



# Friends of the Family

*Friends of the Family exists to offer social connection and support to recently arrived refugee families. Get a group of Friends (colleagues, neighbours, friends or family members) together and be that social link for a newcomer family*

*As a group of Friends, you will:*

- \* Support a recently-arrived family to practice English language skills, explore the community (libraries, parks, museums etc), share friendship through engaging in recreational, social & cultural activities and learn more about Canadian customs*
- \* Receive on-going support from the Project Coordinator*
- \* Have the opportunity to attend planned activities and events with your matched Family*



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Volunteer  
Today

*You and your group members will be required to:*

- \* Obtain a Police Record Check and provide 2 references*
  - \* Attend an orientation*
- \* Provide feedback on your experiences for evaluation purposes*
  - \* Commit 3 hours per week for a minimum of 3 months*

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