

# ISI AMIC RELIEF USA **ACROSS THE UNITED STATES** 2020-2021 EDITION

**PROGRAMS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND POSITIVE CHANGE** 

Our work in the US is near and dear to our hearts. The goal of our Bluebook is to showcase our work and what it means to the communities we serve across the country. You'll find information about:

> **Strategic Partnerships** Grantees **Disaster Relief Seasonal Projects** Ramadan Qurbani/Udhiya **Day of Dignity Turkey Distribution** Summer Food Program MLK Day of Service **Grassroots Advocacy Refugee Resettlement** Solidarity

# **AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC RELIEF USA**

IRUSA began in California in 1993 with a small and passionate group of humanitarians who decided to dedicate their lives to serving humanity. Years later, the IRUSA's headquarter office was relocated to the Washington, D.C. area, where it remains today.

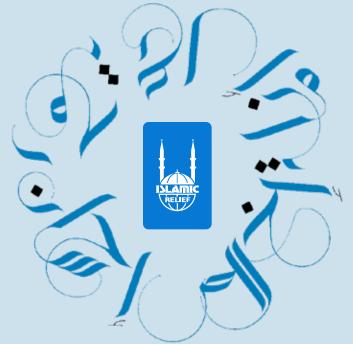
Now, nearly 30 years later, IRUSA serves as a leading relief and development organization with a strong presence in over 40 countries, including right here at home in the United States of America.

In the U.S., we make it a priority to care for our neighbors in need. The five values of our organization—excellence, sincerity, social justice, compassion, and custodianship—model the values ingrained in the true spirit of American life and liberty.

Our mission is to provide relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and to work to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world.

For decades, we have made it our civic and moral duty to provide humanitarian relief to our neighbors. And through the support of thousands of donors, IRUSA continues its legacy of working together with humanitarian partners, community groups, and others right here at home and across the world to help those in need.

### **IRUSA MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES**



#### MISSION

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# SERVING THOSE MOST IN NEED WITH OUR PARTNERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Inspired by our faith and guided by our values, we envision a world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled, and people respond as one to the suffering of others. In an effort to build stronger national partnerships, Islamic Relief USA is working with partners across the country to implement sustainable and more accessible programming around food security, healthcare, and refugee and recent immigrant services.

# TO LEARN MORE, OR TO BECOME A PARTNER VISIT: IRUSA.ORG/USGRANTS

#### **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TRACK**

Strategic partners are carefully selected by IRUSA to help implement long-term projects that typically last 12-36 months. From 2020 to 2021, we selected 21 organizations to help bring relief to hundreds of thousands of people across the country.

#### GRANTEES

Our grantees are made up of organizations from diverse backgrounds all across the country. During the height of the pandemic, IRUSA supported the programmatic work of 45 grantees!

Please note the names shared in our "Community Impact Stories" have been changed to ensure confidentiality among those we serve.



#### Partner:

American Pakistani Physicians Association of North America (APPNA)

Location: Los Altos, CA · Multi-Year Partner

**Sector:** Healthcare

**Funding:** \$171,175

#### **Project Title:**

APPNA Community Health Center of the SF Bay Area

#### **Partner:**

Islah LA

#### Location:

Los Angeles, CA · Single-Year Partner

#### Sector:

**Food Security** 

#### **Funding:**

\$51,700

#### **Project Title:** Islah LA Food Pantry

#### **Estimated Number of People**

Served: 4,000 people

#### **Highlight:**

This strategic partnership with APPNA Community Health Center was launched in December 2020 to provide basic healthcare services to low income and uninsured patients throughout the Bay Area. With \$171,175 in funding, APPNA was able to initiate its clinic operations, then expand its services and establish voluntary rotations and partnerships with other healthcare services.

Estimated Number of People Served: 3,398 people

#### **Highlight:**

Islah LA, in partnership with IRUSA, was able to assit around 3,400 people with this \$51,700 collaboration that alleviated the food desert parts of Los Angeles by creating access to safe, healthy food on a consistent basis and improved the overall quality of life in South LA. Partner:

University Muslim Medical Association

#### Location:

Los Angeles, CA · Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Healthcare

**Funding:** \$520,875

#### **Project Title:**

UMMA Access to Care Project: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in South Los Angeles

#### **Examples of Community Impact:**

Jordan's Story

Jordan is in his mid-70's. He was in dire need of dental care, but lacked a means of transportation. Unfortunately, he missed three separate appointments because of this, further deteriorating the state of his teeth. Islamic Relief was able to help support the cost of his rides to and from the dentist, where he saw Dr. JJ and was able to seek the treatment he needed.

#### Sue's Story

Sue is from a small town in California. She doesn't have access to a primary care provider and is unable to seek the medical care she needs. For nearly six months, Islamic Relief has been able to provide her with medical services in our mobile clinic, including any medications she may need.

#### Estimated Number of People Served: 5,988 people

#### Highlight:

This strategic partnership with APPNA Community Health Center was launched in December 2020 and was started to provide basic healthcare services to low income and uninsured patients throughout the Bay Area. With \$171,175 in funding, APPNA was able to initiate its clinic operations, then expand its services and establish voluntary rotations and partnerships with other healthcare services.

#### Organization:

Somali Bantu Association of America

Location:

San Diego, CA

#### **Project Title:**

Community Supporting Tolerance, Advocacy, Negotiation, and Deescalation (C-STAND)

#### Highlight:

The Community Supporting Tolerance, Advocacy, Negotiation, and De-escalation (C-STAND) program, funded by IRUSA, provides peace-keeping training and anti-hate dialogue to Muslim and non-Muslim community members in San Diego County.

**Organization:** Sahaba Initiative

Location: San Bernardino, CA

**Project Title:** Food for Families

#### Highlight:

Sahaba Initiative's food pantry program provides weekly food distribution to individuals and families who are suffering from hunger, as well as CalFresh application assistance and nutrition classes to empower lowincome families. This program has provided over 500,000 meals to families and individuals in our local community. Organization: Support Life Foundation

Location: Oakland, CA

#### **Project Title:**

Project Educate

#### Highlight:

Volunteers are recruited from local colleges and universities to become teaching assistants at Oakland high schools, which have high drop-out rates. They operate within the classroom during school hours to maximize their efficiency and effectiveness, in addition to being able to assist teachers who are often over-worked and underpaid with nearly 40 students. Furthermore, we currently have a deal with UC Berkeley, in which volunteers from the institution are provided with credits towards graduating.

Organization: Somali Family Service of San Diego

Location: San Diego, CA

Project Title: Refugee Integration Program

#### Highlight:

SFS's Refugee Integration Program services to low-income refugees, immigrants and other low-income clients through outreach, individual needs assessments, acculturation and educational workshops, case management, emergency cash assistance, and access to other services provided by SFS and community agencies.

#### **Organization:**

Manna Conejo Valley Food Distribution Center

Location: Thousand Oaks, CA

**Project Title:** Community Food Pantry

#### **Highlight:**

As the Conejo Valley's largest food pantry, IRUSA worked with Manna to provide clients, especially children and the elderly who are most at risk and vulnerable, with a wide variety of food.

**Organization:** Miry's List

Location: Calabasas, CA

**Project Title:** Wishlists by Miry's List

#### Highlight:

In collaboration with Miry's List, in 2020 the largest platform and program for fulfilling resettling refugee wishlists in the country provided essential items for new arrivals to the United States to "survive, hive, and thrive" in their new homes.

#### Organization: Islah LA

Location: Los Angeles, CA

**Project Title:** Islah LA Food Pantry

#### **Highlight**:

We funded Islah LA to improve the food insecurity in Los Angeles to feed families with safe, healthy food on a consistent basic and add to their quality of life.

Organization: Access California Services

Location: Anaheim, CA

#### **Project Title:**

Case Management & Emergency Financial Assistance Program

#### **Highlight**:

AccessCal was funded with an IRUSA grant of \$150,000 to enhance its current case management and emergency financial assistance program that provides wrap-around health and human services programs to all underserved, immigrant, and refugee populations who live in Southern California with a focus on the Middle Eastern and Muslim communities.



#### **Organization:**

**Muslim Coalition of Connecticut** 

#### Location:

Bloomfield, CT

#### **Project Title:**

Sustaining and growing Halal pantry with Hands On Hartford Food Pantry

#### **Highlight:**

Supporting the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut for their Halal Pantry initiative begun in 2019 with the aim that Halal meat is available to the pantry throughout the year.



### **Partner:**

**American Muslim Social Services** 

Location: Longwood, FL · Multi-Year Partner

#### Sector: Healthcare

**Funding:** \$347,250

#### **Project Title:** Compassionate Care for the Community

# Served:

**Estimated Number of People** 

12,877 people

**GRANTEES** 

#### **Organization: Radiant Hands**

Location: Tampa, FL

#### **Project Title:**

Radiant Hands Women/Refugee Service Center

#### **Highlight:**

In partnership with Radiant Hands, we funded an all-inclusive center in which all services and programs accommodate a professional, secure environment for clients and also provide a space where refugee-led businesses can thrive.



**Partner:** Refugee Women's Network, Inc.

Location: Atlanta, GA. Multi-Year Partner

#### Sector: **Refugee and Immigrant Services**

Fundina: \$155,020

#### **Project Title:**

Socio-Economic Development of **Refugee and Immigrant Families** 

#### **Examples of Community Impact:** Shakila & Fahima's Story

Shakila & Fahima are two women who sought refuge in the United States after the fall of Kabul and went through difficult days, [with] no goals or future in mind when they arrived.

It was very difficult for them to adapt to the new environment, especially for Shakila, who had graduated from medical school and had lost [everything] when she got here. But [they] did not accept failure and started work [right away] in a childcare center, where Shakila worked as a translator for eight Afghan women and Fahima worked as a trainee. This step [towards] success was made possible by the Refugee Women's Network.

Now, Ms. Fahima is working as a teacher in the same center and Ms. Shakila is working as a medical assistant in one of the [Refugee Women's Network's] clinics in Georgia. They both hoped to live in America [one day], and every day their lives take on a new color and they are optimistic about their future and their children's future.

After their job placements and assistance with accessing resources for economic selfsufficiency, they wanted to participate in Lending Circles. They are currently still in the program. Displaced women are [more] marginalized economically than men, [and] the programming and resources provided [to] them must take into account their unique barriers. Our programming is [holistic and allows for success].

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**Estimated Number of People** Served: 998 people

#### **Highlight:**

This strategic partnership with Refugee Women's Network is assisting individuals and families by increasing their household savings through the formation of lending circles and creating food entrepreneurs to start generating income and receive access to technical support and financial management education.

#### **GRANTEES**

**Organization:** 

Location:

Socio-Economic Development of

#### **Highlight:**

Working with the Refugee Women's Network (RWN) we funded their program for socio-economic status of refugee and immigrant families in Atlanta to provide sustainable programs that better equip the individuals and families with option of healthy lifestyle and to achieve the goal of economic self-reliance.

Refugee Women's Network, Inc.

Atlanta, GA

#### **Project Title:**

**Refugee and Immigrant Families** 



**Partner: Khalil Foundation** 

Location: Lombard, IL · Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Healthcare

**Funding:** \$520,875

**Project Title:** KC Online Mental Health Program

**Total Estimated Beneficiaries:** 700 people

#### **GRANTEES**

**Organization: Rohingya Culture Center** 

Location: Chicago, IL

#### **Project Title:**

Intergenerational Psycho, Social and Cultural support Services Expansion

#### **Highlight:**

Working with the Rohingya Culture Center of Chicago (RCC) we funded new programming to better coordinate offerings as a comprehensive suite of services for high needs, trauma-impacted, linguistically isolated refugee population.



**Project Title:** Farm on Wheels Mobile Unit

#### Highlight:

Location:

Atlanta, GA

**Organization:** 

Urban Agriculture

The Farm on Wheels Mobile unit serves senior centers, housing developments, schools, libraries, and other locations identified as vulnerable food communities through interactive cooking demonstrations, urban growing tutorials, and compost education to promote food security with IRUSA grant funds.

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#### **Examples of Community Impact:** Fatima's Story

Fatima is an American, transgender woman, who reverted to Islam two years ago. She sought out therapy with Khalil Center to explore and process her religious identity with her gender, work through her depression, and build her relationship with God. Fatima transitioned eighteen years prior. However, she soon realized that the transition was not the right choice for her, but it would be dangerous for her to transition once more.

Fatima feels fulfilled when learning about Islam.

The initial sessions of therapy were focused on her values, including spirituality, community, and family, as well as her current feelings of loneliness and anxieties around faith. Using acceptance commitment therapy techniques and prioritizing faith-based values, Fatima was able to identify the constant presence of God in her life, and the relationships she had that were beneficial towards her goals of learning about faith and normalizing the loneliness she felt.

She also focused on balance. Learning about her faith and the rules that come with it was overwhelming for Fatima. The importance of building long lasting habits with small steps and remembering the mercy of God helped her reset her goals in religious practice.

Fatima continues sessions with Khalil Center to this day. She is highly motivated and reports significant benefits from therapy.

#### GRANTEES

Organization: Muslim Social Services Agency

Location: Baltimore, MD

#### Project Title:

Baltimore Pantry Project and Online ESL Classes for Refugee Chil

#### **Highlight:**

Working with Muslim Social Services Agency we provided funding for food security to low income areas of Baltimore City MD and support the mobile pantry that circulates throughout Baltimore City and provide direct food to those immediately in need of food, such as in food insecurity areas, to the homeless, those picking food out of trash cans, those begging for food at stoplights, providing to shut in elderly, estc.

**Organization:** Al-Huda Inc.

Location: College Park, MD

**Project Title:** Mobile Soup Kitchen

#### Highlight:

Parterning wit Al-Huda Inc for the Mobile Food Truck Project to provide hot meals to low income and food-insecure populations in Hyattsville, MD and Riverdale, MD. **Organization:** Keys Empowers, INC.

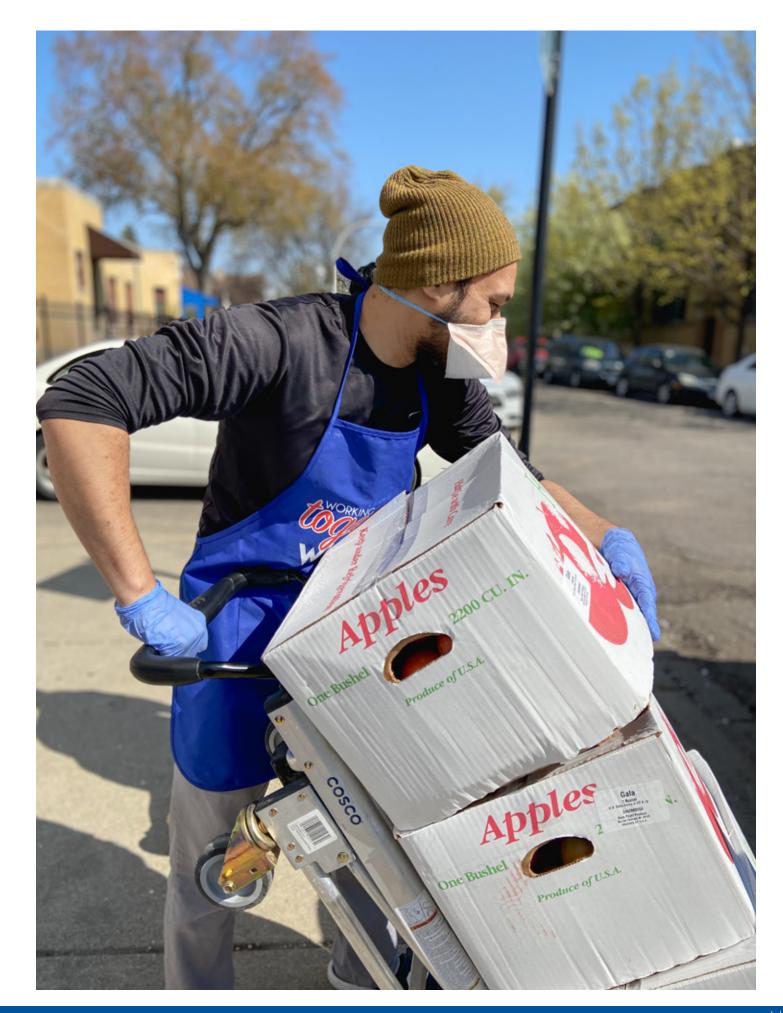
Location: Gwynn Oak, MD

#### **Project Title:**

Mathew Henson Community Pantry and Garden

#### Highlight:

Keys Empowers will address the recurring hunger issue around Mathew Henson Elementary by using our already respected presence and expanding our service through consistent food supplementary support.



**Partner:** Zaman International

Location: Inkster, MI · Single-Year Partner

Sector: Refugee and Immigrant Services

**Funding:** \$100,000

**Project Title:** Client Corridor Build Out

**Examples of Community Impact:** Sarah's Story

#### Estimated Number of People Served:

30 people

#### Highlight:

This strategic partnership with Zaman International was funded for \$100,000 ran with the primary purpose of expanding their sewing center to increase vocational training opportunities in sewing for clients in the BOOST (Building Ongoing Opportunities through Skills Training) Program, ultimately working towards disrupting poverty for women within minority populations.

Sarah, a student with Zaman International, was initially in the assistance program. After her initial needs were calculated and met, she started taking ESL classes and enrolled in a vocational sewing program. She is now volunteering with a local company to gain real-world experience and has even started her own business at home making clothes from her home country.

Served: 15,000 people

**Highlight:** 

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**Estimated Number of People** 

Islamic Center of Detroit was awarded \$125,000 for the primary

purpose of expanded their existing food pantry program to serve

senior citizens with hot meals and

grocery items and began building out a Federally Qualified Health

Partner:

Islamic Center of Detroit

Location: Detroit, MI · Single-Year Partner

**Sector:** Food Security/Healthcare

# **Funding:** \$125,000

Project Title:

#### Islamic Center of Detroit Emergency Food and Health Security Program

#### **Examples of Community Impact:**

To date, ICD has served 15,000 unique senior citizens that are isolated in assisted living, homeless shelters, or on the street, over a 5-month period. This has contributed to an increase in food security amongst the senior population living in metro Detroit.

Partner: C-ASSIST

#### Location:

Dearborn, MI · Single-Year Partner

#### Sector:

Healthcare

#### **Examples of Community Impact:** *Hiba's Story*

Hiba, 67, is an Arabic-speaking patient with an A1c of 13%, and a history of cardiac disease and hypertension who was diagnosed by our physician based on blood tests and clinical judgement. This patient is uninsured, untreated, and had not seen a physician prior to attending our clinic. We referred her and made her appointments with both the endocrinologist and cardiologist. The patient had been followed-up with both in our clinic and at the specialty clinic. Ongoing communication between the medical providers has allowed the patient to receive the specialty care, and access expensive medications through samples and prescription assistance programs filed by our clinic pharmacist. The pharmacist has also been meeting with the patient on a weekly basis in order to provide the proper adjustments and monitoring. A bilingual dietitian was also assigned to work with her. Her most recent A1c value has dropped by 3% indicating a remarkable improvement in sugar control. Subsequently, her cardiac health has also improved drastically. The patient also received her COVID-19 vaccine after a lengthy conversation with the provider and was convinced that taking the vaccine is a must with her current medical condition. She is currently an advocate for the vaccine and urges her family members and friends to vaccinate.

#### **STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

**Funding:** \$75,000

Project Title:

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C-ASSIST & IRUSA Health Collaborative

#### **Estimated Number of People Served:** 3,457 people

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#### Partner: M.A.D.E. Institute

Location: Flint, MI · Single-Year Partner

Sector: Community Development

### **Funding:**

\$96,100

#### **Project Title:**

EPIK Growth and Transitional Housing Expansion

#### **Estimated Number of People** Served: 55 people

#### **Highlight:**

This strategic partnership with M.A.D.E. Institute was funded for \$96,100 to serve formerly incarcerated citizens to reduce recidivism and achieve self-sufficiency through comprehensive-holistic programming, access to employment, education, and full participation in the economic, political, and cultural life of the community.

#### **Examples of Community Impact:**

Kelly's Story

Kelly was paroled to a community placement sobriety house after being incarcerated. Kelly felt that staying at the sobriety house prevented her from reaching her goals because it was holding her back on her sobriety journey. She was in an unfamiliar county without a job, couldn't contact her family for support, and was unable to communicate with her children after her release. Kelly was released during the pandemic which was especially stressful. Before placement at the sobriety house, she spent the first two weeks living on the outside, staying in a hotel where she slowly obtained more clothing and other essential healthcare items. Her goals at this time were to get an ID, find housing, and to get a car to support herself living on the outside. While she worked with her parole officer, Kelly found M.A.D.E. and was able to transfer her parole there to use the resources they provided.

In the beginning of Fall 2020, Kelly started working with M.A.D.E. She was able to finish her resume and connect with resources to provide for her daily needs such as personal care items. Kelly connected with a team of professionals to assist her in navigating information for housing resources and tracking down what resources work best for her needs. Through living at the transitional housing at M.A.D.E., Kelly found out about St. Luke's New Life Center. They provide an employment readiness program, access to GED classes, and other resources.

Kelly feels her goals are attainable now because she was able to work with M.A.D.E and its resources including obtaining a housing voucher for her and her youngest child. She is passionate about helping other people transition into society after incarceration and believes that working with M.A.D.E. is a valuable tool that gives people hope to succeed in this goal.

#### **Organization:**

Zaman International

#### Location:

Inkster, MI

#### **Project Title:**

Workforce Transitional Sewing Program

#### **Highlight:**

Zaman's Workforce Transitional Sewing Program, supported by Islamic Relief USA grant funds, trains women with low incomes to fill positions in the textile industry through courses that teach English literacy, industrial sewing machine essentials, the basics of stitching and fabric, terminology, employers' expectations, and workplace conduct.

#### **Organization::** C-ASSIST

Location: Dearborn, MI

#### **Project Title:**

Speak Up and Reach Out Project

#### **Highlight:**

We provided \$75,000 to C-ASSIST for program education and awareness about mental health, substance use disorder, and suicide prevention to the students in Wayne county attending public schools, with resources for help and assistance in the event they need the support from professionals in that field.

#### **GRANTEES**

**Organization:: Islamic Center of Detroit** 

Location: Detroit, MI

#### **Project Title:**

ICD Immigrant and Refugee **Resource Program** 

#### **Highlight:**

Parterning with the Islamic Center of Detroit Immigrant and **Refugee Resource Program**, we funded programs that have assisted thousands of immigrant and refugee families to process applications for alien registration (green cards), navigate other supportive documentation services within the federal and state government, and provide them with necessities such as housing, employment, and transportation.

Served:

5,454 people

**Highlight:** 

**Estimated Number of People** 

This strategic partnership with

partnership providing community-

driven and culturally-responsive

vulnerable communities in North

Minneapolis through expanding

housing services, scaling food

launching a community-wide

service programming and

mentorship program.

services to meet the needs of

Al-Maa'uun is a multi-year

**Partner:** Al-Maa'uun

Location: Minneapolis, MN · Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Community Development

#### **Funding:** \$975,000

#### **Project Title:**

AL-MAA'UUN-IRUSA Strategic Partnership: Growth and Engagement

#### **Examples of Community Impact:**

Lionel's Story

Lionel's drug abuse started as a way to escape reality. His father was an alcoholic, which resulted in physical abuse towards him and his brother. Eventually, he was living on the streets and by 18, he had tried almost every street drug, including meth. After the death of his mother, Lionel relocated to Minnesota and entered a treatment program. Upon completion, he enrolled in Al-Maa'uun's support program for employment coaching and job searching. Lionel eventually got a job in custodial services within the Minneapolis public school system. From his income, Lionel was able to rent an apartment, get his driving permit, and buy his first car.

#### Naima's Story

Naima is a mother of four from Somalia. She used to work long hours at several cleaning services in her community to support her kids until she lost her job due to the pandemic. Naima also joined the support program. Upon completion, she also received temporary custodian employment through the Minneapolis public school system. At the end of her 90-day probationary period, she was denied full-time employment due to her lack of formal education. Seeing this as a challenge, Naima set her sights on getting her GED, and with several appeals from Al-Maa'uun, she was finally granted employment within the school.

**Organization:** Al-Maa'uun

Location: Minneapolis, MN

**Project Title:** Healthy food in community

#### Highlight:

Working with Al-Maa'uun to provide food security services for the Near North neighborhoods of Minneapolis with staple food shelf items, hot meals, and meal delivery services.

**Partner:** Al-Maun (Neighborly Needs) of Las Vegas, NV

Location:

Sector: Community Development

**Funding:** \$100.000

**Project Title:** 

#### **NV GRANTEES**



Location: Las Vegas, NV

#### **Project Title:**

Al Maun Community Development and Violence Reduction Project

#### **Highlight:**

Supporting Al-Maun (Neighborly Needs) of Las Vegas by funding the Community Development and Violence Reduction Project which strive to break the hometo-street -to-prison pipeline with positive opportunities for youth and the community; created safer environments to explore and implement solutions; and improved relations between law enforcement and the neighborhoods they continue patrolling.

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Las Vegas, NV. Single-Year Partner

Al-Maun Community Development and Violence Reduction Project

Al-Maun (Neighborly Needs) of Las

#### **Estimated Number of People** Served: 800 people

#### **Highlight:**

Al-Maun (Neighborly Needs) of Las Vegas was awarded \$100,000 by IRUSA to work together with the primary purpose of addressing and reducing cycles of violence for at-risk individuals and families in the Las Vegas area by providing counseling, workshops, and essential food and financial support.

### **Examples of Community** Impact:

Salma's Story

Salma shared, "The support that we get from Al-Maun keeps us on the straight path. We not only receive basic necessities, [but] we are given mental and emotional support. We are also given the opportunity to help serve our community. Handing out water to the homeless with the Imam was amazing. It helped me and my son realize how fortunate we are. And how grateful we should always be."

#### **NJ GRANTEES**

Partner: Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

Location: North Brunswick, NJ

**Project Title:** Sadaqa/Tzedakah-Sisterhood feeding the hungry

#### **Highlight**:

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Supporting Sisterhood of
Salaam Shalom, we funded
meals to at least 5,600 people
and approximately 1,200
Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom
members participated in this
project to provide nutrition to
those who are food insecure
within their community.
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#### **NY STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

Partner: Islamic Society of Bay Ridge

**Location:** Brooklyn, NY

**Sector:** Healthcare **Funding:** \$300,000

**Project Title:** ISBR & IRUSA Rehab Clinic

**Estimated Number of People Served:** 6,500 people

**Partner:** Islamic Society of Bay Ridge

**Location:** Brooklyn, NY

**Sector:** Healthcare **Funding:** \$300,000

**Project Title:** ISBR & IRUSA Rehab Clinic

**Estimated Number of People Served:** 6,500 people

#### Organization:

Muslim Community Network (MCN)

#### Location:

New York, NY

#### **Project Title:**

MCN Serves: Community Development Project

#### Highlight:

Parterning with MCN, we supported the expansion of its community service program called MCN Serves with IRUSA grant funding to serve meals and provide empowerment programs in domestic violence shelters where Muslim women and children congregate reaching 5,000 new individuals and families that address the critical issue of food security in the city, while promoting community cohesion and deepens the understanding of Muslims in our city.

#### Organization:

Muslim Housing Services

#### Location: New York, NY

#### **Project Title:**

MCNServes: Community Development Project

#### Highlight:

In partnership with Muslim Housing Services - we funded an empowerment programs for domestic violence shelters where Muslim women and children congregate and to leverage businesses and food donations to provide nutritious foods in a number of food desert communities of the Bronx and Upper-Manhattan in New York City.

#### **Organization:**

Majlis Ash-Shura of Metropolitan Islamic Leadership Council

Location: Queens, NY

#### **Project Title:**

Prepaid Debit Cards for Financially Struggling Families

#### Highlight:

Through our partnership with Majlis Ash-Shura of Metropolitan Islamic Leadership Council and Islamic Leadership Council of New York supported effort in providing COVID-19 relief aid to familiesin-need; prepaid debit cards were given to vulnerable households to purchase basic necessities and groceries for at least one to two weeks, all funded by IRUSA's grant program.

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERS

**Partner:** MAS Charlotte

Location: Charlotte, NC. Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Healthcare

Funding: \$217,000

**Project Title:** Shifa Free Clinic

#### **Examples of Community Impact:**

Jay's Story

#### **Estimated Number of People** Served: 6,300 people

**Highlight:** 

This strategic partnership with MAS Charlotte provides and expands free healthcare services to a diverse, underserved patient population in the Charlotte, NC, by employing paid staff and expanding clinic hours, improving diagnostic capabilities with better equipment, as well as renovating physician rooms and operational materials for greater quality of care.

Jay went to Shifa Free Clinic suffering from pain in the lower right abdominal region. The doctor ordered an ultrasound exam, which revealed that he was suffering from kidney stones. However, the exam also showed that there was an abnormal growth above the bladder. He was referred to a hospital, where a CT scan and MRI were ordered. He is currently waiting to schedule a date to remove the tumor. Thanks to this partnership, we are able to purchase necessary equipment and flag issues to help patients like Jay in the community.

#### **GRANTEES**

**Organization:** Reading Connections, Inc.

Location: Greensboro, NC

#### **Project Title:**

Self-sufficiency and Self-advocacy Through Education

#### **Highlight**:

In partnership with Reading Connections, we funded programs for adults with low-literacy to increase their independence, employability, and self-advocacy skills.

**Organization:** Mariam Clinic

Location: Cary, NC

#### **Project Title:**

Maintain Increased Capacity and Further Expansion

#### **Highlight:**

Capacity building of the clinic to bring a Registered Nurse, a Nurse Practitioner, and some admin help; and impact social health.



Salaam Clinic

**OH STRATEGIC PARTNERS** 

#### Location: Cleveland, OH · Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Healthcare

#### **Examples of Community Impact:** Pam's Storv

Pam arrived at Salaam Clinic with a history of thyroid adenoma and high blood pressure. This patient, like many others, is a bright, intuitive individual with good insight into their own health. And also like so many others in our community, she is suffering due to lack of access to healthcare, even though she is employed by a local healthcare institution. So much so, that she has not had a primary care visit in over five years. By the time she arrived at Salaam Clinic, her thyroid adenoma had come back, her blood pressure was dangerously high, and she was well overdue for preventative screenings. Thanks to one patient visit, we were able to get her the prescriptions she needed, the necessary referrals for her lab work, and a specialist for her adenoma. We were also able to schedule her for a necessary mammogram and follow up appointment for blood pressure management.

#### **OK GRANTEES**

**Organization:** Khan Ohana Foundation

#### **Location:** Tulsa, OK

**Project Title:** Urban Gardening in Tulsa

#### **Highlight:**

Healthy and nutritious food for community members; excess produce being sold to help the financial situation for urban farmers; and to create an environment of self-sufficiency within the community.

**Funding:** \$347,250

**Project Title:** Salaam Clinic Midtown

**Estimated Number of People Served:** 36,003 people

#### **OR GRANTEES**

#### **Organization:**

Islamic Social Services of Oregon State

#### Location: Portland, OR

#### **Project Title:**

Subsidized Housing to Prevent Homelessness

#### **Highlight**:

Working with Islamic Social Services of Oregon State, we funded their project that focused on subsidized housing to prevent homelessness.



**Partner:** Shifa Healthcare USA

Location: Houston, TX · Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Healthcare

Funding: \$520,875

#### **Project Title: Healthy Healing**

**Estimated Number of People** Served: 4,015 people

Highlight: Maryam's Story

Maryam came into the clinic with an irritation in her throat. She chose Shifa Synott Clinic for her medical treatment due to the proximity to her work and low cost. Upon her visit to the clinic, Dr. Khan soon became her provider and examined her symptoms. Dr. Khan found a bacterial infection, and prescribed her antibiotics. This was extremely vital for Maryam, as she worked in a very public-facing industry, where many people are exposed to her. She was extremely satisfied and thankful with the care provided by Dr. Khan and the Shifa Synott Clinic. She even brought her family members for care at the clinic.

**Organization:** Purple Hearts Inc.

Location: Fort Worth, TX

**Project Title:** Venus Homestead Project

#### **Highlight:**

Working with Purple Hearts Inc. we funded the Homestead area of the Venus project that is in a rural and undeveloped for a mobile feeding 5 days a week, 2 hr a day during an 11 week period.

**Organization:** Daya Inc.

Location: Houston, TX

#### **Project Title:**

Women's Economic & Educational Empowerment Program

#### **Highlight:**

This program, IRUSA supported Daya Inc. to empower South Asian survivors of varying educational, employment, and financial backgrounds to achieve economic independence by meeting basic needs, addressing cultural and economic barriers, and providing individualized levels of education and intervention to meet longterm economic goals.

**Organization:** IslamInSpanish Inc.

Location: Houston, TX

**Project Title:** Project

#### **Highlight:**

of humanity.

**Organization: FJV** Foundation

Location: DeSato, TX

**Project Title:** Hands Up- Know Your Rights

#### **Highlight:**

Working with FJV Foundation, we funded their youth program that educated 18-24 year olds on how to interact with law enforcement through mentorship and coaching sessions.

#### **GRANTEES**

Life Skills Community Development

Provides programs for low-income and marginalized groups to learn life skills and enrich culture in hopes to see lives transformed into productive global citizens collaborating for the common good

TEXAS



#### **Partner:**

**Islamic Association Of Collin** County

#### **Location:**

TEXAS

Plano, TX

#### **Project Title:**

IACC Health Care Clinic Operations and expansion

#### Highlight:

The Islamic Association of Collin County (IACC) Medical/ Dental Clinic partnered with IRUSA for a \$25,000 grant to elevate the existing services by providing Adult, Pediatric, Psychiatric, and Dental service by qualified Doctors and HIPPA certified volunteers.

#### **Partner:**

Al-Maa'uunHouston Community ToolBank

Location: Houston, TX

**Project Title: Pilot Bulk Tool Lending Program** 

#### **Highlight:**

Working with the Houston Community ToolBank, we funded their Pilot Bulk Tool Lending Programs that created a small shipping container filled with tools to be lent out in bulk.for disaster relief efforts, faith-based mission trips, large scale corporate volunteer events and other long term projects.

**Partner:** Amaanah Refugee Services

Location: Houston, TX

**Project Title:** Teach 360

#### **Highlight:**

Teach 360 is designed and funded by IRUSA to provide school-based English language support to bilingual/ESL newcomer students in elementary schools through a collaborative approach between teachers and Teach 360 tutors.

#### **Partner:** An-Nisa Hope Center

Location: Houston, TX

#### **Project Title:**

Reframe | Building Lives

#### Highlight:

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Working with An-Nisa Hope Center to on a comprehensive, holistic program aimed at empowering the immigrant and refugee family in crisis or single woman (divorcee, DV survivor or widow) to self sufficiency needs assessment, case working, financial literacy, employment coaching, counseling, and more.



#### **Partner:** Baileys (dba Culmore Clinic)

Location: Falls Church, VA · Multi-Year Partner

Sector: Healthcare

#### **Examples of Community Impact:** Lina's Story

Lina, a 42-year-old woman, was admitted to Culmore Clinic in March of 2022. Her initial complaints were worsening abdominal pain, increased fatigue and thirst, and increased urinary frequency. Culmore Clinic was able to:

- her first appointment
- provided transportation and contacted her family
- called Turning the Curve

better.

**Funding:** \$347,250

**Project Title:** Turning the Curve for Patients Living with Prediabetes, Diabetes, and Other Metabolic Illnesses

**Estimated Number of People** Served: 110 people

Engage her in a standard medical pre-assessment and order a baseline set of tests prior to

Consult with the Medical Director and transfer her to the ER for stabilization; clinic staff

Make referrals for dental, counseling, nutrition support, social work, and to a program

Start her on insulin and provide a glucometer and test strips

Make calls to Inova as she was also found to have pancreatic insufficiency; clinic staff continued close coordination of her care, now provided by both Inova and Culmore

Lina is attending the Turning the Curve Diabetes Education workshops. She has told the clinic staff that she has learned a lot about diabetes, how it affects the body, and what to do to feel

#### **Partner:**

Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center

#### Location:

Falls Church, VA · Multi-Year Partner

#### Sector:

**Refugee and Immigrant Services/** Food Security/Healthcare

#### Funding:

\$1,497,378

#### **Project Title:**

Pathway to Empowerment (P2E) Program

#### **Examples of Community Impact:**

Laila's Story

#### **Estimated Number of People** Served:

3,320 people

#### **Highlight:**

This strategic partnership with Dar Al Hijrah is a multi year project that started in 2020 and is being aided with \$1.49M in funding to create sustainable community development programming to empower families towards selfsufficiency by providing an array of social services that meets the needs beyond just emergency assistance.



#### **Partner:**

Muslim Women's Organization, Corp

#### **Location:**

Seattle, WA

#### **Project Title:** Arif's Kids

#### **Highlight:**

The Gender Equity and Social **Responsibility Initiative supported** by Islamic Relief USA empowers Muslim women who often feel helpless by giving them the knowledge, the resources, and the opportunity to create meaningful cultural and institutional change.

#### Laila is from Afghanistan and was in the top of her class, she even earned a full scholarship to medical school in Turkey. After medical school, she became a lead Emergency Room physician at a hospital there. In the US, she would have to pass an exam to practice medicine, which can take up to 10 or 15 years, especially while having to care for an infant son like Laila. We were able to enroll her in our program, where she worked to improve her English. She was accepted into the Upwardly Global mentoring program, and passed her CPR exams. She is now a certified instructor, charging \$200/class! We were also able to connect her with a recruiter at Pfizer, who was seeking people with medical backgrounds to report and analyze data on the reported side effects of their drugs. On top of her class, she is now making even more at Pfizer!

#### **GRANTEES**

**Partner:** Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center

Location: Falls Church, VA

**Project Title:** Feeding Our Neighbors

#### **Highlight:**

Parterning with Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center by funding their Feeding Our Neighbors to meet the growing need of families by increasing their food secuirty program with non-perishables and non-food items such as laundry detergent, diapers and needed hygiene items.

# VIRGINIA

#### **Partner:**

Collections & Stories of American Muslims, Inc

Location: Washington, DC

#### **Project Title:**

America's Islamic Heritage Museum Capacity Building & **Community Engagement** 

#### **Highlight:**

Working with Collections & Stories of American Muslims, Inc on strengthening the museum's capacity and outreach to serve the community and to fight against the rise of Islamophobia and the misunderstanding of Muslims and Islam in America, also to address food insecurity in communities accross the Washington, DC metroplitian area.

# A CLOSER LOOK AT SEASONAL PROJECTS

# **DAY OF DIGNITY**

More than 46 million people, including 16 million children, live in poverty in the United States. Islamic Relief USA is working to help alleviate the suffering of our neighbors across the country.

IRUSA's flagship day of service, Day of Dignity, is an opportunity for our volunteers to provide essential services to communities in need through interventions such as serving hot nutritious meals; providing essential items such as clothing and hygiene kits; offering haircuts to those unable to afford them; and so much more. In certain circumstances, even free medical care and screenings are offered.





DAY OF DIGNITY 2021 \$1,062,772 # OF PARTNERS: 29 PEOPLE SERVED: **31,475** 











### RAMADAN

Ramadan is a holy month for Muslims, celebrating through acts of worship like fasting during daylight of the Hajj pilgrimage. During this time, Qurbani/ hours, sharing meals, and increased charitable Udhiyah, or "sacrifice" is the tradition of sharing giving. As an Islamic organization, Ramadan is a meat with one's family and those in need. particularly special time for the Islamic Relief USA family.

With a large Muslim donor base, the spirituality and generosity of the Ramadan season is deeply felt. This is why our donations are amplified in their difficult financial circumstances. Ramadan. During the holy month, we place special focus on fighting food insecurity around the world and right here at home in the United States.

In the US, we prioritize families living with hunger through distributing food boxes. In 2021, our boxes fed over 76,000 people!

### **QURBANI/UDHIYAH**

In Islam, Eid al-Adha is the celebration of the end

In the US, we distribute Qurbani/Udhiyah to people suffering from hunger. These distributions allow Muslims living in America to participate in the joy and festivities of the Eid Al-Adha holiday, despite

# **RAMADAN 2021**: \$664,199

# OF PARTNERS: **56 PEOPLE SERVED: 76,997** # OF BOXES: 5,000

# **QURBANI 2021** \$475,659

# OF PARTNERS: **45 PEOPLE SERVED: 86,383** LBS OF MEAT: **118,149** 



## **FUELING AN AMERICAN TRADITION: TURKEY** DISTRIBUTIONS

Every Thanksgiving, millions of families across the country gather around their tables and enjoy a delicious turkey meal. For many families, however, the cost of participating in the joy of the holiday is unfortunately too high.

That's why every November, Islamic Relief USA hosts turkey distributions in cities across the country. Our packages include not only turkey, but various different sides for families struggling with food insecurity to enjoy together.





**TURKEY 2021** \$476,460 # OF PARTNERS: **38** # OF TURKEYS: **11,616** PEOPLE SERVED: 82,400

## **NO STUDENT LEFT HUNGRY:** SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

Islamic Relief USA strives to increase access to food and support those struggling throughout not only the school year, but the summer as well.

According to a report from the Food Research Action Center, only one in six students receive free or reduced-price meals over the summer.

That's why IRUSA is a proud supporter of the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, a program dedicated to combat food insecurity by providing safe spaces for children in need to receive meals during their summer break.





**SFSP 2021** \$308,750 # OF PARTNERS: **12** LBS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED: 1,381,365 **PEOPLE SERVED: 76,787** 





# HONORING MLK JR. DAY **THROUGH SERVICE**

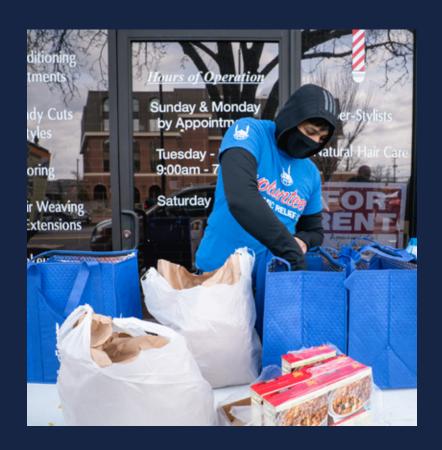
### The honorable Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Life's most persistent question is: What are you doing for others?"

At Islamic Relief USA, we dedicate every day to serving our brothers and sisters in humanity in need. A particularly special day of service for us is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Together with our IRUSA staff and volunteers, we work with local community groups to help neighbors in need.

Every year on MLK Day, we carry out projects that serve some of the most vulnerable across the country, in states like California, Maryland, New Jersey, Texas, and Virginia. We work to provide aid to marginalized groups, including children in need, the elderly, refugees, and people suffering from homelessness and food insecurity.

# **MLK 2021** \$62,410

# OF PARTNERS: **16** PEOPLE SERVED: 7,000







#### **IRUSA'S HOT MEALS** INITIATIVE started in 2021

#### \$49,220 for NYC Comptroller's Office

- Majlis Ashura of Metropolitan New York
- **Bait-ul Jamaat**
- **SAPNA NYC**
- **APNA Brooklyn**
- **Food Bank NYC**

#### Ramadan 2021; 4,600 meals; People served: 4,600

### \$242,000 for NYC/NJ

NYC

- Zeina Lorraine. Inc.
- Yusuf Shah Islamic Center of Mount Vernon
- Islamic Society of Bay Ridge

#### NJ

- **Islamic Center of Morris County**
- Ma'oon Inc.
- Muslim Center of Middlesex County

#### \$275,000 for Chicago

- **Rohingya Culture Center**
- S.A.N.A.D.

**Duration: 5 months** Total: 51,700 meals People Served: 23,350



## SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS:

# **WE LOVE OUR BLUESHIRTS**

We remain incredibly proud of the hard work that volunteers dedicate to IRUSA.

A group of people of various ages with a diverse range of backgrounds and education, our volunteers share one unifying motive: to leave a positive mark on humanity. These individuals selflessly give their time in homeless shelters, food pack outs, toy drives, and so much more.

Without the support and dedication of volunteers, the organization would not be where it is today. They have contributed hundreds of thousands of hours and countless resources. Their continued commitment is what keeps moving our organization forward.

### TO LEARN MORE, OR TO BECOME A BLUESHIRT VISIT: **IRUSA.ORG/VOLUNTEER**

### **Spotlight on DMT Volunteers**

The volunteers that comprise the heart of our Disaster Management Team (DMT) are truly an inspiring group of individuals.

They dedicate their invaluable time and energy in the face of natural disasters and tragedies, and offer their skills and services to help those most in need rebuild—rebuild homes and lives.

Since 2017, nearly 120 of IRUSA volunteers traveled to Houston, TX, to rebuild homes that





were damaged or destroyed in Hurricane Harvey. The volunteers were all students from different universities around the country, and dedicated their entire spring breaks to this project.







## **Packing Millions** of Meals

Every year, in collaboration with our dedicated volunteers and partner organizations, Islamic Relief USA works to directly combat world hunger by packing meals for people suffering from food insecurity.

About 9% of the world's population, that's 690 million people, are going hungry every day. IRUSA is proud to provide nutritious meals that help those living with the terrifying reality of hunger with much-needed relief.

#### Since 2021, we have packed 1,439,616 meals nationwide!

In addition to our own meal packaging events, we are also proud to participate in collective meal packaging efforts, like the 9/11 meal pack out in New York City. At the most recent 9/11 event, we worked with over 40 organizations to compile more than 1.7 million meals for food insecure families.



# RESPONDING TO DISASTERS **AROUND THE** COUNTRY

Since IRUSA's founding in 1993, responding to disasters has been a priority. Years of disaster relief efforts early on led to the formal establishment of the Disaster Management Team (DMT) in 2011. Our dedicated team of responders rush immediate assistance to survivors of natural disasters and tragedies across the country in their most urgent hours of need.

IRUSA is an active member of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), an association that promotes communications and collaboration between organizations active in disaster relief, as well as government organizations.

### WE'VE RESPONDED:

2021, HURRICANE IDA | LOUISIANA 2020, HURRICANE LAURA | LOUISIANA 2019, HURRICANE HARVEY LONG-TERM RECOVERY | TEXAS (HOUSTON) 2018, HURRICANE FLORENCE IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, AND THE CAROLINAS 2018, WILDFIRES | CALIFORNIA (NORTHERN) 2018, SCHOOL SHOOTING | FLORIDA (PARKLAND) 2018, HURRICANE IRMA RECOVERY | PUERTO RICO 2017, OROVILLE DAM FLOODING | CALIFORNIA (NORTHERN; SACRAMENTO) 2017, HURRICANE IRMA | FLORIDA (SOUTHWEST; KEYS) 2017, HURRICANE HARVEY | TEXAS (HOUSTON) 2016, HURRICANE MATTHEW | NORTH CAROLINA (TARBORO) 2016, FLOODING | LOUISIANA 2016, SAND FIRE | CALIFORNIA (SANTA CLARITA VALLEY) 2016, WATER CRISIS | MICHIGAN (FLINT) 2016, PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING | FLORIDA (ORLANDO) 2016, FLOODING | TEXAS (HOUSTON) 2015, TORNADOES | TEXAS (DALLAS) 2015, FLOODING | SOUTH CAROLINA 2015, TORNADOES | ILLINOIS (KIRKLAND) 2014, TORNADOES | ARKANSAS 2013, TORNADOES | OKLAHOMA 2013, FERTILIZER PLANT EXPLOSION | TEXAS (WEST) 2013, MARATHON BOMBINGS | MASSACHUSETTS (BOSTON) 2013, FLOODING | ILLINOIS (CHICAGO) 2013, TORNADOES | TEXAS (DALLAS) 2012, SANDY HOOK SHOOTING | CONNECTICUT 2012, TORNADOES | MARYLAND (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY) 2012, WILDFIRES | COLORADO 2012, SUPERSTORM SANDY | NEW JERSEY 2012, TORNADOES | TEXAS (DALLAS) 2011, HURRICANE IRENE | NEW JERSEY 2011, TORNADOES | ALABAMA



COLORADO (MOORE/FORT COLLINS) As wildfires raged through parts of Colorado in the summer of 2012, the Islamic Relief USA team staffed a distribution center providing residents with items including food, furniture, hygiene items and clothes. The team also donated tools for residents to use in cleaning up their properties.

TEXAS (FORT WORTH) In the summer of 2013, DMT was again asked to help set up a resource center for those whose homes were affected by tornadoes that passed through mid-Texas. This was the second such event in two months in the state, and a local Islamic Relief USA team assisted in both relief efforts

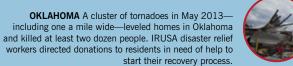
OKLAHOMA A cluster of tornadoes in May 2013-

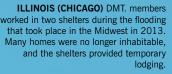
start their recovery process.

workers directed donations to residents in need of help to

TEXAS (WEST) An Islamic Relief USA team was in West, Texas, within 24 hours after a fertilizer plant exploded. The team helped set up and operate a resource center that supported people whose homes were affected by the explosion









#### CONNECTICUT,

(NEWTOWN) After the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, Islamic Relief USA supplied trained counselors to help residents work through their trauma.

#### NEW JERSEY As

Hurricane Irene approached New Jersey in August 2011, residents gathered in shelters for safety after boarding up their homes. DMT members worked at two American Red Cross shelters, managing one of

MARYLAND (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY) A tornado hit Prince Georges County in June 2012. Staff and volunteers worked in a shelter that housed members of the community whose homes were affected.

ALABAMA Just after Islamic Relief USA's disaster-response program was created, tornadoes in Alabama quickly put the team to the test. Staff and volunteers deployed in May 2011 to work with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to assess damage, prepare food, work at shelters, and console residents

2014, TORNADOES ARKANSAS

2016, FLOODING LOUISIANA

MISSISSIPPI Hurricane Isaac struck in August 2012 on the southern borders of Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. DMT members arrived in Florida but redeployed into Mississippi where they assessed every state shelter to ensure needs of the residents were being met.



2021, HURRICANE IDA IRUSA responded and supported the American Red Cross with Disaster Assessment operations and assisted residents with debris removal.

FOR ISLAMIC RELIEF, ADVOCACY MEANS WORKING WITH YOU TO ELEVATE HUMANITARIAN VOICES AND THE VOICES OF THOSE WE SERVE. WE ARE DEVOTED TO HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY

Islamic Relief USA's Public Affairs team helps fulfill the organization's goal of improving livelihoods in communities where resources and opportunities are limited. Through different forums, the media, and relationships, the Public Affairs team informs existing and potential stakeholders of our positive life-altering work in more than 40 countries.

How? By engaging lawmakers, joining coalitions with likeminded and mission-driven organizations, and supporting the prevention of social ills or problems. They advocate for programs that alleviate poverty and hunger, assist refugees, and raise awareness about natural and manmade disasters, among other inequities.

In the process, those who engage with such efforts learn to value being self-sustaining, productive members of society in order to truly make a difference in the world.

# **GRASSROOTS** & ADVOCACY

"We know that at the core of our humanitarian mission is social justice. We aspire for a world free of poverty that poverty doesn't occur in a vacuum. It occurs due to oppression, injustice, hatred, violence and greed among many other elements. We must continue to work towards this honorable mission, founded on our faith to provide relief and development in a dignified manner. To achieve dignity, we must recognize the importance of all of Allah's creation and do our best to promote just and equitable policy to support those who are vulnerable and disenfranchised."

- Sharif Aly, IRUSA CEO



Vital to Islamic Relief USA achieving its humanitarian government programs that can improve the sociomission are our advocacy campaigns, non-partisan economic wellbeing and opportunities of vulnerable communities. And by including IRUSAdvocates and government engagement, and direct lobbying on Capitol Hill. Through our advocacy, IRUSA works partner organizations in our advocacy, facilitating to build the public and political will to end poverty, their opportunities to directly lobby their Members hunger, and inequality. The influence and impact of of Congress, we strengthen our influence on Capitol our advocacy is enhanced by the coordinated efforts Hill with Representatives increasingly taking positive of our national network of IRUSAdvocates! action aligned with our humanitarian principles and legislative priorities.

Through our advocacy campaigns we inform IRUSAdvocates about emerging issues, trends, and This year alone, we've engaged hundreds of advocates. Our Afghan Adjustment Act campaign urged challenges in the humanitarian and anti-poverty sector. Most importantly, we mobilize IRUSAdvocates members of Congress and Senate to create a legal through coordinated actions that advances our pathway to citizenship for the thousands of Afghans shared priorities of ending poverty in the US and forced to flee after US withdrawal from Afghanistan. around the world. Through outreach such as social The End Hunger as a Weapon of War campaign urged members to pass a bipartisan resolution that calls media, emails, and direct calls to elected officials, they're able to raise important humanitarian on the US government to use diplomatic efforts to address instances where hunger is being used as a concerns that require responses from their Members weapon; address food insecurity through continued of Congress, government officials, and social influencers. Through these strategic and coordinated humanitarian response; and to hold individuals, campaigns, IRUSAdvocates are holding public officials governments, and militias accountable for using hunger in conflict. And leading up to the November accountable for their responsibility to improve the conditions and resources of communities inflicted by 2022 midterm elections, advocates were encouraged insecurity and limited opportunity. to join our Go Vote campaign, where participants were given information on where and how to get registered to vote. They could also enter into the 'I Voted' sticker In Washington, DC, IRUSA plays host to annual design contest and encourage others to vote. meetings with diverse Members of Congress

In Washington, DC, IRUSA plays host to annual to vote. They could also enter into the 'I Voted' sticker design contest and encourage others to vote. and government officials. The meetings bring awareness to Capitol Hill about the communityenhancing work that Muslim Americans and our allies are conducting in various Congressional districts, such as strengthening food security, expanding healthcare access, and welcoming refugees. IRUSA also advocates for legislation and

These days, not a news cycle goes by where you don't hear about the refugee crisis.

Whether it's from Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine, or countless other nations around the world, people are fleeing in hopes of a better future, most especially in the US. Recently, some 83,000 Afghan refugees arrived in the US following the change of government and ensuing political strife in Afghanistan in 2021.

Since then, Islamic Relief USA has signed a memorandum of understanding with Church World Services (CWS) to help resettle refugees through several community-based organizations around the country. The need is great, and many organizations feel overwhelmed by the sheer demand and workload on top of an overall lack of resources.

# Over the course of past year, Islamic Relief USA has done the following:

- 10,000 food boxes filled with nutritious, nonperishable food including items such as rice, beans, salt, lentils, green tea, sugar, and flour
- Thousands of hygiene and sanitation kits to refugees across military bases

IRUSA is excited to continue this support in coming years. In Islam, Allah (SWT) is clear on the importance of helping refugees. And IRUSA remains guided by the timeless values and teachings provided by the revelations contained with the Qur'an. Through effective partnerships and teamwork, the needs of those in most need can be met in a respectful and responsible manner.

# REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT A FAMELANDE LIAN

- \$500,000 in grants to partners to help resettle refugees
- Rental and cash assistance, legal consultations, mental health and psychosocial support, and case management



As Muslims, we must be partners in the upliftment of the oppressed. When there are systemic roadblocks that prevent people from experiencing equity, we must be diligent in our response. Our mission demands that we alleviate poverty and that can not be done without an anti-racism framework, as poverty is wedded to systemic racism. Our work is most effective when we listen intently to those who are directly affected as they are the best to quide our courses of action.

Islamic Relief USA programs dedicated to solidarity provide access to business and entrepreneurship opportunities, access to quality healthcare, education, and much more to marginalized and underserved communities. Unfortunately, we've seen first hand the underinvestment that has taken place in neighborhoods and regions where minority residents account for the majority of the population. The water crisis in Flint, Michigan, where we were able to provide bottled water to families across the city. The drought in the Navajo region of New Mexico, which prompted a similar response. And many more cities across the US that have been overlooked and seemingly forgotten.

IRUSA is proud to help empower communities and give people a voice in the world, no matter their race or religion. As one of our core values, we pray social justice is not just an ideal to be held, but something that is truly and wholeheartedly practiced in our society

# OUR WORK IN THE UNITED STATES RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF AMERICA IN 2021

# **595,366 AMERICANS SERVED**

FOOD SECURITY 390,324 people

неалтн **1,693 реоріе** 

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (GIK) • 20,000 people

**REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES** [THROUGH US GRANTS]

11,570 people

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 171,779 people



In 2021, Islamic Relief USA provided grants, in-kind donations, and volunteer support to over 140 organizations across 24 states as well as the District of Columbia. Thank you to all of our partners (listed below by state).

Valley Beit Midrash **Diamond Girl Rock** Dynasty Non-Profit **Music Organization** 

- Support Life Foundation
- Narika
- Manna Coneio
- Vallev Food Bank
- Sahaba Initiative Social and
- Environmental Entrepreneurs/
- Miry's List
- Islah LA
- University **Muslim Medical**
- Association
- Bavan . Sabil USA
- Access California
- Services
- CAIR-CA
- **Tivva Foundation** Uplift Charity
- Corporation Somali Family
- Service of San Diego
- Refugee Enrichment and Development
- Association, Inc.
- Al-Misbaah American Pakistani
  - Physicians Association of North America (APPNA)
    - Clinic **Community Clinics** 
      - American Muslim

- 54 **Muslim Coalition of** Masjid Al-Furgan -Connecticut Inc. West Cobb Islamic
  - Center Masjid Al-Momineen of Stone Mountain,
- Inc. Collections Supreme Family & Stories of Foundation American Muslims, Atlanta Masjid of Inc. dba America's

DC

Islamic Heritage

Haneefiya America

Muhammad, Inc.

Joint Learning

Faith and Local

**Muslim Welfare** 

Association of

Jama Masiid

Organization

Friends of

Humanity

International Inc.

Muslim Educators

Association dba

Masjid Al-Ansar

**Muslim American** 

Social Services

Food Pantry

Masjid Al Ansar

Food Pantry

Communities

Initiative on

Museum

Masjid

- Al-Islam Mohammed
- Schools of Atlanta Refugee Women's Network, Inc.
  - Noor Family Services Corporation

- Islamic Foundation North Inner-city Muslim Action Network
- Greater Orlando/ (IMAN) Mosque Muslim Women's
- Foundation S.A.N.A.D. Radiant Hands Inc.
  - MUHSEN
  - - Indianapolis **Muslim Community** Association

D&R Sports

Foundation

- International C-ASSIST **American Muslim**
- - Services Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village
    - MADE Institute

NLifeInc

Inc

Inc

The George

Urban/Small

Al Huda Inc

Ansaar ul Birr

Maryland Inc

**Muslim Social** 

Program Inc.

Services Agency

Succor Transitional

Council of Islamic

**American Muslims** 

The Family & Youth

Islamic Center of

Organizations

Detroit Revival

Engaging

Detroit

Institute

Community

Zaman

Islamic Center Of

**Bmore Empowered** 

Community

Services

Washington Carver

**Farmers Coalition** 

# Al-Maa'uun

of Las Vegas

### MO St. James

- **Missionary Baptist** Church of St. Louis
- MS
- Biloxi Islamic Center

# NC

- **Muslim Community**
- Center of Charlotte **MAS** Charlotte
- Al Noor Islamic
- Center
- Islamic Association of Raleigh
- Southern Vision Alliance
- Islamic Center of
- Greensboro
- Reading Connections, Inc.

- **Morris County**
- Marriage & Family
- Masjid Al-Wali
- Middlesex County
- NIA Masiid &
- **Community Center** Oasis -- A Haven for Women and
- Children
- Palestinian American
- **Community Center**

Al-Maun (Neighborly Needs)

# Islamic Society of

- Community
- Development Center Inc.

Bay Ridge

Bay Ridge

- Arab American Association of NY,
- Inc. Bait-ul Jammat
- Islamic Society of
- Bay Ridge Migration Resource Center, Inc
- **Muslim American** Society of Brooklyn & Staten Island **Muslim Sisters of** Staten Island
- Food Bank NYC Zeina Lorraine, Inc.
- Sapna NYC
- Muslim Women's Institute for Research and
- Development Yusuf Shah Islamic Center of Mount
- Vernon, Inc. Barakah Muslim Charity, Inc.
- Majlis Ash-Shura of Metropolitan Islamic Leadership
- Council APNA Brooklyn Community Center, Inc
- Masjid Bab Salam USA Inc
- American Council of Minority Women Inc.
- Asiyah Women's Center **Muslims** Giving
- Back



- Cornerstone
- Intervention
- Muslim Center of



- Salaam Clinic Smart Development Inc. The Bounty Collegium
- Khan Ohana Foundation Unity Temple **Family Church**

### **Muslim Community**

- Center of Portland Mobility
- International USA Islamic Social Services of Oregon
- State Muslim Community
- Center of Portland



Sadagah 4 You Inc. Amana Foundation



- Purple Hearts Inc.
- Masjid At-Tawhid
- Culturingua
- East Plano Islamic Center
- Islamic Association of Collin County
- Texas Muslim Women's Foundation Inc.
- FJV Foundation
- Masjid Al Islam Dallas
- Amaanah Refugee Services
- Dava Inc.
- Shifa Healthcare & Community Services USA



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