

Intact Foundation Provides Local and International Support for Syrian Refugees

TORONTO, Dec. 16, 2015 /CNW/ - In response to the growing need for humanitarian aid and relief for Syrian refugees, the Intact Foundation today announced that it has donated \$100,000 to UNICEF Canada to support displaced youth remaining overseas. The Foundation will also be donating \$75,000 to immigrant employment centres across Canada.

"It's important to recognize the magnitude of this crisis and the impacts felt at home and abroad," said Monika Federau, Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer of Intact Financial Corporation. "The support of the Intact Foundation recognizes there is still much work to be done overseas, in addition to welcoming new Canadians to communities across Canada." The Intact Foundation has partnered with UNICEF Canada by providing a donation to support Syrian refugee youth in countries including Lebanon and Jordan.

"We're extremely grateful for Intact's generous donation of \$100,000 to support UNICEF's life-saving work with Syrian children and families," said David Morley, UNICEF Canada President and CEO. "As the UN agency for children, we've been responding to this crisis since it began in 2011. It has become the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time with 8.25 million Syrian children at risk today. With the support of Intact and other generous Canadian donors we are reaching the most vulnerable children with critical health, education and protection programs to ensure a whole generation of children is not lost."

Donations will be made to five regional immigrant employment centres in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver to help support immigrant placement through mentorship programs. Intact Insurance and belairdirect will also work with the centres to provide employees the opportunity to mentor immigrants who have expressed an interest in finding employment in the insurance industry.

About the Intact Foundation

Since 2004, the [Intact Foundation](#) has contributed over \$26 million in charitable funding to over 1,300 organizations nationally. The Intact Foundation, governed by employees of Intact Financial Corporation, Intact Insurance, and belairdirect, focuses its resources in two arenas – climate change adaptation and supporting at-risk youth.

About Intact Financial Corporation

Intact Financial Corporation (www.intactfc.com) is the largest provider of property and casualty insurance in Canada with over \$7.3 billion in annual premiums. With over 11,000 employees, the company insures more than five million individuals and businesses through its insurance subsidiaries and is the largest private sector provider of P&C insurance in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Québec and Nova Scotia. The company distributes insurance under the Intact Insurance brand through a wide network of brokers, including its wholly owned subsidiary, BrokerLink, and directly to consumers through belairdirect.

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