

Home from Home

Community Quotes



‘The house was unfurnished, so I drew up a list of everything we needed - from washing machine to cutlery to beds and toys. Within a month every item on the list had been donated!’
[Salvation Army church leader](#)

‘I’ve done various DIY jobs throughout the year. Putting furniture together, fixing curtain rails, getting keys cut - things like that.’
[Local person](#)

‘The group laugh at me for knowing every bus route in our area - but it’s important for someone to show the family how to get around! I’ve also knitted cardigans for the children and their extended family members elsewhere.’
[Neighbour](#)

‘It’s very rewarding to see how the family are settling in and making a home here. I’m so glad that I have been able to use my language skills in this way.’
[Interpreter](#)

‘Manal [the mum] is making great progress. She will text me in almost perfect English between classes if there is anything I need to know. I am very impressed with how hard they both work.’
[ESL Tutor](#)

‘I’ve learnt that friendship and love can overcome the cultural and language barriers that can seem to separate us. To start with, I helped the family with very practical tasks, but now they are part of our lives as friends and part of the community.’
[SEN Teacher](#)

‘We as a church have a heart for working with refugees, and so the timing was perfect to be able to offer Ghassan [the dad] the opportunity to work for us. It’s been totally amazing to see him become part of our community. He’s an incredibly hard worker, and we have loved seeing his sense of humour, while also being humbled by the devastating tales of life in Syria.’
[Employer, Salvation Army church café](#)

‘I’ve enjoyed dropping round to the house to give homework support. I always receive a wonderful welcome. We’ve even been swimming together a few times and they have loved that!’
[Education support teacher](#)

‘I remember driving home, smiling to myself about the laughter we had just had. It had not even dawned on us that we didn’t speak the same language.’
[Sponsorship team member](#)

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Optional Additional Quotes

‘In London we found a new family waiting for us.’

Ghassan (father)

‘Praise to God, my daughter is getting medical help.’

Manal (mother)

‘It takes a community to resettle a family. So many people have been involved and they keep thanking us for giving them an opportunity to help.’

Local person

‘It takes a family to make a community. We’ve made many new friends locally and have grown closer together because the family came here.’

Salvation Army church leader

‘When we saw the terrible images of what was happening in Syria, we felt compelled to do something and put our prayers into action.’

Leadership team

‘One Sunday we cancelled our church service and 50 of us spent the day getting the house ready. By the time we finished, the house was fully furnished and cleaned from top to bottom.’

Church member

‘The Government is delighted with the progress the Community Sponsorship scheme has made, which is in no small part thanks to the inspiring work of the volunteers, particularly from faith groups, who have welcomed refugees into their communities.’

MP

‘In July 2017 we announced a new £1m capacity building fund to help communities in their efforts to welcome and support refugees through the scheme. We hope many more groups will be inspired to get involved and support families and individuals who want to rebuild their lives in the UK.’

MP

‘We have supported The Salvation Army’s application to Government every step of the way. I have been really impressed by its commitment and willingness to anticipate the family’s needs.’

Council worker

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‘My heart bleeds for the people of Syria. I think anybody would be happy to help. I am retired and have some spare time - what better than helping others?!’

[Interpreter](#)

‘Seeing a family torn away from those they love, I have learned to value my own family and friendships in a deeper way.’

[Speech and language teacher](#)

‘Seeing the family make their own friends, learn to communicate in English and receive the medical support they need has been amazing.’

[NHS administrator](#)