

# GIFT OF FREEDOM

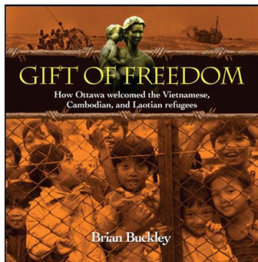
How Ottawa welcomed the Vietnamese,  
Cambodian, and Laotian refugees

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It was Ottawa's finest hour. And now, nearly thirty years later, the story of Project 4000 is finally told.

In the spring of 1979, as desperate refugees fled persecution and chaos in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, the citizens of Ottawa launched Project 4000 to resettle thousands of newcomers into the community.

Richly illustrated, *Gift of Freedom* explores the experiences of a people who arrived in Ottawa as refugees and went on to become successful and fully participating members of Canadian society. It reveals through interviews and anecdotes, the experiences of the Canadian sponsors who opened their homes, their businesses and their hearts to these strangers from another land.

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**All proceeds will go towards the construction of  
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