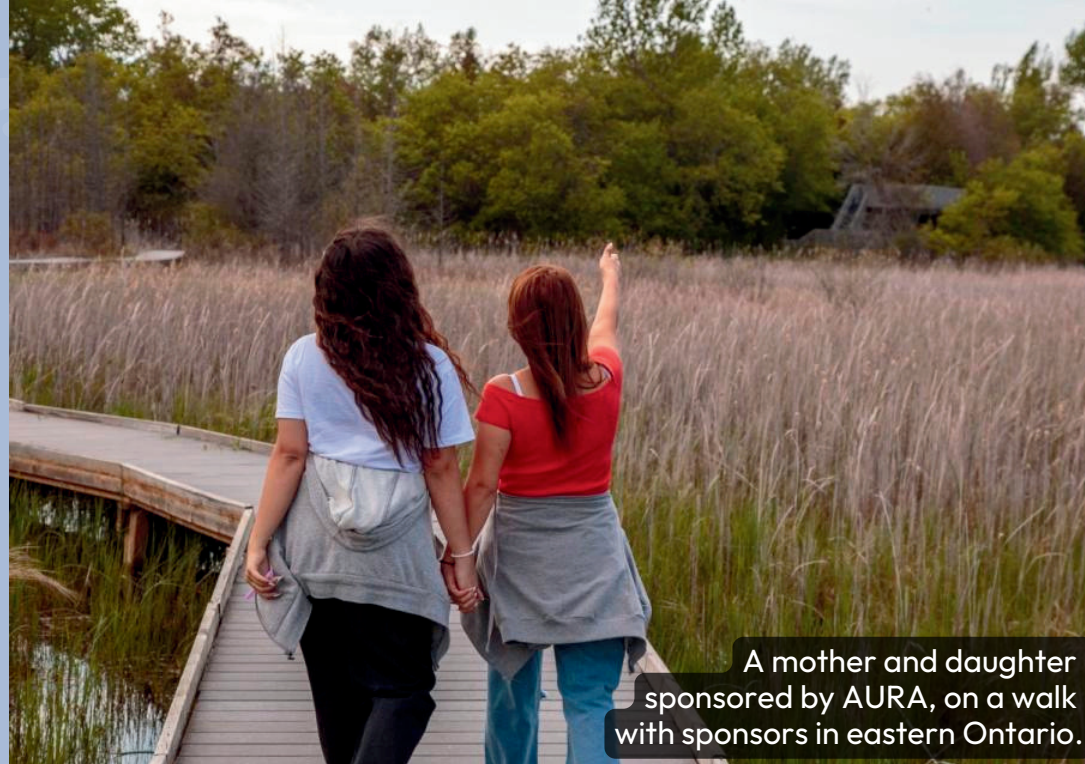


## WHO IS A REFUGEE?

A refugee is someone outside their country of nationality, unable or unwilling to return because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.

Canada also accepts refugees who have been personally affected by civil or armed conflict and violations of human rights.

After fleeing their homes, many refugees are unable to access permanent status, education, employment, or healthcare in the countries where they are. For many, resettlement to another country is the only option.



A mother and daughter sponsored by AURA, on a walk with sponsors in eastern Ontario.

**Our world is facing a historic refugee crisis, with over 100 million people forcibly displaced.**

**Almost half of them are children.**

**You can make a difference by becoming a refugee sponsor or supporting AURA's work.**



*"I know from first-hand experience that resettlement is not only a gift to the refugees and their families, but perhaps even more so a blessing to the sponsors and parishes that welcome them."*

**The Rt. Rev.  
Andrew Asbil**

*"We all try to do good in this world, and sponsorship has given us the opportunity to change the life course of this family, their children, and generations to come."*

**AURA sponsor**

### Connect with AURA:

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E-transfer to [donation@auraforrefugees.org](mailto:donation@auraforrefugees.org)

Cheque to: Anglican United Refugee Alliance

**Charitable Registration Number: 108221938 RR0001**

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

*Matthew 25:35*



**Welcoming the Stranger  
through  
Refugee Sponsorship**

**For Anglican Parishes in the Diocese of Toronto**



**AURA is a Canadian charitable organization providing support and expertise to groups involved in refugee sponsorship and resettlement. We manage a refugee sponsorship agreement held in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.**



Sponsored refugees are welcomed by their sponsors at the airport, where they become Permanent Residents of Canada.

## Refugee Sponsorship

## How AURA Helps

## How to Get Involved

The **Private Sponsorship of Refugees** program allows Canadians to participate in resettlement by personally welcoming refugee newcomers into their communities.

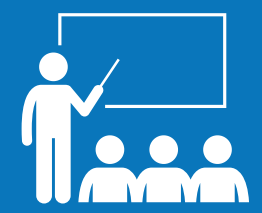


**Sponsors** commit to supporting a refugee individual or family for their first year in Canada, including:

- Welcoming them upon arrival;
- Arranging housing and essentials such as food, clothing and transportation;
- Helping them access medical care, recreation, education, employment supports etc.;
- Providing financial support for one year or until they become self-sufficient (whichever comes first).

Refugee Sponsorship changes lives and strengthens communities. As a Sponsorship Agreement Holder, AURA is there to help Anglican Parishes participate in this incredible program.

**Support and Guidance:**  
AURA helps sponsors access and navigate the Private Sponsorship Program by providing information, training, and guidance throughout the process.



**Casework:**  
AURA works closely with refugees and sponsors to prepare and submit applications to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and respond to requests throughout the process.



**Sponsorship Materials:**  
AURA has developed a variety of materials and resources in print and online for sponsors across Canada.



**Form a Sponsor Group or become a Support Church:**  
AURA needs Anglican Parishes to sponsor. Parishes with big hearts but limited resources can form partnerships with local groups or family sponsors.

**Volunteer:**  
AURA relies on the skills, time, and heart of volunteers to support our mission. From translators to Board Members, volunteers are a key part of our work.

**Donate:**  
About 2/3 of AURA's funding comes from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto and the United Church of Canada. We rely on private donations for the rest.

**Fundraise:**  
Help a sponsor group fundraise. The financial requirements of sponsorship create a barrier in accessing the program for many would-be sponsors.



**Since 1991, AURA has facilitated sponsorships for refugees from over 26 countries.**

*"It's been my biggest prayer that my children will not experience the life that I went through, and this has been fulfilled through our sponsors and AURA."*

**Refugee newcomer**

*"It was so helpful to have AURA lead us through the process and know they were there when we needed help along the way. This sponsorship was more work than I thought it would be, but far more rewarding than I could ever have imagined."*

**AURA sponsor**

Many parishes sponsor in collaboration with other churches, local groups, and family members of sponsored refugees.