

# Izzy dolls comfort refugee children

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The Canadian military is hoping to recruit volunteers with a specific skill set: knitting.

That's right. It wants you to help knit the national gift of peace, the Izzy Doll. For the past two decades, Canadian soldiers and health care workers have given out more than 1.3 million of the tiny toys to children in worn-torn countries and regions affected by natural disaster. Recently, the RCMP took 800 Izzy Dolls with them to Haiti.

Local organizer Shirley O'Connell says the dolls help to put a smile on children's faces during difficult times, so she's appealing to the public to help get these dolls into the hands of the thousands of Syrian refugee children expected to resettle in Canada by the end of the year.

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