

Settling Successfully

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The Exercise

- To bring in and successfully re-settle 50 Syrian families
- About 300 people
- In Guelph, Ontario (population 130,000)

Success

- Safety
- Families working – paying their own rent and shopping where we do
- Paying taxes
- Speaking English/integrating
- Having hope

Directors

- Housing
- Food
- Health
- Education
- Transportation
- Jobs
- Finance
- Mentors

Mentors are key

- One Arabic speaking mentor family and one English speaking one.
- And a group
- Start up checklist
- Scorecard – focus on ESL, jobs and adjustment mostly

800 Volunteers

- All police checked

Costs to Guelph

- Police checks
- Bus passes
- Recreation Centre passes

- But this create future customers and is just using excess resource

It adds vibrancy to Guelph

- Unemployment is effectively zero – we need people to work
- This has drawn the city together
- Cross religion and business

Questions?

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