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2016 ACTIVE PROJECTS

ZAKAT PARTNERSHIP

ZAKAT PARTNERSHIP — SHARE ATLANTA

Location: Atlanta, GA

DESCRIPTION: SHARE Atlanta has been very actively working in the social service arena in the Muslim community since its inception in 2009. It sees many families and individuals who need help to be able sustain themselves. It sees people who may have potential to get some sort of vocational training and then be able to help themselves. They would need full support during the process so they finish the training.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Distribute Zakat funds in accordance with the following general guidelines:

- Zakat funds may be awarded only to individuals or families who qualify for assistance
- Zakat funds may be sought for basic living expenses
- The maximum limit for each Zakat grant is \$1,000

ZAKAT PARTNERSHIP — AMAANAH REFUGEE SERVICES

Location: Houston, TX

DESCRIPTION: Refugees resettling in Houston receive 3 to 5 months of government assistance after arrival. That is not enough time for refugees to rebuild and resettle into a new land. Amaanah will use IRUSA funds to provide rental assistance to refugees, extending their rental assistance period for 3 to 4 more months. This will allow refugees more time to integrate and become self-sufficient.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Distribute Zakat funds in accordance with the following general guidelines:

- Zakat funds may be awarded only to individuals or families who qualify for assistance
- Zakat funds may be sought for basic living expenses
- The maximum limit for each Zakat grant is \$1,000

ZAKAT PARTNERSHIP — NISWA ASSOCIATION INC.

Location: Lomita, CA

DESCRIPTION: Niswa Association provides linguistically and culturally appropriate social services among South Asian Muslim immigrant women and families.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Distribute Zakah funds to pay for emergency rental assistance and food for vulnerable Muslim and minority women, in accordance with the following general guidelines:

- Zakat funds may be awarded only to individuals or families who qualify for assistance
- Zakat funds may be sought for basic living expenses
- The maximum limit for each Zakat grant is \$1,000

EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR REFUGEES — INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

Location: Silver Spring, MD

DESCRIPTION: Access to affordable housing is a critical component to successful resettlement in any community, but especially for refugees and asylees resettling in Suburban Washington, D.C. IRC has cultivated relationships with housing providers who reduce their rental rates to accommodate newly arriving refugees. Historically, all new arrivals, regardless of familial status, received rental assistance that helped to sustain them during that critical period between when they land at the airport and when they develop the skills and knowledge necessary to secure their first job in the U.S. However, in July 2014, IRC received notice from the Maryland Office of Refugees and Asylees that rental assistance for single and childless couples would be suspended immediately.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Prevent the eviction of newly arrived refugees
- Ensure newly arrived refugees can afford safe, decent, affordable rental housing
- Reduce the risk of long-term unemployment among single and childless refugees

HEALTH CARE

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM — WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Location: Winston Salem, NC

DESCRIPTION: Through a North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellowship in 2009, Winston-Salem State University's School of Physical Therapy initiated a free physical therapy clinic housed within the Community Care Center of Winston-Salem, which serves the medically uninsured and underserved residents of Forsyth, Stokes and Davie counties. The Community Care Clinic is the largest free medical clinic in North Carolina. It was started in 2000 by local volunteer physicians. The physical therapy clinic operates every Wednesday morning, with services provided by physical therapy students who are supervised by faculty members. The clinic is one of only two free university physical therapy clinics in North Carolina.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide physical therapy and occupational therapy to patients of low socio-economic status
- Provide medical devices, equipment, and shoe orthotics
- Assist in paying salary of a part-time physical therapist

BRIDGING THE GAP — UMMA CLINIC

Location: Los Angeles, CA

DESCRIPTION: UMMA functions as a safety-net provider for pediatric and adult patients in south Los Angeles, offering a comprehensive resource for local residents who would otherwise “fall through the cracks” of the health-care system. UMMA relies on private support to help cover the substantial gap between available care reimbursements and the actual cost of providing care, as the vast majority of its patients are too poor to afford out-of-pocket medical costs.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide uncompensated care for low-income, under- and uninsured patients

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

GREEN REENTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING — INNER CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK

Location: Chicago, IL

DESCRIPTION: Each year in Chicago, approximately 20,000 formerly incarcerated men and women return home. Chicago Lawn, the community where the Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) is located on the southwest side, is one of three communities that represent the largest concentration of those struggling to make a successful reentry. The southwest side of Chicago is a challenging community for a returning citizen who is trying to avoid becoming re-incarcerated. The rate of recidivism is high due to factors of crime and unemployment. Green ReEntry is an initiative that works with formerly incarcerated Muslim men immediately post incarceration to provide sustainable success in housing, employment and eventually home ownership.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Support long-term success of formerly incarcerated Muslim men through the following:

- Workforce development
- On-the-job training
- Case management
- Mentoring

RE-ENTRY PROGRAM — TIMELIST GROUP INC.

Location: Union City, CA

DESCRIPTION: Timelist's primary objective is to reduce the incidences of recidivism in its community. Serving the greater San Francisco Bay Area (Alameda County) since 2007 with a systematic, holistic, and results-driven curriculum, Timelist supports youth and adults who are under the supervision of the probation department. Because many of its founders have been previously incarcerated, the organization understands the seemingly insurmountable challenges a person faces upon reentry. The probability of recidivism back into a correctional facility increases dramatically without a proper, guiding infrastructure. Timelist has worked tirelessly for eight years to strengthen its community by providing infrastructure so that the path out of prison doesn't lead back to it.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide a holistic approach to improve clients' success upon reentry by focusing on the following:

- Tools for employment
- Educational/economic empowerment
- One-on-one counseling/mentoring services
- Life skills assessment and development

FOOD SERVICES

FOOD PANTRY & CASE MANAGEMENT — MUSLIM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Location: The Bronx, New York City

DESCRIPTION: This project aims to address hunger and poverty-related issues for individuals and families. The South Bronx has a poverty rate of almost 30%. Direct services are a life-line for many in the city. The Bronx also has a large immigrant population. Access to resources is limited for many living in poverty and miseducation impedes the progress of immigrants transitioning to life in the United States.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Support long-running food pantry
- Support the institute's emergency assistance and case management services

FEEDING FAMILIES PROGRAM — THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF ISLAM

Location: Union City, NJ

DESCRIPTION: New Jersey was one of three states that saw both a jump in the number of people living in poverty and the poverty rate in 2013, according to the Census. There are nearly 1 million people living in poverty in New Jersey alone. This program is providing staples/groceries for families, which gives them a chance to handle other situations they may be facing and not worry about food availability.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide staple grocery items to 60 families

GIVING GRAIN FOOD PANTRY — COLLECTIONS AND STORIES OF AMERICAN MUSLIMS INC.

Location: Washington, D.C., area

DESCRIPTION: Collections and Stories of American Muslims is a museum located in one of Washington, D.C.'s poorest areas. It offers diverse services to residents of Ward 8 and Ward 7, including providing food.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Food aid
- Social services help
- Health services
- Nutritional education

REFUGEE SERVICES

REFUGEE CASE MANAGEMENT — SOMALI COMMUNITY RESETTLEMENT SERVICES INC.

Location: Rochester, MN

DESCRIPTION: For the last 15 years, Somali Community Resettlement Services has been providing needed services to refugees in Minnesota.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Assist newly arrived families with basic needs
- Guide families toward becoming self-sufficient

REFUGEE INTEGRATION INITIATIVE — SOMALI FAMILY SERVICES OF SAN DIEGO

Location: San Diego, California

DESCRIPTION: Somali Family Service of San Diego serves a unique, under-served population—Somali and other East African refugees. Approximately 20,000-30,000 East African refugees and immigrants currently live in San Diego County, making it the largest Somali community in the United States. During the past five years, almost half of the refugees resettled in California to reside in San Diego. The needs of this community are staggering—half are living in poverty; 8% are unemployed, far exceeding both county and national unemployment rates of 5.4% and 5.8% respectively; almost 40% of families with children are receiving cash assistance; upwards of 81% of households are food insecure; and their English and their native language literacy skills are disproportionately limited. Health disparities are similar—e.g., diabetes, asthma, and heart-related diseases are disproportionately high. Many of these refugees/immigrants also do not know how or where to access needed resources.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide the following services to East African refugees:

- Case management
- Emergency assistance
- Education programs

PROTECTION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM — ARAB AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF FLORIDA

Location: Orlando, FL

DESCRIPTION: In the Arab American Community Center's domestic violence program, central Florida residents are served by specialized professionals who deliver awareness workshops to the community and educational seminars for women to know their rights about domestic violence. The program provides support groups and refers clients to resources, and directs victims to safe places, i.e., hotlines and shelters. Funding is available for emergency needs such as food and clothing. Through this program, clients have the opportunity to access legal assistance, employment help, health services and immigration assistance.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide domestic violence workshops and educational seminars
- Establish an emergency referral system for clients

COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM — RADIANT HANDS

Location: Tampa, FL

DESCRIPTION: Radiant Hands' goal is to address underlying issues that prevent clients from accessing the services they need. Services include free counseling and case management (social work) after identifying the specific circumstances and needs of each client and their family members. Once specific circumstances and needs have been determined, Radiant Hands puts together a plan to meet the client's needs.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide free counseling and case management to help clients access the services they need

SERVING FAMILIES IN CRISIS — Wafa HOUSE

Location: Clifton, NJ

DESCRIPTION: This program addresses the large unmet need for culturally sensitive social welfare and emergency services for Muslim and immigrant families in crisis in Passaic County, NJ, especially to survivors of domestic violence. About 2,500 Muslim women are survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence victims in the county annually, and these represent only a portion of the region's families in crisis. Wafa House remains the region's only agency with comprehensive and culturally sensitive services for this population. With its small staff—an executive director and 2 part-time clinical social workers—Wafa House serves 250 new clients and 125 prior-year clients annually.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Comprehensive strategy to serve Muslim and immigrant families in crisis
- Align emergency cash aid with ongoing "life-changing" recovery skills and services
- Improve sensitivity to Muslim/cultural values among other regional professions who give care to Muslim and immigrant families in crisis.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

DALLAS TORNADO RELIEF

Location: Dallas area, Texas

DESCRIPTION: Emergency relief for residents affected by tornadoes.

ACTIVITIES:

- Cash assistance to 253 families (total \$44,800)
- 5 homes were provided with approximately 70 volunteers to assist with recovery of Personal items and debris removal

FLINT WATER CRISIS

Location: Flint, Michigan

DESCRIPTION: Delivering water to households whose tap water is unsafe to use.

ACTIVITIES:

- Phase 1, Jan. 23-March 5: 10 Distribution of 1,500 cases of water per week, equaling roughly 10,500 cases/252,000 water bottles.
- Phase 2, March 12-ongoing: 15-20 paid temporary staff distribute 1500 cases per week.

LOUISIANA FLOODS

Location: Counties in Louisiana

DESCRIPTION: Emergency relief for residents affected by floods.

ACTIVITIES:

- 11 trained volunteers and two staff members conducted more than 2,500 disaster assessments.
- Cash assistance to 10 families (total \$2,000).

HOUSTON FLOODS

Location: Houston, TX

DESCRIPTION: Emergency relief for residents affected by floods.

ACTIVITIES:

- 10 volunteers conducted more than 2,500 disaster assessments with American Red Cross.
- Cash assistance to 176 families (total \$22,800).
- Distribution of 120 food and hygiene kits to affected families.
- Cleanup assistance



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