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In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

Manitoba Islamic Association

And be good to the neighbour who is your relative and to the neighbour who is not a relative . . . (Qur'an, 4:36)

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Connecting Established Manitobans with Newcomers

Looking to get involved and help out the newcomers to Winnipeg?
Would you like to get your whole family involved?

Families Helping Families is a program created by the Manitoba Islamic Association. The Families Helping Families program aims to match and connect refugee families with caring families from the Winnipeg community.

Government sponsored refugees may lack connections with established Canadians, as they learn a new language and establish a life in a new country.

If you and your family would like to give the gift of time and friendship and provide our newcomers with a true Canadian welcome, please contact us today!

Please contact:

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FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Thank you for showing interest in our Families Helping Families program! We are excited and enthusiastic to see friendships flourish.

We are asking for committed families to enroll in our Families Helping Families program to enable MIA to match refugee families with established families here in Winnipeg. We are requesting that our established families reach out to their matched family and foster friendship with them.

What is expected of you?

Your family makes a commitment of having 2 social interactions per month with the new comer family. What you do is up to both families. Here are some suggestions: visiting the park or city landmarks, play dates, home visits, inviting them for iftar in Ramadan, going together for Jumua or other community events together, Eid visit and gift exchange. These are just some of the wonderful things you can share.

MIA will follow up with you, to see how things are going with your paired family. Remember, we are here for you, should there be any questions or concerns.

Making these connections will help our newcomers feel welcome. Everyone should feel a sense of belonging and you and your family can make this a reality.

Although many of the recent newcomers speak Arabic, they are eagerly learning English and many have expressed sincere interests in having people to practice their English skills with them. We welcome both Arabic and non-Arabic speaking families to enroll in the program.

To sign up, please return this form to the MIA office or email it to lubna.usmani@miaonline.org.

First & Last Name

Phone

City

Street Address

Postal Code

Names of household members (please include ages of children):

By signing this agreement, we agree to commit to at least two interactions a month with our matched family in the Families Helping Families program for a period of one year. We understand that should any concerns or issues arise, we will bring them to the attention of the MIA program coordinator as soon as possible.

Applicant Name (Please Print)

Applicant Signature

Date

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