

Everyone deserves a warm welcome.

Welcome Collective



December 2021

What we do

Welcome Collective is the only Montreal organization that collects essential items from donors across the city and delivers them to refugee claimant families, free of charge. We also connect these families with local volunteers who provide information and orientation to help them settle and integrate into their new communities.

In its first four years of operation, Welcome Collective has provided basic necessities to more than 5,800 newly arrived refugee claimants in Montreal, including mattresses, tables and chairs, cookware, winter clothing, and more.





Who we help

Welcome Collective works with social workers who refer refugee claimants who have recently arrived to Montreal to our programme.

We prioritize families in the following especially precarious situations:

- single parents
- pregnant women
- parents with newborns
- large families with young children
- unaccompanied minors
- people with physical and mental challenges
- the elderly

How it works

Welcome Collective is a truly descriptive name : we bring together a collective force of volunteers, organizations, and businesses to welcome and support newcomers who have few resources or social networks. Our organization helps thousands of refugee claimants each year by harnessing this support from across Montreal, collecting and redistributing tens of thousands of furniture donations and other household items to newly arrived families.

We have become the go-to hub for those who are looking for ways to support this community. Volunteers, organizations and businesses have donated time, material goods, space, and money to ensure that families coming to our city can access the essentials that they need to restart their lives with support, dignity, and hope.





Cultivating communities of support

In addition to distributing essential household items, Welcome Collective is cultivating communities of support for refugee claimants by building networks of volunteers called Welcome Groups.

Welcome Groups are located in eight different neighbourhoods across the Island of Montreal. These groups of volunteers help new families settle and integrate by visiting newcomers and providing them with essential information about social services and resources in their neighbourhoods. Volunteers also host events and information sessions where locals and newcomers can come together, share a meal, build social connections, learn skills and gather information.

Real people, real impact

From December 2017 to December 2021, we've been able to support:

1713
families

5810
people

3725
children



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