# **How you can support Ukrainian Newcomers**

Since the invasion of the Ukraine in February 2022, many Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes. Canada is welcoming Ukrainians fleeing the conflict through the **Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel** pathway. This provides temporary residency status for Ukrainian nationals for up to 3 years, including work and study permits and access to healthcare. Financial assistance from the federal government is also provided, in the amount of $3000 per adult and $1500 per child under 18.

Over 50,000 Ukrainians have already arrived through this pathway and more are expected.

Organizations such as the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and the Canadian Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society (CUIAS) are seeking help in welcoming and supporting Ukrainian newcomers. Offers of temporary short-term accommodation (less than one month), longer-term accommodation, and household goods (especially linens and kitchen essentials) are especially welcome.

In **Toronto**, you can offer temporary housing and other support through the website [www.dopomoha.ca](http://www.dopomoha.ca)

Nadia Gereliouk is the lead on the housing team for Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Toronto branch. You can contact her at [nadiagerel@gmail.com](mailto:nadiagerel@gmail.com)

Liz Zur is helping to match hosts with newcomer families with special needs. Contact her at [liz.andrejeva@gmail.com](mailto:liz.andrejeva@gmail.com)

In-kind donations such as linens and kitchen essentials are being collected by the Ukrainian-Canadian Parachute with two donation centres at 150 Bridgeland Ave. Suite 104 and 160 North Queen St. Please call **416-626-5100** in advance to make sure the donation centre is open before visiting.

In **Durham Region**, visit the website <https://supportukrainians.ca/durham/help-ukrainian-newcomers-in-durham> to find out how to help.

Kim Kryshka is in charge of screening and matching volunteer hosts in Durham. You can contact her at [kim.kryshka@gmail.com](mailto:kim.kryshka@gmail.com)

The **Canadian-Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society** is working with AirBnB.org (the humanitarian arm of AirBnB) to offer temporary housing for Ukrainian newcomers. Contact [cuias@cuias.org](mailto:cuias@cuias.org) to learn more.