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*30 MINUTE MASSAGES TO SUPPORT  
REFUGEES*

SATURDAY MARCH THE 12TH

**Your escape, our mission.**

The **West Coast College of Massage Therapy** (WCCMT) has teamed up to support Syrian refugees through the **Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria** (ICA).

WCCMT students are offering relaxing 30 minute massage appointments (20 minutes hands-on time) **by donation!**  
*suggested \$20.00*

All proceeds go directly to bringing a Syrian refugee family to Canada! If you've been waiting for your chance to help, and need a great massage, **this is it!**

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## TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:

for a convenient time on Saturday March 12th,  
call: (250) 886-7935 or email Gauge at [levesqueg@collegeofmassage.com](mailto:levesqueg@collegeofmassage.com)

*KEEP READING  
FOR THE REASON WHY.*

# I felt powerless, but I knew something could be done.

Hi, I'm Gauge Levesque - a 23 year old term 2 RMT student here in Victoria BC.

Like yourself, I am deeply moved by the crisis in Syria currently underway.

As you may know, the government requires that to privately (no government assistance) sponsor a refugee family, you must meet certain criteria. It was disappointing to hear that to personally support a refugee family's relocation to Canada, was by guaranteeing that I could personally be financially responsible for them for one year.

Being a full time student, my income generation abilities are extremely limited - sometimes my fiancée and I have enough trouble making our own ends meet. All the good intention in the world doesn't replace the need for financial security of a family leaving a crisis; they deserve to have a strong foothold in our country and I knew that I alone couldn't meet those standards.

I felt powerless, knowing that I simply didn't have the resources alone to meet the government's stringent, but fair standards. I didn't want my choice to enroll in postsecondary education to better my own life impinge on my abilities to help others chance at the same thing.

So I looked, and found someone who already had the credit, the structure, the system, the proven track record and experience on how to successfully accomplish our common goal.

I asked Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria if they wanted to be involved in our event, and to my grateful surprise they instantly jumped at the chance. They suggested we create awareness of our event through their social media communities, so that's how we got in your inbox.

I truly believe with a little bit of resourcefulness and creativity (*and some great advice from Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria!*) myself and my 20

committed classmates can raise enough to support a family from Syria in their relocation process through an existing sponsoring group.

Thank you so much for reading, we hope to receive your RSVP to this event and your gracious attendance to our future ones!

THANK YOU!

