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An Urgent Plea

People of goodwill in all faith traditions are called to show hospitality in welcoming the stranger. The Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati has been asked by Catholic Charities of South West Ohio to join in this effort to address re-settlement of Syrian refugees fleeing from violence, hunger and oppression. Together our efforts will expand the needed resources to recruit volunteers from the faith community.

Interfaith Dialogue/Human Rights is one of MARCC's two major social concerns for 2015. MARCC is partnering with the official resettlement agency in the region, Catholic Charities, who serves more than 200 refugees each year. This year they are expecting 300 refugees. This act of hospitality requires the support and involvement of the entire faith community. MARCC is ready and willing to help in this effort.

Catholic Charities just welcomed the first family of Syrian refugees. They will not be the last to find safe haven in the metropolitan Cincinnati area.

The agency is making an urgent request to communities who are able to join us in guiding these newest of our neighbors on the path to self-sufficiency in America by adopting one or more projects. Urgent needs include:

- Household goods such as stocking kitchens with pots and pans. Plan a donation drive.
- Financial support - \$1,000 supports and maintains an individual through the end of the first six months of their residency, which is the time it takes most, on - average, to become self-sufficient
- Mentor a refugee family for three to six months using curriculum developed by Catholic Charities.
- Participate in “Welcome & Connect” groups that assist newly arriving refugees by setting up their homes, greeting them at the airport and providing ethnic-appropriate welcome meals.
- Donate a gently used minivan to transport refugees from the airport, doctor's appointments and classes.

Please join us to learn more about refugee resettlement at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, November 18, at Mayerson Hall, Hebrew Union College, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220. For details visit www.CCSWOH.org/FaithResponse or Register at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) so we can plan accordingly.

In Peace,



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