

Introducing the CCR Endowment Fund

Initiated by the Sisters of Service

THE CCR ENDOWMENT FUND WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE A SECURE, LONG-TERM SOURCE OF INCOME TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THE MISSION OF THE CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES.



About the Canadian Council for Refugees

For 35 years the CCR has been working for a Canada that protects refugees and welcomes newcomers. Through education, networking and advocacy, we support member organizations across Canada in providing crucial services on a daily basis in our local communities. The CCR is recognized as a leader in Canada in advancing refugee rights and in seeking a fair chance for refugees and vulnerable immigrants.

Founding donation by the Sisters of Service

In a gesture of faith in the CCR, the Sisters of Service in 2012 donated one million dollars to the CCR to create the Endowment Fund. This gift was made to support the CCR's charitable activities and programs.

Founded in 1922, the Sisters of Service of Canada worked over many years to support new immigrants arriving in Canada, including at Pier 21 in Halifax. In light of their advancing age, the Sisters decided to entrust the CCR with a significant portion of their resources, confident that we share their commitment and will continue their mission on behalf of newcomers.

CCR is an advocate for the displaced, disposed, uprooted people that no one else seems to care about. It is our collective voice for fairness, equality and humane treatment for refugees and their families.

MULUGETA ABAL, CANADIAN CENTRE FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE (CCVT), TORONTO



Contribute to the CCR to ensure that voices are raised in favour of refugees like Sabontu and her children, waiting for resettlement to Canada. Recently, the CCR intervened on behalf of Eritrean refugees who were being unfairly refused by Canada at the Cairo visa office. Many of these refugees are now starting a new life in safety in Canada!



Ethical guidelines

The CCR Endowment Fund is invested according to clear ethical guidelines to ensure that the capital is invested in ways that respect and promote the human rights of all people, and are consistent with the CCR's mission.

The CCR works to reunite children with their parents. Niloufar was finally reunited with her mother in Canada with some help from the CCR.



The CCR keeps an attentive eye on the detention of immigrants, especially children, such as Akin, detained for 49 days. Following publication of a CCR report, there was a reduction in the number of children in detention.

Through my personal journey as a former refugee from Chile, I truly believe that it is the actions of today that help to create the societal values of tomorrow and the CCR has done precisely that. Without the tireless advocacy efforts of the CCR, probably thousands of refugees that today call Canada their home would have not made it.

CAROLINA GAJARDO, TORONTO

Careful and professional management of funds

The investment of the Fund is overseen by an experienced investment manager, with specialized expertise in ethical investment, working with a respected and solid institution. The management of the Fund is monitored by an Investment Advisory Committee, which reports to and advises the CCR Executive Committee.

CCR's activities

The Endowment Fund supports the core activities of the CCR, which are to:

- Bring organizations across Canada together to share information, identify emerging issues and plan joint action to address the needs.
- Analyze new government policies and document the impacts on refugees and immigrants of existing policies.
- Advocate for the rights of refugees and immigrants.
- Educate the public on the realities and challenges faced by refugees and immigrants.

We work for:

- A fair refugee determination system for all who need Canada's protection.
- An effective and open resettlement program for refugees.
- Speedy reunification of families in Canada.
- Rights for refugee and immigrant women.
- Rights for migrant workers.
- Protection for trafficked persons.
- Full respect of rights of non-citizen children.
- Integration of immigrants and refugees.
- Newcomers' access to services.
- Fair opportunities for newcomer youth in Canada.
- Full rights for non-citizens, without discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, race, etc.

Benamar Benatta spent almost 5 years in detention in the US, after being handed over by Canada, with no due process, in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. The CCR played a key role in securing his return to Canada, where he has since been recognized as a refugee.



The CCR is the primary and most authentic voice for refugees and refugee advocates in Canada. It is a clear, articulate, reasoned and passionate voice that covers the full terrain from broad policy concerns to precise legal information and the vivid stories of individual refugees. More than a voice, it is also the rallying point for focussed, strategic action.

PETER SHOWLER, DIRECTOR, REFUGEE FORUM, FORMER CHAIRPERSON,
IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD

CCR's effectiveness with limited resources

Upon reviewing the CCR's annual budget, or visiting our office, many people are surprised how our organization is able to have such wide impact with very limited resources. We are able to do so through the deep commitment of our leaders who personally contribute significant time and money. We also rely on a small but dedicated staff and a large network of members and volunteers who support the CCR's work in countless ways.



Investing in the CCR is a way of supporting a strong message that you want refugees to be treated fairly, in an independent and affordable system that honours Canada's human rights obligations.

The CCR is strengthened and inspired by its leaders and members who came as refugees and are now Canadians. Our voice is genuine, credible and committed to upholding the rights of refugees as human rights.

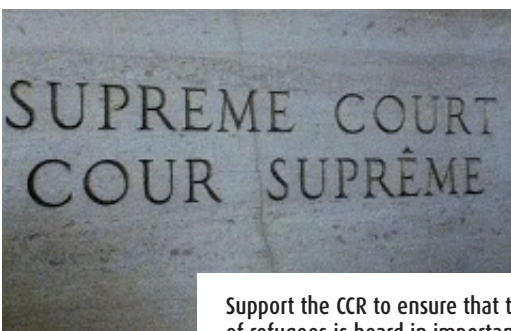
ELIZABETH McWEENY, PAST PRESIDENT, MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

Adding to the CCR Endowment Fund

Today, the CCR is seeking additional donations to the Endowment Fund in order to secure our organization's future, at a difficult financial time. By further building the Fund, the CCR can continue to be a key voice for refugees in Canada – and even increase our effectiveness.

Please consider:

- Making a donation to the CCR Endowment Fund.
- Including the CCR Endowment Fund in your will.
- Introducing the CCR Endowment Fund to others who share our values and might wish to contribute.



Support the CCR to ensure that the voice of refugees is heard in important court cases. The CCR has intervened in many recent Supreme Court cases that have strengthened the rights of refugees and other vulnerable migrants.

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As a member of a congregation that is present internationally and works with refugees in many countries, the CCR helps me to continue the ministry here in Canada. I encourage people to contribute to the Fund as a way of welcoming and protecting vulnerable men, women and children.

SR DEBORAH ISAACS, RGS, SISTERS
OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, VANCOUVER



Benefits to you

Donating to the CCR Endowment Fund brings many benefits:

- The knowledge that you are contributing concretely to a Canada that protects refugees and welcomes newcomers.
- The confidence that your contribution will be professionally and responsibly invested, in accordance with ethical guidelines.
- A charitable tax receipt.
- An opportunity to be publicly acknowledged for your gift (subject to your wishes).

The CCR has long recognized that refugees and newcomers are essential to nation building. The Canadian Labour Congress is pleased to be able to work alongside the dedicated staff, volunteers and constituency of CCR in this essential task. Our workforce and communities benefit enormously from the skill, talent and international experience newcomers bring to Canada - CCR helps make this important task happen.

HASSAN YUSSUFF, SECRETARY-TREASURER,
CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

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FOR A CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATION:

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