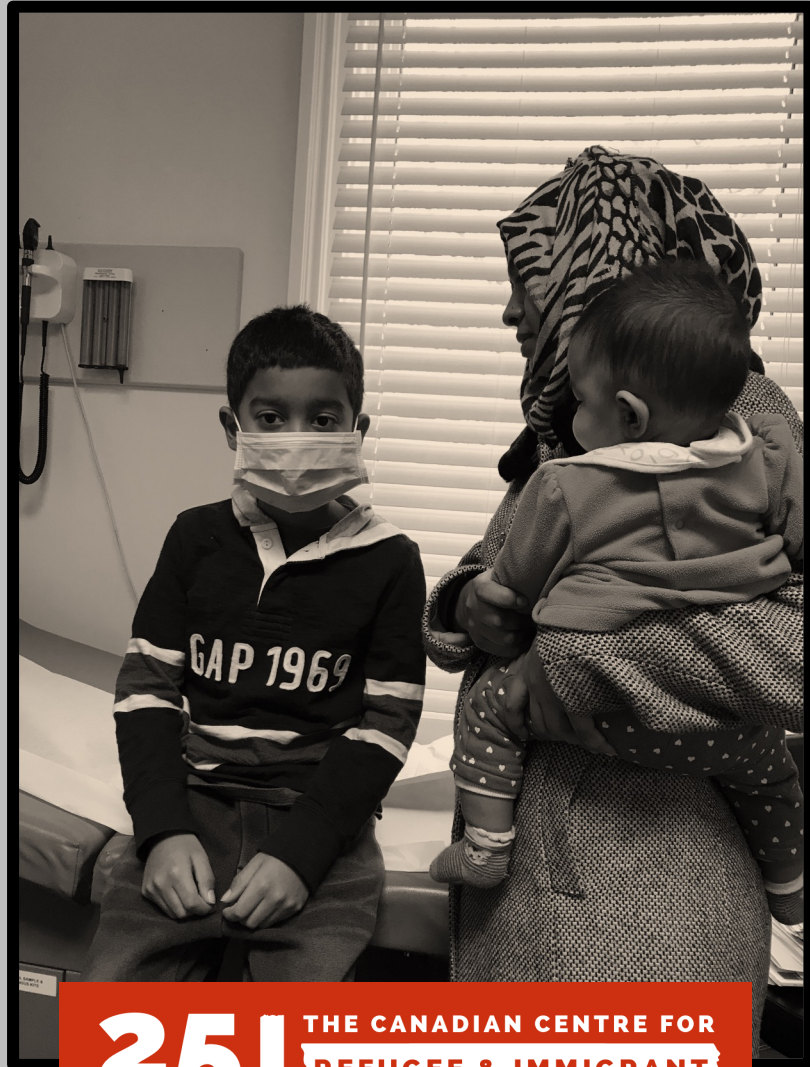


# Journey of healing: 25 years of compassionate refugee care



LET'S NOT FORGET- CANADA IS A NATION OF PEOPLE FROM ELSEWHERE. THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING EVERY CANADIAN FAMILY SHARES. IT'S WHAT MAKES US **CANADIAN**

**25** YEARS | THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR  
**REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT**  
**HEALTHCARE**



**OUR CENTRE IS**  
BURSTING AT THE SEAMS.

**OUR VISION** IS TO  
ESTABLISH MORE CLINICS  
SO WE CAN CONTINUE  
OUR WORK.

In 1999 a small group of community nurses and doctors discovered a health care crisis in Canada. Refugees and displaced persons were being denied health care every day because they were falling through cracks in Canada's immigration policies.

We decided to take matters into our own hands. We volunteered and opened Canada's first free medical clinic for these refugees and migrant workers in a donated church basement.

We thought differently, outside the norms....

In our minds, if there was no clinic where refugees could get care, then it was our job to build one.

Refugees fought for their lives in their country. They shouldn't have to do that again in Canada.

Today, the Ontario government and Canadian Foundations are investing in our work.

**OUR PURPOSE** IS TO  
PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN  
MEDICAL TREATMENT  
AND ASSISTANCE TO THE  
WORLD'S REFUGEES AND  
DISPLACED PERSONS  
SEEKING SANCTUARY IN  
CANADA.

OUR PHYSICIANS AND  
DENTISTS DONATE THEIR  
TIME AND SKILLS.



For a quarter-century we have treated over forty thousand refugees, migrant workers, and displaced persons--- turned away for care by clinics and hospitals

Every year the numbers increase. Over 6000 arrived at our clinics in the Pandemic.

**Refugees and immigrants – newcomers to Canada – are among the most vulnerable people in our society.**

They have come to Canada in search of a new life. Yet sudden injury or sickness can change their life for the worse. Worried parents with infants in arms, young children, men and women, and the elderly find their way to our door.



We believe Canada is a compassionate society. What makes Canada great is its ability to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate.

**Our medical team now helps twenty percent of Toronto's refugees in homeless shelters, and on the street.**

Canada is a newcomer nation, accepting more than the lion's share of refugees among industrialized countries.

Many are living homeless on Toronto's streets. They are asking for help, to do what we can. They are not complaining. No one chooses to be a refugee. Refugees see Canada as their best hope for safety.

Our medical teams have mobilized on the ground to help, giving care on the frontlines of the crisis - in refugee resettlement and homeless shelters, on the street, on house calls to the disabled and at our Centre's medical and dental clinics.



An independent report by the United Nations described Canada's Foreign worker programs as *"a breeding ground for modern day slavery..."*

Over a million refugees, migrant workers, asylum seekers, their families now live and work in Canada but are denied access to public healthcare. It's a number that keeps growing.

They pick our fruit. Clean our nursing homes. Sort our trash.

We depend on them to work, to support our economy and help Canada prosper.

**But can they depend on us when they are sick or injured?**

Toronto, 2018. Precious, from Africa .... now a Canadian citizen

*“ .....I was so fortunate to be approached in our refugee shelter by the doctor of CCRHC.... I will never forget our first meeting....The Centre, the nurses and doctors took on my care, my concerns for my pregnancy and imminent delivery. They owned all my crises. They found me an Obstetrician. Found transportation to my test and appointments. I had no clue how to get help or medical care.*

*The CCRHC gave medical care to me, and all my children. Our 3-year-old son is blind and does not speak, from severe Autism. The Centre helped Tobias attend a special school now. And we have good pediatricians. We would like CCRHC to continue to thrive....and provide for many uninsured and refugees, a safe haven for many like us who are often turned down by regular clinics and hospitals in the community ”*

# Journey to Healing: 25 years of Compassionate Refugee Care

## A FUNDRAISING GALA

Our inaugural event will celebrate the contribution refugees and immigrants have made to Canada, and recognize the dedication of the clinic's many volunteers, who, over the past twenty-five years have worked tirelessly to make lives better.

Please be part of it.

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP



## Your help is urgently needed

To build new clinic space. Hire more nurses.

## We are bursting at the seams

With your support we can expand our medical home and Homeless Shelter Response Clinics

## PLEASE JOIN US

On June 26, 2024.

At our inaugural **Journey to Healing: 25 Years of Compassionate Refugee Care** fundraising event.

At the historic [Toronto Hunt Club](#)

**Tickets**, Sponsorship opportunities and event information are available through [Eventbrite](#)

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