



SUPPORTING SYRIAN REFUGEES: VOLUNTEER WITH VCN!

As Canada welcomes 25,000 Syrian refugees across Canada by the end of March 2016, at the community level Canadians are rallying to provide immediate, essential services, and long-term settlement support new refugees.

Here at VCN, we are **fully committed to ensuring a safe haven, successful settlement, and integration of Syrian refugees** into Canadian society.

Currently offering service in seven different languages, VCN is seeking fluent Arabic & more Farsi speaking volunteers to join the team! Volunteers will offer technical support for refugees who are looking to build skills as well as helping connect refugees to much-needed information and telecommunications technology to help thrive in their daily lives.

If you would like to get involved, please look at our website for more details
<http://volunteer.vcn.bc.ca/apply/>



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VCN HOLIDAY HOURS

This holiday season, starting on December 21st to January 1st, VCN will be reducing help|desk hours and limiting technical support. VCN help|desk hours are as follows:

Thursday, December 24 th	10am – 2pm
Friday, December 25 th	Closed
Thursday, December 31 st	10am – 2pm
Friday, January 1 st	Closed

Hours will resume as normal on Monday, January 4th, 2016. Season's tidings and happy holidays to you and your loved ones!

GIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



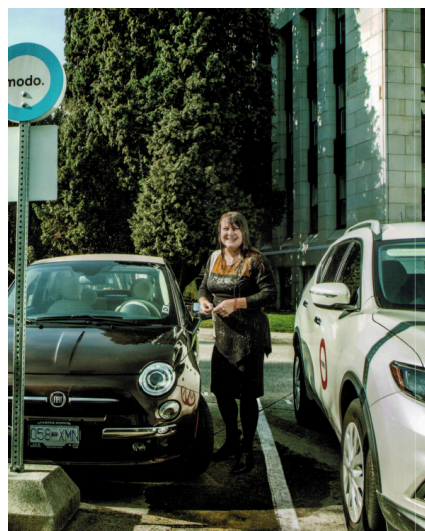
This year for **Canada Helps' annual Giving Tuesday Campaign** plus donations from members of the community, **VCN raised close to \$2,000 in just 36 hours!**

VCN is grateful for the outpour of support to sustain our work towards social justice and vital programs aimed at increasing digital inclusion of our most vulnerable and marginalized communities, including seniors, people with disabilities, at-risk youth, and the street-involved.

Thank you to Canada Help and their partners INTERAC and PayPal for matching donors' contributions.

The online matching campaign will last until 31st December 2015. For this holiday season, make your donation go further by donating with your PayPal account or through the Canada Helps website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/paypal-1-match-2015-terms-and-conditions/>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRACEY AXELSSON IN SO IT IS: VANCOUVER



VCN's own Tracey Axelsson was featured in a new book *So It Is: Vancouver* created by Adam and Kev Photography.

The book tells the story of our city through remarkable people who live in Vancouver today.

Other notable names include David Suzuki, Rick Hansen, Marc and Jody Emery, and the Boom Booms.

For a copy, visit their website: <http://www.soit.is/buy-the-book/>