



## Saskatchewan Credit Unions accepting donations for the Canadian Red Cross to support the refugee crisis

(**Regina, Sept.14, 2015**) – The Canadian Red Cross and Saskatchewan Credit Unions today announced that, effective immediately, cash donations to help refugees forced from their homes will be accepted at participating Saskatchewan credit unions until September 30, 2015.

"This refugee crisis is taking a tremendous toll on families who are forced to flee their homes," says Sarah Fedirko, Manager of Corporate Appeals for the Red Cross in Saskatchewan. "No single country can handle this crisis alone; a collaborative approach from everyone is required. We can do our part in Saskatchewan by donating to support humanitarian aid being provided to affected families."

Millions of people are displaced both inside Syria and in neighbouring countries. The Red Cross is providing first aid, medical care, psychological support and distributing food, temporary shelter and other urgently needed items. With no end in sight, help is desperately needed to support families fleeing their homes.

"Credit unions have always been about *people helping people*," says Debbie Lane, Executive Vice-President, SaskCentral. "We are proud credit unions throughout our province can help by collecting donations for the millions of Syrian refugees who have fled their homes."

Canadians wishing to support Red Cross efforts can make a financial donation to the **Refugee Crisis Appeal** online at <a href="www.redcross.ca">www.redcross.ca</a>, by calling 1-800-418-1111, by contacting their local Canadian Red Cross office or at any Saskatchewan credit union branch until September 30. A financial donation is the best way to help, as Red Cross/Red Crescent societies already have trained personnel working on the crisis.

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