



WEIRS: The Back Story

In 2016 Redeemer entered an interfaith partnership with St. Anne's Anglican Church, St. Mark's/Epiphany Church and the Dawah Centre (soon dubbed '3 churches and a mosque'). West End Interfaith Refugee Support (WEIRS) became a private sponsorship group and proceeded to raise over \$100,000.

In 2017 members of the partnership sponsored a couple fleeing violence in Iran and provided 12 months of financial and social support to see them settled in Toronto.

In 2018, WEIRS welcomed a family from rural Syria by way of Turkey. A generous group of 20+ volunteers joined to create a sponsor safety net for 2 young parents and their 4 kids (ages 6, 4, 2 and 5 mos.) with no English and great needs.

*In 2019, the partnership was contacted once again and matched this time with a **Pakistani family of 3 teens and their parents**. But COVID struck and left them and us in a long and painful delay.*

By summer of 2021, the process reawakened and as the family inches closer to their flights to Canada, WEIRS is again preparing for the 12- month commitment.

How can you help? Contribute your time to join the volunteer working group.

To learn more, please contact Pastor Steve by [email](#) or call 416.766.1424 to learn more.



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