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Basic Corporate Information

Incorporated in Ontario as Windsor Baptist Refugee Ministries

Operating as Matthew House Refuge Centre of Windsor

Ontario Corporation Number: 1509897

- Incorporated as an Ontario Non-Profit Corporation with Letters Patent issued on July 12, 2002.

Charitable Registration Number: 89733 9800 RR0001

- Registered as a Charitable Organization with Revenue Canada effective February 24, 2003.

Corporate Objectives:

- Supporting Refugee Claimants by providing transitional housing, orientation to Canadian life, and assistance in accessing government agencies.

Mission Statement:

- Matthew House Windsor brings hope by providing a temporary home and settlement supports for Refugee Claimants, empowering them to become contributing members of the Canadian community.

Vision Statement:

- Refugee Claimants in Windsor-Essex feel welcomed and have access to the services and supports they need to thrive.

Client Profile

- Our primary focus is on newly arrived Refugee Claimants who are not eligible to receive Federally funded settlement supports. These individuals have fled their home country and claim refugee protection at our border. They are seeking safety and a fresh start in Windsor-Essex but typically have no money or connections and otherwise end up in a general homeless shelter.
- Other homeless individuals and families regardless of age, culture, creed, ability to pay or status in Canada.
- Our model calls for individuals to remain in shelter for 45-90 days, and in transitional housing for up to one year. During which time they receive supports to:
 - Access Legal Aid and legal counsel
 - Complete their Basis of Claim and secure status in Canada
 - Access Ontario Works or other income support
 - Complete a language assessment and begin language classes if needed
 - Apply for and receive a Work Permit
 - Secure appropriate, permanent housing
 - Register their children for school
 - Develop connections and confidence in navigating our community
 - Connect with volunteer and employment opportunities



"I was a stranger and you took me in..." Matthew 25:35-40