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Committed to making a positive contribution to the life of a refugee family

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Dear Debra

I am writing on behalf of Belper Refugee Welcome to update the Town Council on the progress of our project. A few weeks ago, the Home Office approved our organisation's application to welcome a refugee family to Belper. Since then, we have been waiting to hear that we have been allocated a family. Last week we received the news that a family of five, originally from Damascus, will be coming within the next few weeks. They are a mother, father and 3 children.

Many of our preparations are now being finalised. The house which will be their home is being prepared, interpreters have been engaged to support the family in the first two weeks of their stay, and those volunteers who will be working closely with the family are being trained to help them find their feet and eventually to achieve independence.

We would like to thank the Town Council for their support for our project. The grant of money enabled us to get off to a successful start and we know that numerous individual councillors have supported our fundraising and helped us with the many administrative tasks we have had to undertake. Initially we were daunted by the task we had set ourselves, but you made achieving our aim so much easier, and for that we are immensely grateful. Belper has welcomed refugees in the past and has recently extended this to many Ukrainians. We are confident that our Syrian family will find the same welcome extended to them.

Kind regards

*J. O'Leary*

On behalf of Belper Refugee Welcome

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