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**Manitoba Refugee Response
Bulletin #1**

Manitoba Labour and Immigration, the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization and the Canadian Red Cross have established a help line for people wanting to assist refugees displaced by the crisis in Syria. Refugees will be arriving in Manitoba starting in early December.

Manitobans seeking information about donations or volunteering can call **1-888-662-3211** (toll-free) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Manitoba Labour and Immigration is rolling out a comprehensive, multi-pronged strategy to provide humanitarian relief and supports to welcome 1,500 to 2,000 refugees displaced by the crisis in Syria.

Refugees will initially be housed in Winnipeg, where more settlement services are available, while options for regional resettlement are explored. Privately sponsored refugees will go to the community where their sponsor group is located, such as Altona.

For more information, visit www.manitoba.ca/refugees.