

Dear Brown School Community,

Thank you for offering to support with some of the families in our communities.

The family consists of a mother and two daughters, one in grade 7 and one in grade 2. The family is relatively new to Canada, having fled their country of origin due to war, violence and the traumatic and sudden death of the husband and father. Mother is studying English while adjusting to life in Canada without her husband, parenting on her own, and managing cultural differences – all the while grieving loss and navigating change.

<u>Girl, age 12</u> – She needs warm clothing for the winter (pajamas, socks, hat, gloves, coat - women's size small or medium). She loves white or black clothing. She is a responsible girl who takes care of her little sister and helps her mom. She loves writing, music, fashion, art and would really enjoy any art-based activities or journals/diary type gifts.

<u>Girl, age 7</u> – She needs warm clothing for the winter (pajamas, socks, hat, gloves, coat – girl's size 8 or 9). She loves black and purple clothing. She loves interactive board games, cards, books and art supplies.

<u>Mom</u> – Mother would appreciate any **self-care gifts (body wash or nice bars of soap & body creams/lotions)** or any gift cards to places like **Wal-Mart, No Frills or Loblaws.**

We can't thank you enough for your generosity. We wish you all a very lovely Holiday Season.

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