

Sponsored Family Scheduled To Enter U.S. by June

In compliance with our government's protocols for entering the U.S. legally, the family whom the Chippewa Valley Bridge Builders (CVBB) is sponsoring has received a date and time to cross the border. Their crossing is scheduled for the end of May. We anticipate meeting the family sometime in the first half of June. The family is from Central America and consists of a mother, father, an elementary-age child, and an infant.

The family is **not** eligible to receive federal public benefits including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, sometimes referred to as food stamps), Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). They are not eligible for health care subsidies under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The family will appreciate the benevolence of the community and sponsors until they can become self-sufficient. We invite you to be part of this rewarding opportunity as we welcome these new residents to our community.

Clothing Collection Begins

A new SignUp Genius has been set up for initial clothing. A list is at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4CABAC28A4F49-startup>. A SignUp Genius account is not required to participate. Listed items include a few shirts, pants, socks, underwear, baby clothing, and diapers. Your selected items can be brought to Immanuel Lutheran's office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., by June 3. CVBB will purchase new shoes for the family after they arrive to ensure a comfortable fit.

Financial Donations

Financial donations are gladly accepted. Checks should be made out to First Congregational UCC with *CVBB* or *Chippewa Valley Bridge Builders* in the memo line. You also can give electronically through the church app or website: Select the Missions fund and put *CVBB* in the memo.

Other Ways to Help

There are also many non-financial opportunities for involvement. The family needs people to volunteer their time and skill sets in a variety of ways. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Greg Barnes at gregleebarnes@gmail.com or 715-491-1471.