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Partners in Sponsorship

Office for Refugees Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)

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- The Office of Refugees (ORAT) is a curial department of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, which is a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH).
- We work with many CGPOs to assist members of their communities who wish to sponsor family members that are in need of refugee resettlement.

How is ORAT Funded?

- Most of our funding comes from the Archdiocese of Toronto and its charitable arm, Sharelife.
- We also receive some donor support.
- We receive no government funding.

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Who is a Refugee?

A refugee is...

- someone who has been forced to flee their country of origin because of persecution, war or violence.
- has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.
- has a well-grounded fear that their life would be at risk upon return to their country of origin, and who has no durable solution in their country of asylum.

For further information click on the following link: [Private sponsorship of refugees program - Canada.ca](#)

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What is a CGPO?

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- A CGPO is an organized group (e.g., Church) that works with ORAT to register active members of their community who wish to sponsor a refugee.
- The CGPO is represented by 3-5 individuals who form a refugee committee. Committee members volunteer their time and resources necessary to undertake this work.

Why is a CGPO required?

- ORAT requires a CGPO to assist with the logistical elements of resettlement, including, organizing registration of interested members, the vetting of registered members, and assisting with form completion.
- To intervene when a sponsorship breakdown is inevitable.

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Why should you consider becoming a CGPO?

1. This can be a great help to members of your community. Especially to those who wish to sponsor family members that are in need to refugee resettlement.

2. Gives your community members front of the line access to refugee sponsorship.

3. Since all sponsorship costs are borne by the cosponsor, there is no cost for CGPO. *

* The CGPO assumes a limited financial liability. While 100% of sponsorship costs are deposited by a cosponsor prior to the submission of the case to Immigration Canada (IRCC), should a cosponsor be unable to address any unexpected gap in finances, as required by IRCC, then ORAT will require the CGPO to address this. The same is true for non-financial settlement responsibilities. Should a cosponsor be unable to provide the non-financial support to their sponsored newcomer, ORAT will require the CGPO to address this.

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CGPO Responsibilities

- Assist with organizing the registration of interested members.
- Vet cosponsors to confirm that they are active members in good standing.
- Assist cosponsors with form completion and by acting as a resource for resettlement questions.
- Function as a back-stop in the rare event that a cosponsor is unable to fulfill their responsibilities to their sponsored newcomers (financial and non-financial).
- Intervene when a sponsorship breakdown is inevitable.

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Sponsorship Cost for Cosponsors

The Cost of Sponsorship

Sponsorship Cost: 100% of the funds required by IRCC are deposited by the cosponsor with ORAT prior to submission of the case to IRCC. The cost varies with the size and composition of the refugee family. ORAT holds these funds in trust for the arrival of the refugee to Canada at which point ORAT will disburse these funds in quarterly installments to the newcomer. See Appendix 1 for further details.

Filing Fee: Cosponsors are asked to deposit a $525 filing fee.

Additional Note

Neither ORAT nor the CGPO may ask for additional monies to be paid for processing a sponsorship application. No donation to the church or to this Office is asked for or can be required of the cosponsor.

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Next Steps

- Determine if there is a need in your community for refugee resettlement.

- If yes, notify ORAT and form a refugee committee (3-5 people)

- Arrange for screening of committee members.

- ORAT will organize training for committee members.

- Meet with ORAT to organize registration

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Appendix 1 – Sponsorship Cost

Family Size	Estimated Sponsorship Cost Assumes a 3 Year Average Processing Time Between Submission and Arrival	
1	$ 18,900	**Dependent Adults:** Based on an Average Processing Time of 3 years, and using Immigration Canada's ("IRCC") definition, all unmarried children aged 15 to 21 will be considered as dependent adults. For the purposes of IRCC forms, dependent adults are considered as part of the family unit and are to be included in the one set of forms for the family. However, IRCC treats dependent adults differently from a financial perspective, requiring additional monies to be provided for every dependent adult in the family. For example: The finances required for a family of 4 (father, mother, one child age 12, and one child age 18) are to be calculated as a family of 3 + 1 ($29,900+$18,900=$48,800) and not as a family of 4 ($32,500). Please take this into consideration when calculating the total cost of sponsorship. **Seniors:** When sponsoring a senior(s) (age 62 or older) you will be asked to deposit additional funds, in accordance with RAP policy. **Note:** If, at or prior to the time of arrival, financial liabilities (RAP Rates) are higher than the estimated figures presented herein, cosponsors will be required to deposit additional funds with the Archdiocese of Toronto.
2	$ 27,900	
3	$ 29,900	
4	$ 32,500	
5	$ 35,000	
6	$ 36,800	
7 of more, for each additional member add	$1,500	

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