

Home: "They have taken my home but they can't take my future"



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## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is a global day that draws attention to the plight of all refugees, to celebrate their courage and resilience, and renew the commitment to solving refugee problems.

World Refugee Day 2010 Theme is: Home - "They have taken my home but they can't take my future"

## RALLY FOR REFUGEES COMMITTEE

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### Background

Losing one's home can mean losing one's very identity. As refugees flee persecution and conflict, they lose their home and all that this entails - family, friends, work, community and culture. But, despite the enormous loss, suffering and, at times, sense of alienation when confronted with an uncertain future, refugees never give up their dream to rebuild their lives and have a better future. Their hope, courage and perseverance should be an inspiration to all of us. That is why the U.N. Refugee Agency has chosen the theme of HOME – "They have taken my home but they can't take my future", to mark this year's World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### The Rally - What is it?

The "Rally for Refugees" is to honour the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee from their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Canada and all Canadians for welcoming us to their country and sharing their land with us. It will be a presentation of compelling narratives from refugees who have survived the horror of war and human cruelty, as well as cultural celebrations with dance, music poetry, gratitude, joy, fear and pain. It is a response to the Government on the New Refugee Reform that will considerably affect the lives of refugees in Canada and around the world.

### Event: The "March"

We are marching from the University of Winnipeg to the Legislative building. Here we will address the Government of Canada and the Canadians locally and nationally by thanking them for giving us a place to call Home. We will also hear different speakers talk about refugees' difficulties and how we can all make a difference to better their lives in their new home, as well as hear stories from refugees living in our city

Following the speakers, there will be cultural celebrations across the street at Memorial Park, including music featuring Winnipeg musicians, food and refreshments, and cultural displays and crafts.



**THERE ARE OVER 42 MILLION REFUGEES AND FORCEFULLY DISPLACED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD TODAY. THEIR NEEDS AND CHALLENGES ARE TOO BIG FOR ANYONE TO CONFRONT ON THEIR OWN. BUT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...**

Please join us to commemorate World Refugee Day and to remember those who did not make it to the Land of Refuge.

### Rally for Refugees

- Date = Saturday, June 19, 2010
- Time = 10:00am  
"march" begins
- Where = Starting at the University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Avenue, and walking to the Legislative building, 450 Broadway. Proceeding to Memorial Park, located on corners of Broadway, Osborne and Colony, where we will enjoy cultural events, including music, food and refreshments and cultural displays
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