

**INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM/ EVENT:**

**Note: Any program since last year's deadline is eligible.**

**Category: (Please circle or highlight the category for which this program is being submitted.)**

- Women – Education – Community – International – Cultural – Diversity – Public Policy

**Title: Refugee Resettlement Program**

Part I:

**(X) Other community groups** involved, if any (list):(5 points)

**Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program; Girl Scouts**

**(X) Number of members involved in planning or putting on** the program (5 points) **15**

**(X) Number of nonmembers involved** in the program (5 points) **30**

**(X) Number of members who attended or participated** (5 points) **75 (various activities)**

**(X) Number of nonmembers who attended or benefitted** (5 points) **45**

**(X) Number of new members who joined** (if any)(5 points) **0**

Part II:

**Describe your project/ program/ event in 75-150 words. Be sure to include:**

**(X) how the project addressed AAUW's mission** (15 points)

**(X) branch goals** in doing this program (10 points)

**(X) specific action steps** in planning this program (15 points)

**(X) steps taken for community visibility** (Attach newsletter and newspaper articles.)(10 points)

**(X) measurable impact on the community** (10 points)

**(X) lessons learned** for future programs/ projects/ events (10 points)

**Attach copies** of newsletter and newspaper articles about this project/ program/ event.

(No more than 4 pages maximum)

**Mail or email** the original of your entire application with supporting materials to:

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## **Refugee Resettlement Program**

**When we had the good fortune to learn about a Catholic Charities' initiative to place refugees arriving in the United States into the Capital District, we invited the coordinator of the program to speak to our Branch in Sept. In keeping with our goals to focus on life skills, diversity, and women and children from other countries, we have since developed an on-going relationship that has brought us a new and exciting opportunity for community service.**

**Families from countries such as Iraq, the Congo, and Bosnia have been arriving in our area this past year. They come with nothing and we responded to that need. The first phase of our participation involved collecting twenty-five+ blankets and comforters to help keep the refugees warm over the winter.**

**We were asked to assist with some language instruction for the refugees who needed practice with basic conversation. This was to begin this spring. Unfortunately, the ESL coordinator has moved so that program, which was to take place in Albany, has been put on hold. However, since more and more refugees will be placed in Schenectady, it is our intent to begin an ESL program right here in our own community, starting with the family we expect will be arriving in a month or two. The children will receive ESL in the schools, but we have been told that many women come from countries where formal schooling for them is not valued. Many have also had to lead lives of subservience to their husbands and feel intimidated so we expect to pay particular attention to helping the women with English skills.**

**Speaking of a family arriving, the first week in Dec. our Branch was asked to set up an apartment for a family of four arriving from Iraq. We agreed. In addition to getting promises of furniture and household items within a few days (See attachment showing the items), we also committed to stocking the apartment within a week, picking up the family at the airport, and maintaining a long-term relationship where we would take them to appointments, familiarize them with the area, and help with English skills. A few days before they were to arrive, we heard that the family was rerouted to St. Louis, Missouri instead. We have since agreed to "adopt" another family in March or April and our members are storing the items until then. (See pg. 2 of the Refugee Resettlement newsletter that describes the disruption of plans.)**

**In the interim, we proposed another project, collecting toiletries for families and learning aids for children. That plan was warmly received by the Resettlement staff. With the assistance of a Girl Scout troop who helped us fill the sacks, we were able to deliver twenty-two "Welcome Bags" for families arriving in the United States. Once again, the refugees come with nothing, and these bags provide them with a few basics to begin their lives in the Capital District and also give them the signal that says, "We are happy you are here! Welcome!"**

**Now we wait to hear when "our" family will arrive. In addition to responding to an international need where we celebrate diversity, we are helping the refugees with essential life skills as they acclimate to this community. What a unique opportunity for the Schenectady Branch to have an impact in the community, and what better way to achieve visibility as an organization that does much more than "talk about" equity. We would have hoped to have settled our family in Dec., but the red tape of the resettlement process takes control out of our hands. We can't assess our ability to guide the adjustment of the refugees until we have worked directly with them, but we have learned to be flexible and realize that when the regulations of a number of governments are involved, we have to be ready to HURRY UP and then be willing to SIT BACK AND WAIT!**

## References to Refugee Resettlement Program in *Visions*, our newsletter

*Excerpt from Sept.*

### **September Meeting**

Marianne Comfort, Refugee Coordinator for Catholic Charities, will speak to us about an initiative that has helped resettle sixty refugees in the Capital District since March. Many of the refugees are from Iraq and have been helped by the resettlement program to find homes in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy. A number of groups have welcomed the refugees into our community. Every attempt has also been made to provide them with household goods, transportation to appointments. English language tutoring, and other useful services.

There are many opportunities for our Branch to partner with other individuals and organizations to assist the refugees in adjusting to the area, the language, and the customs of their new homes. We hope you will attend this very informative program on Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Presbyterian Church. Find out how we can make a difference in the lives of these displaced women, men, and children.

*Excerpt from Oct.*

### **Presidents' Notes**

As a follow-up to our September general meeting, we will also be looking for volunteers to assist refugees in adjusting to life here. If you are interested in helping on a regular basis or a one-time donation of time, please email or call us. We will also be looking for AAUW volunteers to work with the Girl Scouts on an intergenerational community service project. More details will follow in the next issue of *Visions*.

*Excerpt from Nov.*

### **Presidents' Notes**

Our September program on the Refugee Resettlement Program was wonderful. Thank you to Jean Wildgrube and Barbara Aldi for making a project with such great potential for service a part of our programming this year. To update, we have been in contact with Marianne Comfort, coordinator of the program, and our plans are well underway. In addition to saving some blankets and comforters from the garage sale, we had additional donations that allowed us to deliver twenty-two of them for the refugees. Not accustomed to cold weather, we're sure the refugees will make good use of them. We have also been in communication with one of the Girl Scouts coordinators of the Capital District and she has agreed to work with us on the intergenerational service project mentioned in *Visions* last month.

We are asking you to help supply items for welcome bags that will be given to the refugees when they arrive. Please see the article on page 3 for more specifics. In addition, we will be asking for people to work in pairs to tutor the refugees in English, help show them around the area, and take them to appointments. Although our donation of blankets and

comforters was substantial, we can always use a few more, along with complete sheet and towel sets in very good condition that are clean and free of tears or stains. We know you undoubtedly depleted your spare kitchen items for the garage sale, but if you still have some in good condition that you are willing to part with, they also can be donated to the refugee program. If you have something to donate, please contact us.

*Excerpt from Nov.*

### **Refugee Resettlement Program**

Once again, we need the help of our membership. As witnesses to your past history of generosity and support, we know we can count on you once again. At the Nov. general meeting on Nov. 18 and the breakfast on Dec. 5, we will be collecting the following items:

#### **Personal toiletry items:**

Soap  
shampoo  
conditioner  
hand lotion  
skin lotion  
deodorant  
lip balm  
hair brush  
comb  
toothbrush  
toothpaste

#### **Children's items**

small pads  
paper  
pencils  
crayons  
puzzles  
small toys or games  
flash cards (especially  
L.A. related  
small coloring  
books

In addition to also donating items, on January 12, the Girls Scouts will be helping us fill the welcome bags with the items above for the adult refugees and their children.

Marianne Comfort suggested that tissues and toilet paper would also be appreciated since food stamps do not cover these items. If you prefer making a financial contribution that can be used to purchase more items, we would welcome that too. We will have collection tables at both upcoming meetings. Should you wish to contribute but won't be at those get-togethers, please contact us and we will pick them up.

Excerpt from Dec./Jan.

## Presidents' Notes

Please don't forget-- in addition to the Nov. program, we will also be collecting items at the breakfast to fill welcome bags for the Refugee Resettlement Program.

They include:

### Personal toiletry items:

soap  
shampoo  
conditioner  
hand lotion  
skin lotion  
lip balm  
hair brush/comb  
toothbrush/toothpaste  
deodorant

### Children's items:

coloring books  
small pads paper  
puzzles  
pencils  
crayons  
small toys/games  
flash cards  
(language arts-related)

Again, Marianne Comfort, coordinator of the program, also suggests donations of tissues and toilet paper. If you prefer making a financial contribution, it may be sent to Pam Haller. Checks should be made payable to AAUW Schenectady with "refugee resettlement" on the memo line. We will use these funds to supplement the donated items.

Excerpt from Dec./Jan.

## A Project to Consider-ESL

In addition to AAUW Schenectady collecting blankets/comforters and providing welcome bags for the refugees, we have been contacted by Diane Strully, affiliated with the Refugee Resettlement Program, to consider participating in Refugee Beginner ESL training. This project is intended to counteract the difficulties refugees from very different cultures encounter when searching for employment in this difficult job market.

As Ms. Strully states, "Refugees need to be financially self-supporting a few months after arriving here, and the biggest obstacle to finding work is not being able to speak English. This course has been created to address the fact that there are no free ESL courses for beginners. The traditional classroom doesn't provide for the adult learners who need to become functional in English very quickly. This class will be 'a loosening-up exercise' to take the refugees to a point where they can continue with ESL programs that currently exist."

Beginner ESL (English as a Second Language), would revolve around dividing the class into small groups with two or three refugees and one volunteer having a conversation for approximately twenty minutes. Then, in a more relaxed manner, the refugees could mingle with others in the room, while the volunteer facilitators supervise and guide. The last ten minutes of the class would have the refugees rejoin their original groups. The rationale for this structure is based upon the fact that refugees are reluctant to speak in a classroom setting and even if they aren't, there isn't much opportunity. If they can work in small groups and then interact in a more informal way, it is likely they will build confidence in their ability to communicate in English.

The plan is to hold the course in Albany during the daytime hours with the first session beginning in January, the second in the spring. AAUW volunteers could carpool and ride together to and from the class.

If you think you would like to facilitate a small conversation group in January or in the spring, or would like to know more about this project, please contact Pam Haller (399-8580 or Haller915@aol.com) or Gerri Pinkerton (346-4560 or gpinkerton@nycap.rr.com

Excerpt from Feb.

## Presidents' Notes

In addition, we appreciate the kindness of those who contributed toiletries, paper products and children's items for the welcome bags for the refugee families. Each FAMILY BAG, in a canvas reusable tote, contains an assortment of soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, a comb set, adult and children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, tissues, and toilet tissue. Each CHILDREN'S BAG contains an activity book, markers, crayons, flash cards, pencils, card games, a doodle pad, three books, and a puzzle or toy. With your donations of items, a generous check from Evvie Currie, and an allotment from the Board to supplement the items we collected, we filled bags for twelve families and ten separate ones for those who also have children. By the time you read this, we will have met with the Girl Scouts to fill the bags and will have transferred them to Marianne Comfort, Coordinator of the Refugee Resettlement Program. She assured us that the bags will lift the spirits of the refugees as they adjust to winter conditions in the Northeast.

As many of you who received emails or attended the holiday breakfast know, at the beginning of Dec., AAUW was asked to set up an apartment for a refugee family, and we had two weeks to do it! After an overwhelming response by you to an initial plea for donations to stock the apartment, we received word that the family might go to St. Louis instead. We waited another week and just a few days before the arrival date, we received final word that the family would not be coming here after all. We undoubtedly would have been assigned the next family to arrive, but after careful consideration of the challenges of weather conditions in January and February, we told Marianne that we will not sponsor a family until March. Until that time, if you informed us you would be willing to donate an item from the list that was emailed, please keep it until March and we will make use of it then. If you do not have email access, at the general meetings we will have a list of items we need for the apartment. Or feel free to contact either of us and we will be happy to share the list via phone.

After the winter has subsided, we will be creating a carpool to travel to and from Albany to volunteer in the ESL program for the refugees needing some assistance in casual conversation in English. Or if your family has arrived by then, we will be doing the ESL mentoring in Schenectady. If you would be interested in participating in this program, please let us know.

pt from March  
*idents' Notes*

anks to your donations and a supplement from our Branch budget, we completed the collection of the items for the refugees and met on January 12 to assemble the bags. Many thanks go to the Girl Scout troop and our members who worked together so beautifully to pack toiletries for the families and school supplies for the children. AAUW volunteers were Barbara Aldi, Robin Eddy, Pam Haller, Bobbi Richardson, Gerri Pinkerton, and Dottie Potochnik. We delivered the bags to the Refugee Resettlement Offices the following day, and Marianne Comfort assured us the refugees will be delighted to receive them.

Speaking of the Refugee Resettlement Program, please keep in mind that we should be hearing within the next two months when "our" family will be arriving. We will need assistance with donations of household items and furniture and help with the set-up of the apartment and follow-up. That might include some ESL, taking the refugees to stores or appointments when they first arrive, and familiarizing them with our area and customs. We are hopeful that every Branch member will participate at some level.

## New Faith, Community Groups Join Support Network

Catholic Charities is pleased to find such positive responses from faith and community groups invited to participate in our refugee program.

Parishioners of **Christ the King Parish** in Guilderland stepped in at the end of the September crunch to beautifully furnish an apartment for a Burmese family. Two members not only have since provided outstanding assistance to this family, but also are lending support to other Burmese they've met through the experience.

Volunteers from **St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church** in Clifton Park and from **St. Helen's and Our Lady of Fatima Churches** in Niskayuna stepped in with short notice to prepare for the arrival of refugees this fall. Volunteers from both groups are now visiting "their" families regularly — one an Eritrean family in Al-

bany and the other an Iraqi family in Schenectady — and are helping the families get oriented to the community. Both groups have developed websites and blogs to inform parishioners about the effort and to foster communication among volunteers.

A volunteer group made up of members of the **Kingfisher Sangha Buddhist worship group** and of **Scotia Reformed Church** patiently waited for a particular Iraqi family to arrive and then graciously switched their support to another family that arrived sooner.

**Betty Seidhof of Averill Park** collected furniture from neighbors and friends for an Iraqi family that unexpectedly didn't arrive as scheduled. She then agreed to transfer her support to an Afghan family expected to arrive in early January.

Similarly, the **Schenectady**

**chapter of the Association of American University Women** was collecting donations for an Iraqi family who at the last minute was diverted to another city where they had relatives. The chapter is now working with a Girl Scout troop to prepare welcome bags for future arrivals.

Many thanks to **Lubab Freeman** for lending initial support to three single Iraqi men who arrived during the September crunch. She also joined members of the **Black Catholic Apostolate and St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church** in befriending an Iraqi family in Albany.

We also thank the faith groups who helped us start the program in the spring and who are continuing to provide assistance to their refugees. They have been so helpful in encouraging and providing information to the newer groups.

## Many Opportunities to Assist Refugees

### Community and Faith Groups

Consider developing a team of volunteers to "adopt" a refugee family. This involves raising money for refugees' initial expenses, collecting furnishings and household goods, transporting them to appointments, helping with English literacy and offering

general hospitality.

### Landlords

Refugees need safe, affordable rental housing with access to public transportation.

### Employers

Refugees are eager to get work to use their skills and take care of their families. Staff and volunteers

are available to help with issues such as child care and transportation.

### For More Information

Faith groups may contact Marianne Comfort at 453-6650 or [marianne.comfort@rcda.org](mailto:marianne.comfort@rcda.org).

Landlords and employers may contact Mokaya Bosire at 434-3531, [directoresd@nycap.rr.com](mailto:directoresd@nycap.rr.com).



Catholic Charities  
*of the Diocese of Albany*

October 17, 2009

Ms. Pam Haller  
AAUW Schenectady  
22 Richland Drive  
Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Ms. Haller and Members of the American Association of University Women:

I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the time and effort the Schenectady chapter of the American Association of University Women contributed while collecting more than twenty-five comforters and blankets for the refugees arriving in the Capital District.

Rest assured your donations will warm both the refugees bodies and hearts this winter. Refugees come with very little, and the generosity and compassion of organizations like yours let the refugees know how welcome they are here.

Again, on behalf of the refugees, thank you for your donations to Catholic Charities.

Sincerely,

Sister Maureen Joyce  
Chief Executive Officer



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY

January 25, 2010

Ms. Pam Haller  
22 Richmond Drive  
Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Ms. Haller and Members of the American Association of University Women:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Schenectady chapter of American Association of University Women for putting together bags of toiletries and school supplies for the refugees.

This will help a refugee family being resettled in the Capital District. Refugees arrive with very little, and Catholic Charities depends on donations such as yours to give them a hope-filled start to their new life in the United States.

Again, thank you for your donation to Catholic Charities. You have my gratitude on behalf of those refugees who will benefit by your kindness.

Sincerely,

Sister Maureen Joyce  
Chief Executive Officer





22 Richland Drive  
Scotia, NY 12302  
September 7, 2009

Sue Stoddard  
Membership-Community Relations Specialist  
Albany, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties  
Albany Service Center-Girl Scouts  
8 Mountain View Avenue  
Albany, NY 12205

Dear Ms. Stoddard:

Let us introduce ourselves. Our names are Pam Haller and Gerri Pinkerton, Co-Presidents of the Schenectady Branch of AAUW. (For more about our organization, please go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)) In addition to our mission of promoting equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, we are interested in creating links with other organizations in service projects in the community. Last year, for instance, they included:

- Partnered with the Junior League in Operation Back-to-School to provide school supplies to Schenectady schools
- Partnered with the League of Women Voters in voter registration and candidate forums
- Mentored elementary children in three Schenectady Schools from Nov.-June
- Provided a scholarship for a graduating senior girl in Schenectady High School
- Solicited help of the Friends of the Library in sponsoring a book drive for Keane Elementary
- Sponsored a forum on educational equity (Speakers: Superintendents from Schenectady, Capital District BOCES, and Scotia-Glenville)
- Sponsored a live theater production by Theaterworks for elementary children in the area (approx. 850 children attended)
- Participated in the community event, Niska-Day
- Participated in the Holiday Community Tree Festival at the YWCA
- Supported international projects for women and girls, "Mayan Hands" (Free Trade) and "Building a School Library in Ghana"
- Provided educational games and toys for the children at the Family Life Center of City Mission

This year we plan to add some additional ones such as:

- Refugee Resettlement Program; we hope to work with Catholic Charities to assist the refugees in adjusting to life in the Capital District (language, area. customs)
- Promotion of NYS's Child Care Plus to provide coverage for the children who are either underinsured or who have no health insurance
- Sponsorship of two health programs (how to navigate through the health care system and health issue affecting women) that will be open to the public

That brings us to the purpose of this letter. We would like to propose an intergenerational activity in which some of the members of AAUW (most of whom are above the age of 50) and some Girl Scouts could work together for a few hours some morning or afternoon in late fall or early winter on a project to assemble gift bags/baskets (materials supplied by AAUW) for either the refugees or displaced women an/or children. If this activity to reach out to others in the community meets with your approval, we would need some direction as to how we should proceed to make contact with a Schenectady County Girl Scout troop (s) to make plans to choose a convenient date, time, and place to work on this project.

We would be happy to meet with you if you would like to speak with us in person. Our Branch is very excited about the prospects of being able to work with young girls, especially those who are Girl Scouts. We hope we will be able to make this proposed project between our two organizations a reality.

Sincerely,

*Pam*

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22 Richland Drive  
Scotia, NY 12302  
January 13, 2010

Jen Shea  
Girl Scout Troop 2608  
21 Hollandale Ln. Apt M  
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Dear Jen:

Thank you so much for agreeing to let your troop work with us. We certainly enjoyed meeting you, Maura, and the girls.

Collecting items and assembling the welcome bags for refugee families and children who will be arriving in the United States in the near future was a very worthwhile project for AAUW, and we hope, your troop. We only wish we could be there to see the faces of the refugees as they are presented with their start-up bags when they arrive in this country.

Enclosed please find the pictures we took on Tuesday night. We hope you can use them for your Troop scrapbook. If you need them in digital form, please let us know and we will send them online.

Thanks again for you help.

With appreciation,

*Pam and Gerri*

Pam Haller and Gerri Pinkerton  
Co-Presidents  
AAUW Schenectady

**This week we were informed that an Iraqi family was arriving on Dec. 15!!!! Let us tell you something about them:**

**They are a Muslim Iraqi family coming directly from Baghdad. The father is Faris Mezher Hameed Al Ani, a 39-year-old man who speaks some English. He has a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Baghdad and has worked in various engineering positions, including with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The mother is Samar Mahroos Khaleefah Al Alousi, a 30-year-old woman who speaks good English. She has an English studies degree from Baghdad University and worked as an English teacher. They are bringing their two children, a daughter, Nabaa Faris Mezher Al Ani, (almost 4 years old) and a two-year old son, Ahmed Faris Mezher Al Ani.**

**They come with nothing and know no one here so obviously, the experience will be very intimidating. After hearing Marianne Comfort, coordinator of the Refugee Resettlement Program speak in the fall, we have donated blankets and quilts for the refugees, and will be providing ESL services to help with learning English and assembling "Welcome Bags" in January to give the refugees who will be coming to this area a basic set of personal care products.**

**This week we were asked to help furnish an apartment that will be provided by Catholic Charities. On the next two pages, please find the items we will need. The ones marked with a red X are items we already have. We are sending this to the members of AAUW, as well as friends. Since time is so crucial, we ask that you consider forwarding this to your friends who live in this area whom you think might be able to help us. If you have a church or organization affiliation, and they also might be able to assist us, please share this plea with them. To see what is involved, you might be interested in reading an article in *The Gazette* [Dec. 2, pg. 1 of the Local News section] about some refugees who arrived yesterday from Syria and were supported by St. Helen's and Our Lady of Fatima congregations. (By the way, we have been asked to get the apartment ready and are not expected to secure a car or jobs for the refugees as was referenced in the article.)**

**If you are able to contribute to this cause, please email or call us. At that time, please let us know what you would like to donate and its approximate value. Please also provide your name, address and phone number. The list of donations will be given to the Refugee Resettlement Program Coordinator who will acknowledge your tax-deductible contribution. Right now we are in the initial stages of trying to secure the items. Once we know where the apartment is located and have access to it, we can make arrangements to get the items there.**

**In the spirit of giving this holiday season, we thank you for any help you can provide. Once the apartment is set up and the refugees have arrived, we will continue to offer services to assist them in getting used to the Capital District such as familiarizing them with the area, helping with English, taking them to appointments, etc. Again, thank you!**

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*email sent to members*

## Furnishing a Refugee Family's Apartment

### Item Needed

Double bed frame X	Dresser X	Booster seat X
Double box springs/mattress	Dresser X	Drain and drain board
Twin bed frame X	Dishes for four 2 sets	Kitchen towels/ dishcloths X
Twin box springs/mattress	Flatware for four people 2 sets	Salt and pepper shakers X
Toddler's bed	Drinking glasses for four 2 sets	Placemats X
Mattress pad for double bed X	Coffee mugs for four X	Sugar bowl and creamer X
Sheet set for double bed 2 sets	Frying pan X	Iron 2
Blanket for double bed X	Pots 2	Ironing board X
Double bedspread/comforter 2	Sharp knives for cooking X	Laundry basket X
Mattress pad for twin bed	Baking/casserole dish X	Clothes drying rack X
Sheet set for twin bed 3 sets	Mixing/serving bowls X	Hand Towels for four X
Blanket for twin bed X	Baking Pans X	Bath towels for four X
Twin bedspread or comforter X	Pitchers X	Washcloths for four X
Bedding for toddler bed	Cooking utensils X	Shower/window curtain X
Pillow X	Serving utensils X	Bath mats X
Pillow X	Can opener	Sofa or loveseat
Pillow	Kitchen table & four chairs 1 table	Chair for living room X

Chair for living room

Optional Items

End table for living room

Coffee pot X

Lamp for living room X

TV X

Lamp for bedroom X

TV stand X

Lamp for bedroom X

Toolbox and tools

Lamp for bedroom

Toaster X

Vacuum cleaner

Toaster Oven

Telephone X

Microwave X

Answering machine

Radio

Alarm clock

Mirror X

Light bulbs X

Bookcase

First Aid kit

Canister set X

Paper/pencils/pens X

Clock

Stroller

Coffee Table

Car seat

Crock pot X

Car seat

Tablecloth X

Fan X

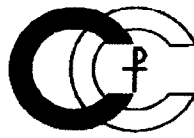
Curtains and curtain rods pair + two rods

Hair dryer X

Curtains and curtain rods

Computer

**Items marked in red were promised by members when we had the initial plea in mid-Dec. they were instructed to hold onto them until our new family arrives in the spring.**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY

March 30, 2010

Pam Haller  
22 Richland Drive  
Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Pam,

Thank you for all your assistance with our refugees. Your support these past few months has been so helpful, from your initial donations of bedding to the bags of toiletries and school supplies that AAUW members assembled with the Girl Scouts and now your collection of furniture and household goods for Moe's family.

Having one group collect things for a family saves our staff much time and worry in trying to cobble together donations from various sources, which then requires multiple pickups. And cleaning and setting up the apartment again saves our staff from having to take care of those details, and frees them to do their main job of attending to the needs of refugees who are already here.

Please pass along my appreciation to Gerry, Jennie and all the other members of AAUW Schenectady.

With great gratitude,

Marianne Comfort

## AAUW ITEMS DONATED

### Bedroom

Double bed  
Matching dresser/desk  
Double bed frame (2)  
Blanket for double bed (2)  
Comforter- double (2)  
Comforter and shams-double  
Lamp for BR (2)  
Double mattress pad (1)  
double sheet set (3)  
double blankets (2)  
Twin bed frame (2)  
twin blanket (2)  
twin bedspread, skirt and  
    matching pillow sham  
twin bedspreads (3)  
twin sheet set (4)  
lamp BR (2)  
valances  
curtains (2) with rods  
Mirrors(2)  
Bed pillows (6)  
Wool rugs (2)  
Scatter rugs (2)

### Bathroom

Towels/washcloths  
Shower and window curtains  
Bath mats  
Cleaning products

### Kitchen-

Cooking utensils  
Serving utensils  
Salt and pepper shakers  
Crock pot  
Baking dish  
butter dish  
sugar bowl and creamer  
salad dressing bottle  
Mixing bowls with covers  
Pot holders and hot dish mat  
Large white kitchen table  
White kitchen chairs (4)  
Coffee mugs  
Electric Hand mixer  
Tablecloth and napkins  
Casserole dish  
Canister set  
Kitchen towels; dishcloths  
Coffee maker  
Placements  
Baking pans  
Pots  
pitchers  
Dishes  
drinking glasses  
Flatware (new)  
Flatware sets (2)  
Kitchen knives  
plastic storage containers  
cookie jar  
Mixing bowls (new)  
Butter Dish  
Toaster  
Slow cooker  
Microwave (new)  
Broom  
Dust mop  
Cleaning products

### Living Room

Lamp (2)  
Futon (double)  
Rocking chair  
Rocking chair  
Chair-wooden  
Chair-upholstered  
End table  
Pictures (2)  
Mirror  
Television 27"  
Television-15"  
TV cart  
Sofa Pillows (2)  
Bookshelves (2)  
Drapes  
Carpet  
Wooden plant stand  
Afghan

### Miscellaneous

Telephones(2)  
Answering machine  
Radio (2)  
Iron  
Alarm clock  
Small drying rack  
Paper towels  
Bathroom tissue  
Laundry basket  
Fan (2)  
Hair dryer (2)  
Portfolio  
Basic tools  
sewing machine  
tray tables (4)  
cleaning products  
dried floral arrangements  
potted plants

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