



## REFUGEE SUPPORT FUND

### THEY LOST THEIR HOMES. THEY SHOULDN'T LOSE THEIR FUTURES.

There are 79.5 MILLION forcibly displaced people in the world as a result of persecution, conflict, violence and human rights violations.



*Burundians seeking refuge in Tanzania, 2015.*

Today one of every 97 people on earth is a Refugee or Internally Displaced Person.

### CHANGING LIVES

Four years ago our Fellowship made a big difference in the lives of two young refugees from Burundi. Together we donated some \$40,000 to sponsor them to immigrate to Canada.



They came, they settled, they studied, they worked, and this spring they are in the process for receiving their Canadian Citizenship.

**YOUR HELP CAN CHANGES LIVES**

## 2021 CAMPAIGN

**Our goal in 2021 is to raise \$10,000** to support 28 Burundian refugees, members and friends of the Unitarian Church of Burundi.

In 2015 political violence broke out in Burundi causing over 400,000 people to flee the country. These 28 were among them, as was the minister of their church and the two young men we sponsored in 2017.

In the crackdown on political dissent, the Unitarian Church was attacked and the minister, the Rev. Fulgence Ndajigamana, arrested, jailed and tortured. An advocacy campaign led by the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists secured Rev. Fulgence's release. He fled Burundi, became a refugee and eventually came to Canada.



Unitarian Church in Burundi before it was attacked in 2015.



Unitarian Community Children's Centre, Burundi

Once settled in Canada, Rev. Fulgence set out to help his parishoners and countrymen now stranded as refugees in the countries surrounding Burundi. He founded FLAMING CHALICE INTERNATIONAL <https://www.flaminginternational.org/> to raise financial support for their aid.

### YOUR DONATION TO THE UUFO REFUGEE SUPPORT FUND WILL BE USED TO HELP FLAMING CHALICE INTERNATIONAL MEET ITS COMMITMENTS TO THESE 28 PEOPLE:

- a mother and father with five children in Nakivale Refugee Camp in Uganda (Funds are for basic needs, and to help the mother start a small business).
- a mother with two children in Mahama Refugee Camp in Rwanda (Funds are for basic needs).
- a mother and father with one child in the city of Ruhengeri, Rwanda (Funds are for basic needs, and to help the mother start a small business).
- a group of six young men, and another group of three, sharing accommodations in Kigali, Rwanda; some of these young men had service jobs around the city but these ended with the pandemic outbreak. (Funds are for accommodation and basic needs).
- a mother in Ruhengeri studying to complete her university degree in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences. To attend university she had to leave the Mahama Camp where she had found refuge with her husband and daughter. (Funds are for the cost of her studies).
- three young men living in Gisenyi in Rwanda. FCI had supported them with scholarships. They are now trying to survive on their own and want to start a small business. (Funds are start-up for the small business)
- two young men living together in Nairobi (Funds are for accommodation and basic needs)



*Rev. Fulgence has a meal with some of the young men refugees at one of the communal houses in Rwanda.*

PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN TO HELP THESE FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY STRIVE TO FIND NEW HOPE AND PROMISE FOR THEIR LIVES.

DONATIONS TO THE FUND OF \$20 OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPT FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES:  
CHARITY BN/ REGISTRATION # 86826 4094 RR0001.

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DONATION BY CHEQUE OR WITH AN E-TRANSFER.

**By cheque:** Please make your cheque payable to Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa, **note "Refugee Support Fund" on the memo line**, and mail to Unitarian Fellowship of Ottawa, 400 McArthur Avenue, Ottawa, ON. K1K 1G8. Please also ensure your name and address are clearly indicated so that we can properly thank you and send you your charitable donation receipt.

**By e-transfer:** e-transfer to [treasurer@uuf.org](mailto:treasurer@uuf.org) and specify UUFO Refugee Support Fund.

**THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP REFUGEE SUPPORT FUND.**

Listen to: "I am a refugee" < <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5sIAY8jPB0> > a poem by Ifrah Mansour.