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**SHARING THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:**  
One-hundred-and-three-year-old Charles Duerdoth's favourite charity is the Salvation Army and he asked family and friends to contribute to that organization instead of buying him gifts for his recent birthday. Helping Duerdoth off-load the gifts are two of his 15 great grandchildren, eight-year-old Jayme and 10-year-old Ethan Leslie.

Photo by  
Eamonn Maher

## Coalition works to bring Syrian refugees here

By Melanie Hennessey  
Special to the IFP

There's a movement under way in Halton Hills to help sponsor and resettle Syrian refugees in the local community.

What started as an idea from Georgetown resident Josh Brake to gather a few people and sponsor one family has now morphed

into a local umbrella organization — known as the Halton Hills Coalition for Refugees (HHCR) — that will co-ordinate the efforts of local residents and facilitate the sponsorship of multiple Syrian families approved by the Canadian government.

Through the coalition, groups of 15 families are joining forces and each committing to give

\$1,000 to help sponsor one family and be involved in their resettlement process, said Brake. A matching \$15,000 is then being raised through a GoFundMe page. All funds will be used to provide the necessities of life for the family for one year.

"The groups being formed are collections of like-minded people in the Georgetown and Halton

Hills area who want to contribute and support the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the local community," said Brake, an associate pastor at Maple Avenue Baptist Church and executive director of the online charity, Kutoa ([www.kutoa.org](http://www.kutoa.org)). "All the people in these groups know each other. It's very grassroots."

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