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**Putting supplies for future refugee families into storage on behalf of the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group are, from left, Fariha Shoab, Kate McDonald and Rev. Grant Dillenbeck.**

## Storing items for refugees

### Special to the News

The Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group is collecting and storing items that refugee families will be needing when they arrive in the community.

The items are being stored in storage space that has been donated to the group by John Sweetnam of CDS Store-All on Sweetnam Drive in Stittsville.

Any items that the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group does not use will be provided to other groups and agencies which are assisting refugees in the area.

The Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group is presently completing sponsorship applications for a single woman and also for a family from Syria, both of whom have family members already in the Ottawa area.

The Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group also hopes to sponsor at least one more Syrian family but this will depend on the financial support received as it

costs about \$25,000 to sponsor a refugee family for a year.

Those wishing to contribute used clothing or household items for refugees are encouraged to provide their donations to the Salvation Army. Those wishing to contribute used furniture are encouraged to contact the Furniture Bank in Kanata at 613-240-6680.

Those wishing to make a financial contribution to the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group should contact Rev. Grant Dillenbeck of the Stittsville United Church at 613-836-4962 or via email at [grantd@primus.ca](mailto:grantd@primus.ca).

The Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group involves a number of churches in the Kanata and Stittsville areas including Stittsville United Church, St. Thomas Anglican Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, all in Stittsville. Other churches involved are Glen Cairn United Church, St. Paul's Anglican Church in Kanata and St. John's Anglican Church at South March.