together to make delicious meals and dine together....





Partnership with FoodRescue, United Way, City of Ottawa and the Canadian Red Cross keeps meals on the table for all our refugee claimants and newcomers across the city.





Kelly Mertl on behalf of United Way of Eastern Ontario donates tablets to Stepstone House



Shed Construction at Stepstone House donated by the larger Priddle family





OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- Financial donations to Stepstone House
- Food Supplies including fruits and vegetables
- Laundry and Cleaning supplies
- Toiletries and other household items
- Renovations and repairs
- Lawn care and Snow removal
- Shed/Gazebo construction to enable resident's stay outdoors
- Volunteers
- Ambassadors to tell out our story





Finally, steady steps forward from Stepstone House



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