



ICSJ Welcomes a New Refugee Family



Two extremely enthusiastic ICSJ parishioners have become our latest volunteers in the Parish's refugee program.

One is Delaney Paul, a third-grade teacher at our Parish school; the other is Carolyn Prokop, a clinical research coordinator at Lurie Children's Hospital.

They joined forces to meet our newest family from The Sudan—mom and dad Ibrahim and Layla with their three kids—six-year-old twin girls Razaz and Ryazam and three-year-old son Mustafa Nour when they arrived at O'Hare two weeks ago. "An incredible experience," reported Carolyn while Delaney added that they both didn't know what to expect as refugee volunteers but just beginning to know this family has already exceeded their expectations.

Ibrahim is already attending English classes and Layla will join him later in the summer while the three kids will be enrolled in summer camps.

During their time in the refugee camp in Egypt, Ibrahim worked on a forklift, so hoping his English improves to where he can get trained on a forklife here!!

Helping the family settle into their Rogers Park apartment was quickly followed up by Carolyn and Delaney engineering a trip for them to the Lincoln Park Zoo this past Saturday—the very first zoo visit for the entire Sudanese family....who were especially enchanted by the gorillas, lions and seals.

There are seven other refugee families the Parish sponsors so the program can ALWAYS use new volunteers, either on a regular or ad hoc basis. Contact Betty Woodward at betdmiowa@gmail.com or Angela in the parish office at agore@icsjparish.org (312) 787-7174 x1.

Can You Help Keep It Cool?



Several of our refugee families are in need of an air conditioning unit for their small apartment as we move into the midst of summer. If you have one in good condition that you would like to donate please contact Betty Woodward at: betdmiowa@gmail.com