**Updated: 08/09/2016**

Thank you for your offer of support. Please note that we have an **abundance of clothes for all ages** and baby equipment at present from previous donations, however the following would be useful if it could be offered by an organisation or group:

**General items such as:** Umbrellas, Slippers, raincoats, School stationery, School bags, English or Arabic/English diaries for recording appointments, Basic English or English/Arabic language support books for children and adults, Hot water bottles, clothes drying rails, new packs of underwear.

* **Travel (2-pin to UK) adaptors**: for charging smartphones etc.
* **Vouchers –** Those will be allocated by the team of key workers working individually with the families and in accordance to needs e.g. locally accessible supermarket, chemists, etc.
* **Grocery shopping trolleys:** Something like [this](http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/like/131224350662?limghlpsr=true&hlpv=2&ops=true&viphx=1&hlpht=true&lpid=122&chn=ps&googleloc=1006886&poi=&campaignid=207297426&device=c&adgroupid=13585920426&rlsatarget=pla-146652014226&adtype=pla&crdt=0&ff3=1&ff11=ICEP3.0.0-L&ff12=67&ff13=80&ff14=122) for doing food shopping as families often have a 15-20min walk to the nearest/cheapest supermarket.
* **Toilet/washing jug:** Something like [these](http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/like/252214323729?limghlpsr=true&hlpv=2&ops=true&viphx=1&hlpht=true&lpid=122&chn=ps&googleloc=1006886&poi=&campaignid=207297426&device=c&adgroupid=13585920426&rlsatarget=pla-131843281026&adtype=pla&crdt=0&ff3=1&ff11=ICEP3.0.0-L&ff12=67&ff13=80&ff14=122) would be great. Some families wanted to install a water hose using the mains water supply but this varies from one family to another. We felt this would be a good option in the first instance and then families can make a decision about a more permanent fixture.
* **Large cooking pots, frying pans and roasting trays:** Many of the families requested these as they tend to make quite large quantities of rice/casseroles/soups etc.

**Ideal size (25-28cm; 11-15 litre capacity)**

* **Rugs:** All families, without exception, were keen to get rugs for their homes within the first two weeks of arrival. As they mostly take their shoes off inside the home but are not used to laminate flooring/lino/tiles, they wanted to buy large rugs for their living room (e.g. 1.5m X 2m) and smaller rugs for bedrooms.
* **Shoe racks:** Same as above, families were keen to have storage for their shoes.
* **Basic Tool kits:** simple kits for DIY jobs around the house (hammer, screwdrivers etc.)
* **Translink transport cards:** families have no transport in general and depend on public transport to get to their English classes and health appointments.
* **Blenders:**  The families have a tradition of using blenders to make humus and other Syrian typical dishes. This is much appreciated also by the families with very small children to prepare homemade baby food.
* **Toys :** New or in excellent condition toys can be very useful – this **does not** include teddy bears and cuddly toys.

**Non-perishable food supplies:**

 Biscuits

Dates

 Cereal (including variety packs)

 Cooking oil

 Long Life Milk

 Pasta

 Pasta Sauce

 Spaghetti

Tinned Chickpeas

 Tinned Fish

 Tinned Fruit

 Tinned Potatoes

 Tinned Vegetables

 Rice

* **Please note that most families will only eat Halal meat so please avoid tinned meats and meals as well as any pork derivates.**

**Anyone wishing to make a donation for the items above or a financial donation can contact us directly at -**

lparizzi@brysongroup.org or 028 90325835 Ext. 208

Bryson Care has established a trust fund only to assist the VPRS Syrian refugees in NI with food, household and clothing emergency items.

In addition, we also encourage you to contact EMBRACE – <https://www.embraceni.org/category/about-us/contact-us/>

Embrace has established a specific fund to cover emergency costs for electricity, oil and gas payments for the refugees in NI.