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## What action can you take to support the work of CLWR?

- Invite a speaker to learn more about refugee sponsorship
- Volunteer to serve on a sponsorship committee
- Use the hashtag #worldrefugeeday to show your support for the plight of the millions of people who become refugees every year
- Request Rev. Carla Blakley, Director of Community and Donor Relations, to speak by contacting her at 1-800-661-2597 or [carla@clwr.org](mailto:carla@clwr.org)
- Make a designated donation on-line at [clwr.org/refugees](https://clwr.org/refugees) to help settle refugees here in Canada and provide a caring community and a welcoming home for them

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