



**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
PARTNERSHIP TRIBUTE**

**HEALING**  
**FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW**

**VIRTUAL GUESTBOOK**





# HIAS



IRUSA and HIAS work in Greece with Refugees in 2018

A unique partnership between HIAS, a Jewish organization, and Islamic Relief USA, a Muslim organization, is helping to ensure that the most vulnerable refugees in Greece receive access to protection and other assistance to help them resume their lives in safety and with dignity. HIAS thanks IRUSA for its partnership and its steadfast support, particularly this year, as the population in Lesbos has endured increased suffering.

Thank you for this invitation and we look forward to continuing to work together towards healing for a stronger tomorrow!

**-MELONEE DOUGLASS**  
**REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA & EURASIA**





# PEACE CATALYST INTERNATIONAL



Big Table Event in Louisville, KY in partnership with Peace Catalyst International and IRUSA.

Islamic Relief has worked with Peace Catalyst International to bring people together across political, religious, and social divides. It started at the nation's largest pot-luck dinner in the park, the "Big Table," in Louisville, KY. Neighbors from every walk-of-life came together to get to know each other and share their stories. IRUSA was there with us, to make it happen! Our partnership then expanded as we worked together to provide food security to refugees and other struggling neighbors in Louisville, KY and Boise, ID. Together, we have demonstrated the beauty of Muslims and Christians working together to bless all of our neighbors. May God's mercy and compassion become even more evident through your vital work. Thank you for your partnership. We look forward to walking together in the coming years.

**-MARTIN BROOKS**  
**PRESIDENT PEACE CATALYST INTERNATIONAL**





# AMERICAN RED CROSS



IRUSA and American Red Cross working together in Houston during Hurricane Harvey.

For over 10 years, IRUSA and the Red Cross have had a wonderful partnership. It has grown, flourished and blossomed and we truly enjoy working together to support communities across the country. **THANK YOU IRUSA – you are a gift to humanity!**

**-MARY DEWITT-DIA  
AMERICAN RED CROSS**

IRUSA has contributed greatly to help communities impacted by disasters in partnership and side-by-side with the Red Cross. For a number of years, your volunteers have enhanced our work and helped us serve more diverse communities. In addition, our current damage assessment tools would not be as good as they are without the field testing that was conducted by IRUSA damage assessment workers. From small contributions to big, partnering with IRUSA has made our organization better.

**-MONICA MONTOYA  
MANAGER, NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**





# ISLAMIC CENTER OF MARYLAND



IRUSA working with Islamic Center of Maryland to give out fresh produce and boxed food to the community.

This year we partnered with IRUSA twice and it helped amplify our impact in our community. With COVID the need exploded and IRUSA partnership empowered us with more funds, which helped us reach more people in our community.

**-ADILEH SHARIEFF**  
**ISLAMIC CENTER OF MARYLAND**





# EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT (EFE)



Education for Employment program in Gaza with youth in partnership with IRUSA.

EFE has partnered with IRUSA since 2014 to provide economic opportunities for youth in Gaza. With IRUSA's support, EFE has provided training to nearly 4,000 youth across Gaza, placed 72% of its job-track graduates in jobs, and supported 132 young entrepreneurs to start new businesses.

**-SARAH LITTLE  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS**





# EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT



Prevention of violence against women and girls in Liberia, working with Episcopal Relief & Development along with IRUSA.

We are so blessed by the collaboration with all at Islamic Relief USA! You have resourced extraordinary work with us to address gender justice, but more than that you have been friends and companions in the journey, gathering up the wounded, and binding the broken hearted. We look forward to continuing together as we address the challenges ahead. We are grateful for all that you do!

**-ABAGAIL NELSON  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**





# READING CONNECTIONS, INC.



IRUSA North Carolina refugee program.

IRUSA recognized the deep need for so many immigrants and refugees in our community in North Carolina to engage in English literacy instruction to meet a number of individual and family goals - including supporting their children's school work; improving listening, speaking and understanding; and achieving family-supporting employment. Through the programming supported by Islamic Relief USA, we have been able to support students in a variety of unique ways, from passing their United States citizenship interviews with stronger English skills, to completing college coursework by understanding the complex English language and vocabulary. These adults and families will use the skills and community connections they gained for their entire lifetimes, changing the path they, and their children will take for many, many years to come. We appreciate the vision of IRUSA to support, promote and advocate for those most in need. Our partnership also enabled us to impact food insecurity for these families as we provided aid donated by IRUSA. We are honored to be a part of the IRUSA team!

**-JENNIFER GORE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



# GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER URBAN SMALL FARMER'S COALITION, INC.



Giving out fresh produce in DC in partnership with George Washintong Carver Urban Small Farmer's Coalition, Inc.

We are happy to be given the opportunity to be a part of this IRUSA partnership. It has increased our opportunity to directly support families in our designated areas

**-JOSEPH HAAMID**  
**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVE3R URBAN SMALL**  
**FARMER'S COALITION, INC.**



# FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION



IRUSA in partnership with Friends Committee on National Legislation in DC at BLM walk.

We are grateful for all of IRUSA's work and partnership!

We collaborate on interfaith advocacy. IRUSA is an invaluable partner and leader in our coalition work.

**-AMELIA KEGAN**  
**FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION**





# **NETWORK LOBBY FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE**

I worked closely with IRUSA through the WISC Domestic Human Needs advocacy working group for two years and so appreciated the partnership, commitment, and shared mission with IRUSA's advocacy team. Their devotion to alleviating suffering of those most in need and their commitment to interfaith partnerships as a powerful shared voice with moral authority has been personally inspiring for me and made me more effective in my own advocacy.

**-SISTER QUINCY HOWARD, OP  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SPECIALIST**

# **NEW JERSEY VOAD**

We value our partnership with IRUSA in building disaster resilient communities in New Jersey everyday! In these challenging times with very real threats to our health, economy, emotional, and spiritual lives, we deeply appreciate your collaborative efforts!

**Thank you!**

**-KEITH ADAMS  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**