

Holiday Sponsorship of Syrian Family December 2016

In December, one local Syrian refugee family experienced the true meaning of Christmas and the giving spirit of the Windsor Essex community.

For the past 12 years, Gorski Bulk Transport Inc. has sponsored between 2 to 4 families per year through the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society Holiday Program and this past year, decided to also sponsor a refugee family. They contacted the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership staff for some guidance and were connected with WE LIP member, Unemployed Help Centre of Windsor Inc. (UHC), who organizes an annual Holiday Sponsorship Program. The UHC paired Gorski with a family consisting of a mother and her four-year-old and 6-year-old daughters. They also provided Gorski with a wish list of items for the family.

Staff at Gorski Bulk Transport Inc. contributed monetary donations which the company then matched. Volunteer shoppers purchased winter jackets, boots, pyjamas, pants, sweaters, toys, bed sets and a grocery store gift card, ensuring to get everything on the list, as well as some extras. The UHC delivered the gifts to the family just before Christmas, and much to her surprise, Gorski also provided the mother with a gift card for a pair prescription eye glasses. The family, who arrived from Syria in December 2015, expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the generous gifts by sending a thank you card to the staff of Gorski Bulk Transport.

Gorski also donated additional grocery store gift cards that the UHC was able to distribute to additional families in the Holiday Sponsorship Program.

