

Ukrainian Mother and Daughter looking for a helping hand

My kind hearted daughter, who lives just South of Kemptville, volunteered to sponsor a Ukrainian family in order to help them escape the dreadful war in their home country. She was finally matched with Yana, a 39-year-old mother, and Kira, her 17-year-old daughter.

Much has already been accomplished in getting Yana and Kira established in their new Country. All the official documents have been obtained, including Ontario Health card, Social Insurance number and work permits. Kira, a grade 11 student, has been tested in English in preparation for placement in school in due course.

Ukrainian families, fleeing their dangerous war-torn country, do not qualify as refugees so assistance from the Canadian Govt is very limited. We applied for and received a onetime payment of \$3,000 for Yana and \$1,500 for Kira. We are coordinating the collection of financial support, furniture and clothing in preparation for when they find an apartment. Also, we were successfully in arranging for each of them to have a free 7-month Ottawa bus pass.

The dilemma, neither our daughter nor us reside in an area where Ottawa public transportation is available. Yana, a qualified hair stylist, is eagerly searching for work, either in her field of expertise, or any job, so that she can financially support herself and her daughter. They are both very motivated to succeed and they are absolutely delightful to be around. They have been staying with us for the past two weeks and we enjoy having them very much.

If anyone can find it in their heart to reach out and help them, they would be most thankful as would I.

What would help

- Any ideas for affordable accommodations within the city (could be basement apartment in private house)
- Job opportunities
- Furniture and clothing
- Donation of financial support, could also be in grocery gift cards

For more information, please call Steve or Lucyna Neville at 613 839-6569 or email me at s.neville@rogers.com