

Reflection from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Social Service Worker Community Development Class's  
presentation from the CARR

“This presentation is the only presentation that has affected me. Before this presentation I had a negative outlook on the idea of bringing refugees into the country based on the negative way the media portrayed these people. Today after walking out of the classroom I saw the way I looked at the way i live in a completely different way. “

“I had a negative outlook on bringing refugees to Canada, mainly because they use tax money on people from over there to sit on their bums and take it all in. But this presentation, it opened my eyes that it isn't about that - it's about a safe haven for individuals that were in danger in their home country. I too intend on being a part of the fundraising/volunteer aspect of this organization at some point.”

“I agree that this was the best presentation to date (in my opinion) To hear their stories and their passion and commitment for making a difference in the live of those from war-torn countries is truly remarkable. Their efforts and determination truly shows what Canadian communities (even rural) can do to make such a difference in the lives of others simply because they truly care.”

“The presentation given by the people/family from CARR was by far my favorite of all. It was humbling to see the reactions of the Syrian family and to hear them speak about the type of environment they had come from. I also loved the family feel of the whole group. They really all came together and put their hearts and souls into this project and they definitely made a difference. It's amazing to see how the Perth community really pulled together to welcome these families with open arms!”

“This week's presentation by The Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (CARR) was by far the most validating in terms of my definition of community. I was blown away by the swift response of the community of Perth to the plight of individuals fleeing Syria. The Alliance was incredible well planned out and prepared to take on the needs of these families. I especially appreciated when one of the presenters spoke candidly about plans going array and being forced to adapt to unforeseen problems. I found it particularly heartwarming to hear her say “a mom knows what another mom needs”, which further validates my definition of community. This is an example of a community (motherhood), within a community (the Alliance), working together for the greater good of these individuals. “