

On February 23rd the family that so many members of our community came together to help arrived in Canada.

Adnan, Taghrid, Sara, Sham and Elisar were greeted by members of the team and brought to their new apartment in our neighbourhood. The weeks of planning and work were so worth it as they arrived to a beautifully furnished apartment stocked with food, clothes, bedding, books and welcoming pictures from our students.

Setting up the apartment



However the volunteer action wasn't over – bank accounts, budgeting, orientation, negotiating the health care system, language assessments and many more tasks had to be completed. The most important goal for the family was to get the girls enrolled in school. Within 3 weeks of being in Canada Sara, Sham and Elisar began school at Central Toronto Academy and Dewson Public School respectively. Elisar has already won an award for NO LATE arrivals – Ms. Pantalone would be happy.

First trip to Tim
Horton's



First toboggan



The family was thrilled to begin setting up routines and sound education plans as it was hard for them in Turkey. Taghrid and Adnan are attending English classes and volunteering in our community including the Trinity Bellwoods Farmers Market. The education team have set up the family for a wonderful summer with over night camps, language school and even a photography camp through the help of our community donations. Everyone involved have been so resourceful, tapping into the networks and offers for refugee families including bicycles, technology and more. It easy to be motivated to help such a lovely family.



The family is grateful for all we have done to help them start their new life. They are kind, thoughtful, creative, fun and they love to laugh!

There is still work to be done as we look for employment for Adnan, in Syria he was a veterinarian involved in animal pharmacology if anyone has contacts in this area please let us know.



The family will come to the OOOPS Fun Fair on June 17th to meet with us and see how much fun we can have. Thank you kind and generous OOOPS community know that your efforts have helped a wonderful family who are already an amazing part of this incredible place we are lucky to call our home.

