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Jasmine Dehmasi, from left, Myles Heney and Clarinda Ruiz release doves as part of a ceremony for bereaved families and others at Evergreen Hospice, and its Walk to Remember in Memorial Park Saturday. The hospice, which serves Stouffville and other York Region communities, benefited from the Taste of Stouffville – Harvest Fest event taking place in the downtown park.

Residents set to rally around refugees

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There have already been offers of housing and two churches have said they want to help Syrian refugees.

“What’s very clear from the residents in town is they want to see something very holistic happen, not just individuals,” Ward 5 Councillor Iain Lovatt told The Sun-Tribune yesterday

morning.

Churches in Canada have an agreement with Immigration Canada to support refugee families via a pre-approved government list. The list not only includes Syrians, but refugees from Iraq and Afghanistan, according to Joan Masterton, minister at St. James Presbyterian Church.

St. James, along with Stouffville United, have

both said they will help.

“Partnering is always a great idea,” Masterton said, adding she has not approached Stouffville United yet, but all plans are just in the very early stages.

Even though families are pre-approved, it will still take years for them to arrive, she said.

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