

## CERC Announces Partnership with Talent Beyond Boundaries

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The Canadian Employee Relocation Council is thrilled to announce Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB) has been selected as our new charity of choice effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

TBB is a not for profit global organization that helps support talented refugees and their families obtain skilled visas to enter stable countries and rebuild their lives. TBB works directly with refugees in Jordan and Lebanon and is currently helping refugees secure employment in Canada, Australia, and the UK. It is the only organization worldwide dedicated to pioneering international recruitment and relocation of refugees as a new solution to displacement. The labour mobility programs are additional to humanitarian resettlement programs that already exist in these countries.

“There is immense talent within refugee populations, and we are unlocking opportunities so that refugees can use their skills to access a critical new mobility option,” said Dana Wagner, Canada Director of TBB. “The support of the CERC network will help us grow and scale this solution.”

Unlike refugees entering Canada under the humanitarian streams, skilled refugees entering under the skilled pathways stream receive no financial support from government for transportation, visa processing, housing, or resettlement expenses. They rely on diminished savings and the support of TBB and its partners to relocate to Canada.

“Supporting TBB is a perfect fit for CERC on so many levels, as our members are the experts on employee relocation in Canada,” said CERC president & CEO Stephen Cryne. “The work carried out by TBB is more important now than ever and CERC could not be more excited to be partnering together.”

In Canada, TBB is the lead implementing partner in a government pilot program to test and improve refugee access to skilled visa pathways. In June 2020, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced an expansion to build on the pilot's early success. Canada plans to welcome up to 500 refugee principal applicants along with their families to skilled pathways over the next two years. The government's commitment is exciting and a positive indication as to the long-term support of TBB's program. It is a great time for CERC to be supporting and partnering with TBB.

CERC members have been a tremendous support for our previous charity, Doctors without Borders. After 15 years of contributions to this global charity we hope that members will join in the fundraising efforts we have planned in support of TBB. Watch for more news on that in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please visit TBB's website (<https://www.talentbeyondboundaries.org>) and short video highlighting some of the incredible work being carried out ([https://youtu.be/unJDTBb\\_MWA](https://youtu.be/unJDTBb_MWA)).

According to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) at the end of 2019, there were 79.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. During the pandemic, they have been among the hardest hit, as the first to lose work and the last to access healthcare.

With your support we can make a remarkable difference in the lives of many refugees and their families who will make Canada their new home.

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