

OMRA

A Place to Call Home

Housing for Refugees

Since 2003 Ottawa Quaker Meeting has been part of a coalition of churches that support this Ottawa Mennonite Refugee Assistance initiative. OMRA is an arms length agency of Ottawa Mennonite Church which owns three 3-bedroom condominiums in Ottawa.



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Newly arrived refugee families rent from OMRA at a subsidized rate for up to two years. This is especially helpful for large families who arrive sometimes with five children and very few resources.

OMRA is also supported by three other Ottawa churches - Glebe-St. James United Church, Emmanuel United Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church.

How You Can Help:

OMRA funds are raised primarily through the sale of grocery gift cards from Loblaw, metro and Farm Boy grocery chains. These stores return 5% of all sales of the gift cards to OMRA. Purchasers get full value for the cards in groceries.

YOUR GROCERY MONEY CAN SUPPORT
REFUGEE HOUSING WITH
LOBLAW / INDEPENDENT / NO FRILLS
or METRO / FOOD BASICS
or FARM BOY
PRE-PAID GROCERY CARDS

THINK ABOUT IT !!

The 'swipe card' that you purchase can be used exactly like cash. Every cent of the money you use to buy a swipe card will be fully redeemed for groceries. Swipe cards are fully transferable.

METRO and LOBLAWS provide swipe cards in denominations of:

\$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, and \$250.00.

FARM BOY swipe cards are \$50.00

When you buy a grocery gift card from OMRA the grocery companies donate 5% of the card value to OMRA.

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OMRA Changes Lives:

Over the past 35 years Ottawa Quaker Meeting has helped to sponsor many individual refugees and families. Over the 10 years of its existence OMRA has provided the shelter needed for 11 families with a total of 54 children to get established in Ottawa. Ottawa Quakers have helped make that happen.

a DVD of the OMRA story is available to borrow