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Weather



TODAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 28
LOW OF 16



TUESDAY:
A MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 16



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 17



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 30
LOW OF 18



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 26
LOW OF 15

Potton to welcome refugee family from Ukraine



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

Like most of you likely do, I personally wear several "hats" in life. As the Director of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Potton, I recently shared this letter in my community but given its content and subject matter, I felt that sharing it with Record readers via "The Scoop," might stimulate interest and involvement.

If you have been wondering how to support Ukrainians who are trying desperately to relocate, build new lives for their families and to find a sense of peace, support and community, Potton needs your help.

I am proud to announce that a new Ukrainian family (parents with five beautiful children) will be coming shortly to Potton. The father will work at Garage Jauniaux and the family will live next door in the apartment building. There is much to be done as we welcome this family with love and support.

The family requires significant support to build a new life in a foreign country with a new language, and in many cases, a new way of doing things. And they encounter the same challenges that Potton residents and so many others do: a shortage of affordable housing, a lack of childcare, and rising food costs.

Communities have come together to show support and we at the CABMN Volunteer Centre are so grateful for everyone who has reached out in volunteering to help paint the apartment, assist in finding furniture and dishes, providing food and who will in future offer support

as the family adjusts.

Your understanding of the suffering experienced as the war continues and the plight of those traumatized, displaced and hoping for brighter days is essential and so appreciated.

To the volunteers, I appeal to our community: please, don't stop supporting Ukrainians. We need you. They need you.

If you can give, please give. If you can volunteer, please volunteer. Please don't stop now as the needs have not stopped but rather have grown.

Last year in welcoming another Ukraine couple to our community it became clear very quickly that these people are not looking for long term charity. They are humbled by kindness and while I am no expert, perhaps it seems, they find the acts of compassion and the desire to help, a bit bizarre or odd. That is likely a cultural difference. What

Committed to taking language courses and getting drivers licenses and people who are prepared and devoted to improving their own lives. I truly believe that these Ukrainian refugees deeply appreciate a new beginning and the opportunity to live life as we all do, free.

The family arriving in Potton does not speak French or English. Anyone speaking Ukrainian will be vital in aiding communication in the first months. Volunteers like Beatrice Baass who has provided French lessons for the couple mentioned above, offer invaluable support and friendship. Likely there will be many ways to offer support.

If you want to make a monetary donation in support of this initiative you can do so by donating in the following ways through the CABMN Volunteer Centre. Please make a note on your cheque, interact transfer or on Canada helps stating that your donation is specifically for: Ukrainian Refugee support. Monetary donations will help with food, household needs, school supplies, clothing... Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations and require your name and address to appear on your cheque or donation.

Donations can be mailed to:
Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN)
314B Principale
Mansonville, Quebec
JOE 1X0
Or by credit card at CanadaHelps.org
Or by contacting the CABMN Main office at 450-292-3114 infos@cabmn.org to set up an e-transfer
Or by simply bringing in your donation to the office at the address above after Aug. 6.

Many thanks to all who help in so many ways.

If you have furniture, dishes, or other items in good condition to donate, please contact volunteer, Barbara Taylor at: highwaterbarb@gmail.com Barbara can share a list of needs with you via email and can let you know specific details regarding the particular needs of this family of seven.

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I have witnessed is people who are driven to work hard with pride and commitment. People who are determined to find and pay their way once finding their footing and becoming grounded. Finding employment is their first priority.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

