

# Project ABRAHAM



**RESETTLEMENT & SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION**



## Fundraising Success

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**Our vision is to become the leading resettlement organization supporting victims of persecution, empowering them to create a future for themselves and their children as fully integrated Canadian citizens.**

We are thrilled to announce a great success with our private sponsorship fundraising campaign. We reached the goal of raising \$60,000 in order to support the resettlement of five Yezidis in Canada – a requirement that had to be in place before moving forward with the application process. Due to the generosity of many donors, we will now be able to sponsor two small families. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who contributed!

If you are interested in becoming part of the volunteer resettlement team, please contact us!

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**Donations are gratefully accepted at [www.projectabraham.ca/donate](http://www.projectabraham.ca/donate)**

# Get to know the team at Project Abraham

## Karen Goldenberg

We are fortunate to have a spectacular team of leaders on the Board of Project Abraham. Karen Goldenberg, our Chair, is nothing short of remarkable. Karen is a renowned advocate for community mental health services in Canada, and has devoted her professional and personal life towards bettering the world for individuals with mental health challenges. Karen has been recognized with several awards for her leadership, including the Order of Canada in 2014, as well as the Order of Ontario in 2021. Karen's mission to create dynamic community with accessible mental health services is woven in the fabric of Project Abraham. With her guidance, we are supporting the Yezidi community to ensure the best possible experience as they adjust into their new homes in Canada.



## Update in Iraq

There is much uncertainty within the Yezidi community in Iraq. The continued disappearance of many individuals – especially young women and children – remains a source of devastation and despair for the Yezidi people. In addition, attempts to leave the camps and return to villages are fraught with many obstacles as the most basic utilities have not been restored.

Currently, the possibility of a civil war between the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) and the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has exacerbated levels of fear among many. It is a time of extreme perilousness and danger. In addition, the Yezidi community is embroiled in a debate on how to acknowledge young children who were fathered by members of ISIS. Under Iraqi legislation, these children carry the same religion as their fathers, making them Muslim and not Yezidi. This law brings the potential for even more danger to the community.

Throughout the many obstructions endured on their path to peace and restoration, the Yezidi community has demonstrated insurmountable levels of courage and resilience. We must follow their lead and strive to do all we can to support their recovery in every way possible.

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