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Members of Oxford County Council:

While there has been a tremendous response from Oxford's communities in opening their homes to Ukrainians fleeing their homeland, there are many more families in crisis that need support. We have requested a delegation to County Council to share information about this need and our proposal for collaboration among local efforts.

As of last week, more than 15 Ukraine families are now in Oxford, although the number of inquiries climbs daily. We are in desperate need for host families to help support the transition with food and lodging while newcomers integrate into our community.

We are asking:

- For County Council's support in profiling the need and encouraging community members who can get involved.
- For support from your local municipal councils in promoting a common web portal, once released, to accept expressions of interest for hosting Ukraine families. We further ask for a contact from your municipality with whom we can liaise.

There is support available to your constituents in hosting families, which we will outline in our delegation to County Council on June 22, 2022.

We appreciate your attention and look forward to further discussion on how we can work together to provide a safe and welcoming environment for Ukrainian refugees.

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