

# RSTP Bulletin

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## May is Asian Heritage Month!

RSTP is dedicating this week's bulletin to celebrate the refugees of Asian descent who have found a safe home in Canada and continue to contribute to making Canada a better nation!

### **REMINDER**

**Deadline to use old PSR applications forms is  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**The new forms are now available on the RSTP website, in English and French:**

<http://www.rstp.ca/en/processing/the-refugee-sponsorship-application-forms/>

#### **For SAHs:**

- New Instruction Guides for SAHs [[IMM 5413](#)];
- Sponsorship Undertaking – Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) [[IMM 5373](#)];
- Settlement Plan – Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) [[IMM 5440](#)]; and
- Sponsor Assessment [[IMM 5492](#)].

#### **For G5s:**

- New Instruction Guides for G5s [[IMM 2200](#)];
- Sponsorship Undertaking and Settlement Plan – Groups of Five (G5) [[IMM 5670](#)];
- Sponsor Assessment [[IMM 5492](#)]; and
- Financial Profile [[IMM 5373B](#)].

#### **For CSs:**

- Guide for CSs to privately sponsor refugees [[IMM 2201](#)];
- Sponsorship Undertaking and Settlement Plan – Community Sponsor (CS) [[IMM 5663](#)];
- Sponsor Assessment [[IMM 5492](#)]; and
- Financial Profile [[IMM 5373B](#)].

Applications with old forms submitted after **June 01, 2018**, that do not adhere to the new requirements will be returned or refused.

**Use the Latest Versions of the Application Forms!**

**PLEASE NOTE! The Financial Guidelines for Sponsors have been updated: Please see changes here:**

[http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/EN\\_Post-arrival-financial-FAQs\\_Final\\_2018-May-18.pdf](http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/EN_Post-arrival-financial-FAQs_Final_2018-May-18.pdf) (English)

[http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/FR\\_Post-arrival-financial-FAQs\\_final\\_2018-May-18.pdf](http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/FR_Post-arrival-financial-FAQs_final_2018-May-18.pdf) (French)



The contributions of resettled refugee families don't end with those resettled. The journey and impact, whether on a local or a national level, of those individuals and families continue on for generations and generations to come.

One such example is, Carol Huynh, the first Canadian woman to win an Olympic gold medal in wrestling. Carol was born to parents who were Vietnamese refugees, resettled in the town of New Hazelton, British Columbia, by the local United Church.



## INQUIRIES

### You Asked

**Are the OYW medicals covered by IFH overseas?**

### We Answered

Yes, OYW medicals are covered by IFH.

All Visa offices print and provide IFHP certificates to those resettled refugees overseas who are to be seen for their medical by a non-IOM physician (i.e. mainly the privately sponsored refugees). For those whose medical is performed by an IOM physician, the Visa offices send a list to the IOM Physicians. All resettled refugees eligible for IFHP receive IFHP certificate at POE (no matter if they have received one overseas).



Nearly 40 years later, Nhung Tran-Davies, a resettled Vietnamese Canadian, pays it forward by sponsoring Syrian family. (Photo: UNHCR)

## Available BVOR Profiles

### 119 Profiles in the RSTP Matching Database

#### These profiles include:

- Refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Vietnam.
- Low to medium medical/resettlement needs.
- The majority of cases do not have a preferred destination. Those that do prefer Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Calgary.

Sponsor through the BVOR program. Give refugees the chance to live without fear. Give Refugees a beginning to pay it forward!

## Available BVOR Profiles Include

**PROFILE #: 1130-04-18**

**Nationality: Myanmar**

Myanmar refugees couple with 2 accompanying children. They have experience as farmers. They fear returning to Myanmar as they will be persecuted for leaving the country. They have no family ties in Canada and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during their resettlement in Canada.

**PROFILE #: 1144-04-18**

**Nationality: Syria - The family wish to resettle near the PA's brother in Saskatoon ON.**

Large Syrian family of 7 including children between 1 to 13 years old. The PA has significant experience in farming. The family has relatives landed in Saskatoon SK including the PA's brother, and would like to be close to him. The PA and his family are seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during their resettlement in Canada.

**PROFILE #: 0971-03-18**

**Nationality: Syria - The family wish to resettle in Cousin, Saskatoon, SK**

Syrian family of four with two children. The PA has experience working as a pickup driver and in construction. The family cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety. They would benefit from the additional support of a sponsor upon arrival to Canada.

# Available JAS Profiles

JAS cases can only be sponsored by SAHs

We have 39 In-Canada JAS cases available to be sponsored!

## Including:

**PROFILE #: 1239-05-18 (URGENT!)**

**Location: No Specific Location (Preferably where there is an Eritrean Community)**

Single 18 year old Eritrean man with no formal education. He was residing with his mother and sisters in Ethiopia in a refugee camp for most of his life. He left Ethiopia to attempt to find a better life, his goal was to cross over to Europe. The PA cannot return to his home country as he fears persecution based on his religion and imputed political opinion. PA doesn't have any relatives in Canada, so he needs support to help him in his daily life and through his transition to new life in Canada.

**PROFILE #: 0385-05-17**

**Location: Vancouver Area**

Syrian family of 6 including 4 children between 5 to 16 years old. The principal applicant is up-to-date with language support, health and housing services, and are well oriented with the city's transportation system. He has 12 years of education and work experience as a baker. 2 children have significant medical conditions, thus the family requires extra support with medical expenses and medical needs. The assistance of a sponsor during the resettlement in Canada will affect the well-being of the family as both parents are extremely preoccupied, and consumed with, the children's medical conditions.

For more information on JAS, VOR or BVOR program, contact our Refugee Resettlement Project Worker at [bvor@rstp.ca](mailto:bvor@rstp.ca) or click on: [http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Blended-VOR-FAQ\\_2017-1-](http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Blended-VOR-FAQ_2017-1-)

## UPCOMING RSTP Workshops

**Two Workshops with IRCC Coming up! One for Lawyers, Immigration Consultants and Settlement Workers and One for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors on:**  
**How to Prepare and Submit Applications for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors**

**Date:** Monday June 04, 2018

**Time:** 9:30 am – 12:00 pm (For Lawyers, Immigration Consultants and Settlement Workers) & 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors)

**Description:** Attendees will learn about:

- How to complete the new application forms released on May 01, 2018;
- The new requirements for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors that came into effect on May 01, 2018; and,
- How IRCC processes PSR applications submitted by Groups of Five and Community Sponsors.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide feedback to IRCC on the new forms and requirements.

Kindly note that IRCC will not be answering any questions on PSR applications that are currently being processed, or have been refused, by ROC-O or Visa Offices abroad.

**Where:** The Westin Prince Hotel, 900 York Mills Rd, Toronto, ON M3B 3H2

**Registration URL:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/workshop-with-ircc-for-professionals-on-groups-of-five-community-sponsors-tickets-46072707709> ( For the 9:30 am session)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/workshop-with-ircc-on-group-of-five-community-sponsor-applications-tickets-46073438896> (For the 6:00 pm session)

# Upcoming RSTP Webinars

## The PSR Program: Supporting Settlement and Integration

**Date:** Wednesday May 23, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT

**Description:** This RSTP webinar would cover topics such as: recap of sponsors' settlement and financial responsibilities under the PSR program; the importance of connecting newcomers with a settlement agency; managing expectations; power imbalance; and, ethical considerations.

**Registration URL:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3927199738499594753>

## The PSR Program: Preparing for Month 13

**Date:** Tuesday May 29, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT

**Description:** This RSTP webinar would cover topics such as: when should sponsors start preparing for Month 13; what to consider when preparing newcomers for Month 13; services available for sponsored newcomers in Month 13; evaluating the sponsorship; and, the post-sponsorship relationship.

**Registration URL:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4031813871835995649>

## Are you calculating your G5 sponsorship cost right?

**Date:** Friday, Jun 1, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

**Description:** This webinar aims to illustrate how to budget for G5 sponsorship and where to reflect numbers on the said forms. The webinar will also tackle the new guidelines and the updated Sponsorship Undertaking and Settlement Plan form.

**Registration URL:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8741106836199461634>

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/>

## Communicating with IRCC about your PSR application

**Date:** Friday June 15, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT

**Description:** This webinar will provide information about: Whom to contact at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to provide an update on your Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) application; and Where to get information about your PSR application on the IRCC website.

**Registration URL:**

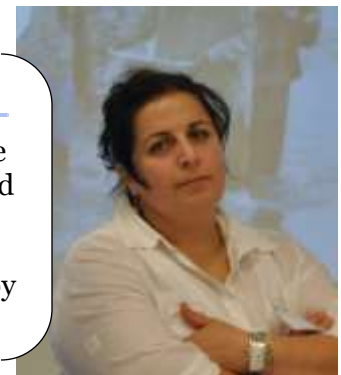
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6587530794270468610>

## RSTP Trainers in Ottawa & Mississauga, Ontario!



### Ottawa Trainer:

**Beth Daniel** is working from the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) on Wellington St. West. She can be reached via phone at **613-725-5671 Ext. 345** or by email at [bdaniel@rstp.ca](mailto:bdaniel@rstp.ca).



### Mississauga Trainer:

**Inas Hamid** is working at the Mississauga CCS office (located at 3660 Hurontario St.) She can be reached via phone at **905-273-4140 Ext. 239** or by email at [ihamid@rstp.ca](mailto:ihamid@rstp.ca).