



Christmas 2024 Update

Following careful and prayerful consideration, the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees have decided to make an application to welcome a third resettled refugee family as part of the "Community Sponsorship" programme. Based on our previous experience, the application process will take some months. This means we are now in a phase of planning and preparation, with several key areas for action:

- The charity is in a good financial position and we have a target to raise an additional **£3000** over the next six months, so we can offer adequate support to a third family. As we approach Christmas, can you help us with a one-off donation or could you consider a monthly contribution?
- We need to find someone to coordinate **English Language learning** with the new family, building on our existing arrangements and leading the work of a small team of volunteers. Help with taking on this task will be available from our current coordinator, who is stepping down from the role.
- Over the coming months we will have vacancies for two new **charity trustees**. As Louth Churches for Refugees is a small group, our charity trustees are typically responsible for much of the direct support for a new resettled family.
- We need to arrange **housing** in Louth for a new family – do you have a property suitable for a family you would be willing to rent or do you know a local landlord who might be able to help us?

In due course we shall need to make various practical preparations for the family's arrival, including gathering donations of furniture and furnishings, and we will make further appeals nearer the time.

Most importantly we want to ensure prayer remains at the heart of all our plans and preparations. Will you help us by committing to pray for the work of Louth Churches for Refugees - and for the families we support?

**Loving God, you welcome all your children.
Help us open our hearts
to all who are searching
for asylum and the promise of a new life.
Root out fear from our souls and give us the courage
and the compassion to embrace all people in
the name of your love. Amen**

We invite you to consider what support you might be able to provide – and friends and neighbours you can tell about our work and encourage them to become involved. Our website has further information and we post regular updates on Facebook. You can get in touch by using the contact form on our website and we look forward to hearing from you.

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