

News Release - March 25, 2022

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - SUTTON

While the Ukrainian people are living through a terrible war and nearly 3 million of them have left their country, mostly women and young children, people are mobilizing all over the world to offer them help. A group of citizens has formed the Ukrainian Refugees - Sutton Committee with the objective of welcoming refugees to Sutton. The process is supported by the Town of Sutton. The committee is working closely with the office of federal MP Pascale Saint-Onge, the Ukrainian National Federation (UNF) and Solidarité ethnique régionale de la Yamaska (SERY). The committee monitors the government's process for welcoming refugees, including the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET); identifies Ukrainians living in the region; identifies available housing and jobs; and supports and facilitates fundraising. Granby and Sherbrooke have been named "host cities" by the Quebec government. Sutton may also be a good choice. Of course, to welcome refugees requires a whole organization: we must be able to offer housing, employment, education for children, basic necessities (food, medicine, etc.), French courses, transportation, etc. At this stage of the project, here are the most urgent needs:

HOUSING - we are looking for short term (3 months) and long term (12+ months) housing, ideally furnished 4 ½ in the village, starting in May 2022. All other offers will be considered. To submit your offers, please email: refugiesukrainiensutton@gmail.com

Please note: you can also register your housing offer on the following website:
<https://www.ukrainetakeshelter.com/>

EMPLOYMENT - The Sutton Economic Development Corporation is currently listing available jobs. If you are an employer and have job openings, please contact h.vanha@tourismesutton.ca

Please note: as an employer you can also post your job offer on:

https://www.guichetemplois.gc.ca/rapport_note.do?cid=18538&lang=fra

FUNDRAISING - Suttonians are already organizing fundraising events.

Mid-April À l'Abordage will be hosting a meal to benefit Ukrainian Refugees - Sutton, details to come.

Saturday April 30th, the Sutton Random Chance Band will be performing at the Legion, time to be announced. Entry fee \$10 and donations welcome to the Red Cross. Income tax receipts for donations \$20 and over.

Saturday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at Saint-André Church in Sutton, Nathalie Bédard with Pierre Laurendeau on piano and Denis Frappier on guitar will offer a 90-minute bilingual concert, in complete intimacy. A wine and cheese reception will follow. Tickets on sale at \$35 for the Ukrainian Refugees - Sutton.

<https://eglisestandre.org/activites/#concert>

If you are planning a fundraising event, please let us know as soon as possible.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful place in a tightly knit community. Many of you have already expressed interest in participating in this collective effort to welcome refugees to Sutton. We will try to keep you informed on a regular basis about the progress of the project and the needs that will arise.

INFORMATION

Sutton Tourist Office 450-538-8455
refugiesukrainiensutton@gmail.com

MONETARY DONATIONS

In person at the office of the Fabrique of Saint-André Church in Sutton.
By cheque or debit - Tax receipt issued for all donations of \$50 or more.
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
450-538-3215

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