

Welcome to Canada. Bienvenue au Canada!

We are six friends from elementary and high school who are now middle-aged. We were lucky enough to be born and raised in this wonderful country, Canada. Many years ago our forebears braved hardships to emigrate to Canada, like you have done, from all over the world. Most of them had nothing when they arrived in Canada, and life was very hard, but many people helped them in small ways. We would like to do the same for you. We have reaped the benefits of our ancestors' bravery and hard work. All of us had so many material benefits and opportunities that did not exist for our parents. For example, we are all women, and we were all able to attend university and become working professionals.

Most of us have raised families as well, and recognize the difficulties you face in bringing up five children in a new country on the other side of the world from your home. It must be such a shock to move to a new country, with new customs, new foods, a new language, a climate that changes four times a year, and a completely different school system.

We want to welcome you and help you begin your new life in Canada with these small gifts. We sincerely hope that you will be happy here and that your children will prosper and flourish, and one day thank you for your sacrifices.

Good luck!
From six friends.