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DR ABDULHAMID HATHIYANI

Bismillaahi Rahman ar Raheem.

All praise be to Allah Almighty and peace & blessings be on Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w).

I am deeply honored and humbled to present this report as the inaugural CEO of Ansaar Foundation. Personally, this marks a momentous occasion, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Trustees and the Board for entrusting me with this pivotal role.

Ansaar Foundation has built a significant reputation in its dedication to alleviating poverty and enhancing lives. I am steadfast in my commitment to build upon this storied history. Having been an integral part of Ansaar Foundation since its inception, I fully comprehend the weight of being the CEO and am invigorated by the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Over the past year, our primary focus has remained steadfast creating a lasting, positive impact on our society by upholding our poverty related and community support programs. Our food security initiatives encompass a wide spectrum, from providing sustenance to the homeless to monthly food hampers for underprivileged families, and ensuring access to halal meals for women and shelters housing refugees. The launch of our pioneering halal food meal distribution truck stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication. Our community endeavors concentrate on empowering seniors through digital literacy programs and holistic education on self-care, financial planning, and overall well-being.

Programs tailored for the youth encompass a diverse array, from summer camps to arts classes and soccer tournaments. Additionally, we persist in delivering programs designed to assist new immigrants, women, offer employment guidance, and provide marital counseling. While our dedication to these programs remains resolute, we have simultaneously expanded our reach by collaborations and strategic partnerships with kindred organizations. These partnerships have proven instrumental in extending our sphere of influence and advancing our shared objectives. They reinforce our commitment to being a beacon of hope and compassion.

As we embark on this collective journey, I implore each of us to unify our efforts, offer mutual support, and inspire one another to effect lasting change in our community. Our vision is not merely to provide shelter, but to empower individuals to attain independence. I eagerly anticipate working alongside all of you to realize our mission and make a profound and lasting difference in the lives of those we are honored to serve.

May our shared endeavors be guided by compassion, strengthened by unity, and blessed with success.

Thank you.

Abdul Hamid Hatheyane

Dr Abdul Hamid Hathiyani. CEO. Ansaar Foundation.

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ZULFIKAR HATHIYANI PRESIDENT

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

In the name of God, The most Gracious, The most Merciful As we navigate through another year, I am humbled and grateful for the unwavering commitment and dedication that our supporters, partners and our esteemed members, have shown to Ansaar Foundation's mission.

Together, we have continued to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need, and for that, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Our foundation's journey has been marked by compassion, resilience, and a shared vision of creating a brighter future for our communities. It is this collective spirit that has allowed us to overcome challenges left from the pandemic, adapting to changing circumstances, and persevering in our pursuit of positive change.

With the help of many supporters, Federal, Provincial and Municipal support, we have not only managed but grown significantly in all areas of our focus of addressing poverty and empowering lives. Annually, we continue to serve over 8,000 meals and have provided support to over 5,000 families. Over the year we have successfully launched the first free halal food truck, under our "Ansaar on Wheels" program, providing hot meals to people in need on the streets of Greater Toronto Area and when the city was under heat wave of warning, we provide public by distributing of freezes and water to keep them cold and hydrated. This initiative embodies our core values of kindness and unity.

Ansaar Foundation continues to form partnerships in the various programs it organizes, with local businesses, charities, religious organizations, and individuals just like you. We hope you would consider continuing to provide your financial support to help continue the difficult but necessary work of our organization to help our local communities thrive. Your partnership and support would make a meaningful difference to all of us at Ansaar Foundation and to the many vulnerable members of the community that we serve. I encourage each of you to continue your active involvement in our Foundation's activities, whether through forming partnerships, volunteering or simply spreading the word about our cause. Your contribution is invaluable.

As we move forward, let us remember that our collective strength lies in our unity and compassion. Together, we can create a world where hope, support, and kindness are accessible to all who need them.

All these efforts and activities have been made possible as a result of the tireless efforts of our team, staff and volunteers. May Almighty Allah give us the vision and ability to make a difference in people's lives and accept all our efforts. Ameen.

Thank You

Zulfikar Hathiyani - President, Ansaar Foundation

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From the Trustee

IMAM DR. ABDUL HAI PATEL

Thanks to community support Ansaar Foundation has successfully completed another year with more accomplishments. The great strides we have made and our many accomplishments along the way would not have been possible without the active commitment of our Board, Staff, Volunteers and Partners, who have promoted the Foundation's vision, mission and objectives through their dedication and professionalism.

The Foundation has been engaged in activities meant for societal change for addressing food insecurity among the Homeless, Refugees, Seniors and needy families in the City Vis a Vis changing the socio-economic scenario of the society.

We realize that the changing scenario has not been so conducive for the poor & the marginalized and under such circumstances our role as a catalyst has increased manifold. Let us focus our endeavour in the direction of enhancing the sustainable livelihood options, food security from shelter to shelter and other areas.

We have achieved just few steps of what we foresaw; but still a lot remains undone. So let us concentrate our efforts with renewed vigour, zeal and enthusiasm and walk few more steps with integrity. We cannot rest until we succeed.

Abdul Hai Patet

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CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE: AN INSIGHT INTO ANSAAR FOUNDATION

Ansaar Foundation was founded by Imam Dr. Abdul Hai Patel in 2004, when he saw homeless people on the streets of downtown freezing in the streets of Toronto. In that season, three people froze to death. Moved by this, alongside his friend, Abdul Huq Ingar, Imam Patel advocated to the City of Toronto officials and began a mission to help the city combat food insecurity and reduce homelessness.

The vision has been not just to establish a shelter but to provide homeless people the tools and resources to reintegrate into mainstream society, providing professional help and socio-cultural support. In keeping with this aim of helping to reduce food insecurity, homelessness and empower lives, Ansaar Foundation actively and consistently organizes events, programs and activities to address these issues.

With Abdulhamid Hathiyani as the President, Ansaar Foundation embarked on a major initiative to bring awareness to the issue of homelessness and raise funds for the cause. Under the leadership of Azhar Qureshi and with co-chairs, Bill Blair (former Chief of Police Toronto); Armand La Barge (Chief of Police York Region); Jane Pitfield (Toronto Councilor) and Adam Giambrone (Toronto Councilor), the first "Walk for Homelessness" was undertaken and was extremely successful. Subsequently, Ansaar Foundation partnered with many agencies with similar mandates to save an active food bank in the Flemingdon Park, Toronto and for many years served over 1000 individuals and families. It has collectively worked towards poverty reduction and has continued to feed the homeless on the streets of downtown Toronto and Hamilton, provide monthly food hampers to around 100 families, and make available halal meals to those who need it at the many shelters in Toronto.

Ansaar Foundation has seen its ups and downs but the resilience of Imam Abdul Hai Patel, Zubeda Vahed and Dr AbdulHamid Hathiyani have ensured that the organization remained focused on its mission of reducing poverty and empowering lives. Sister Naila Syed steered the ship during the difficult COVID pandemic phase as we were dealt with a severe blow to close our offices in Flemingdon Park. As the saying goes there is light at the end of the tunnel and so around the year 2020, some new volunteers joined Ansaar Foundation. They were hard working, courageous and dynamic, bringing a fresh perspective and energy that gave a new life to the organization. Under the leadership of Zulfikar Hathiyani a new office in Scarborough was opened, resulting in a steady increase in its funding, activities and programming. Since that time Ansaar Foundation has continued to grow with increase in collaborations, partnerships, programing for seniors, youth, women, new immigrants, refugees etc. In 2022, it took a small but bold step of acquiring a "Halal Meals on Wheels" truck to address food insecurity and poverty. Ansaar Foundation's mission remains to "reduce poverty, empower lives" with an increase in more programs to support employment and entrepreneurship.

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Vision

Reducing Poverty, Empowering Lives

Mission

To provide vulnerable individuals a comprehensive range of services, support and resources to improve their quality of life.

Objectives

To design and deliver innovative programs that reduce poverty and homelessness through economic empowerment, food security and social inclusion.

To raise awareness about the cultural and religious needs of individuals accessing shelters and food banks.

To research, document, and disseminate knowledge on poverty impacting diverse communities through collaboration and partnerships.

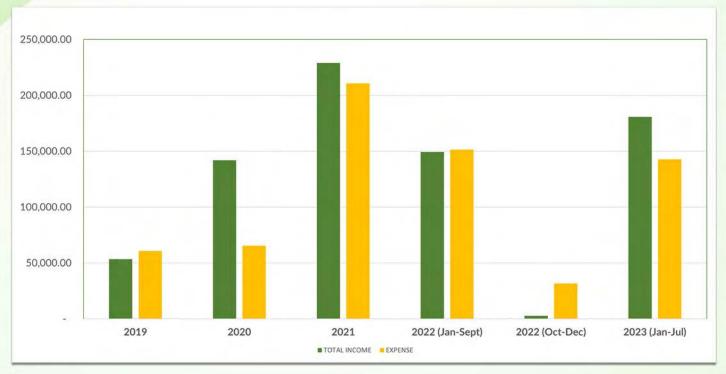
To establish and operate a shelter that respects individual dignity, culture and religion.

BOARD MEMBERS



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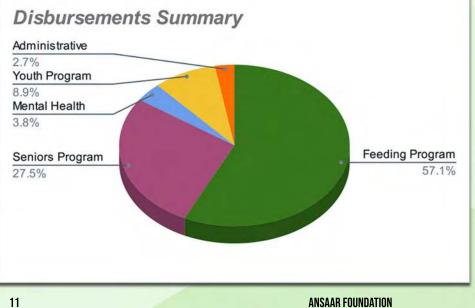


Ansaar Foundation is proud to announce that administrative costs for the organization have remained under 5%! We are committed to making sure as much of your donations are allocated to programming, whether it be our food insecurity programs or community supports.

Over the years, we have managed our expenses efficiently to maximize the impact of our programs while maintaining responsible financial stewardship.

We are committed to transparency and accountability in managing both our income and expenses. Your continued support is invaluable in helping us fulfill our mission and make a positive difference in our community.

Our expenses are allocated to various programs : Adopt A Family - Food hamper Program Ansaar on Wheels - Feeding homeless & refugees Senior Wellness Program, Youth Programs, Kids Program Women Program, Mental health Programs, and many more...



FUNDS UTILIZATION



Hello.

I want to take this time and say thank you for all the Halal meals you have been providing for our program. We truly appreciate your kind gesture and so do the cli-ents. I know you have provided these meals during the month of Ramadan but it is greatly appreciated that you are continuing to do so now as well.

The clients have been approaching staff and letting them know how much these meals have helped them. As you might be aware, at Delta we only have vegetarian options for those who require halal meals and some-times it can get boring. The meals you have been provid-ing, give our clients the feeling of home especially with all the different kind of cuisines.

Thank you once again for working with us and providing us with halal meals for the clients.

Melody Harris Programming Supervisor, Delta Hotel Homes First

TESTIMONIALS FROM SHELTER HOMES



I hope you are well and surrounded with the richest blessings of Allah. You have been a blessing to so many of our newcomers who found themselves homeles in search of hope as you nourish their bodies, mind, soul and spirit. You gave then the strength to lift their heads and immerse themselves in hope again. You are truly the Catalyst for Change. How can we repay or thank you ?

In fact we could never repay you.

On behalf of our newcomers and and volunteers, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May Allah accept all your doas and bless you and your family in return.

I also wanted to let you know that we have successfully placed all the Refugees at 10 Belfield location into Mississauga shelters

We now have 4 new female refugees at 10 Belfield Ave

and 40 new refugees who were sleeping outside, now placed in a church in Vaughan, at 10800 Weston Road, Woodbridge. The pastor reconfigured a bus to create beds for some of them and the best are in the church. Zulfikar, your selflessness and incredible generosity are well recognized. We also have newcomers wanting to volunteer and give back. If there is room for volunteers to support your foundation and the work you do then please let us know Lastly If you are able to continue your support and feed these new 44 newcomers, it would also be amazing.

Michelle

African Refugee Supervisor

The black women collective

Gwyneth Chapman <gwyneth.ckapman@brampton.ca>

cc: Allison Williams

Jazakallah Khairan Michelle

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TESTIMONIALS FROM



Thank

you so much

Homelessness describes the situation of an individual, family or community without stable, safe, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means and ability of acquiring it.

7,400+

of homeless people are sleeping outdoors, shelters and in emergency respite centres, and in health and correctional facilities every night

75%

experiencing homelessness struggle with mental illness

18.5%

Toronto households experience food insecurity

32%

of the homeless population are aged 45 - 64

10%

seniors and youth both represent of the homeless population

34%

of people experiencing homelessness in Toronto are women-identified

96%

770

homeless women have experienced some form of violence

of homeless people have been homeless for more

than six months

3.5

average deaths per week of people experiencing homelessness

273

Toronto shelters turned away people each night in June

Statistics courtesy of City of Toronto, Homeless Hub, Wellesley Institute

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ANSAAR ON WHEELS



For the past two decades, Ansaar Foundation has been dedicated to providing essential support to Toronto's underserved populations, including the growing homeless population, seniors, newcomers, and refugees. Through our initiatives, we have provided tens of thousands of free, warm meals to those in need, making a significant impact in our community.

Now, we are seeking your support to expand our reach and deliver more meals to more people through our "Ansaar on Wheels" program. With the acquisition of a fully-equipped food truck, our goal is to provide hot meals seven days a week across the Greater Toronto Area, focusing on serving homeless individuals in and around the GTA. Currently, we provide hot halal meals in Toronto Downtown and Hamilton, running our food trucks twice a month on Sundays. This year alone, we have already served over 8000 meals. response, collecting and distributing essential resources to refugee and newcomer communities, facilitating our "Food Hamper" program, and offering other important services to our community members

By supporting Ansaar Foundation, you directly contribute to making a difference in the lives of those facing homelessness and other challenges. Your generosity helps us provide vital resources, bring relief during emergencies, and offer support to those in need. Together, we can create a stronger, more compassionate community.

Thank you for considering supporting Ansaar Foundation's efforts. Your contribution truly makes a lasting impact.

The future plans for our food truck extend beyond

ANSAAR On Wheels











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ADOPT A FAMILY



Adopt a Family, in partnership with Thorncliffe Residents Group, launched in 2020 to provide vital support to single mothers, seniors, and families-in-need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, we are proud to announce that we have already extended our assistance to over 5,760 family members through the distribution of Food Hampers. These hampers contain culturally-conscious, nutritious food staples, ensuring that families have access to essential items such as flour, rice, oil, lentils, sugar, pasta, vegetables, and other necessities. We prioritize the anonymity of the recipients and provide them with literature on additional resources offered by the Ansaar Foundation.

In addition to the Food Hampers, we have also provided Eid Packages and monthly supplies to these families. These Eid Packages include home goods, treats, and supplies, bringing joy and relief to families during important occasions and meeting their ongoing needs.

Your support is crucial in expanding our reach and making a difference in the lives of even more families. By donating today, you can help us extend our assistance beyond the current number of beneficiaries and provide relief to those facing food insecurity. Many of these families consist of vulnerable individuals, including children and seniors, who rely on our support and generosity. Together, we can make a positive change. Donate now to Adopt a Family and help us increase our reach, ensuring that no family is left behind. Your generosity will inspire others to join this noble cause, creating a stronger and more compassionate community.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOOD HAMPERS













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"OUR TRUE ACQUISITIONS LIE ONLY IN OUR CHARITIES, WE GET ONLY AS WE GIVE"



FEEDING THE Homeless Refugees













Ansaar Foundation, with their unwavering commitment to serving those in need, supplies halal meals, prayer mats to the African community refugees who are currently without shelter homes. This program is a ray of hope for individuals who have been facing the severe challenge of homelessness.

It is disheartening to see that there are refugees in our own city who are struggling to find shelter and a safe place to call home. The situation becomes even more critical when basic necessities like food are scarce. Ansaar Foundation's efforts shine a light on these issues and provide relief to those who need it the most.

The African community refugees in Toronto are resilient and strong, but they deserve our support and solidarity. Ansaar Foundation's initiative not only nourished their bodies with wholesome halal meals, but it also sent a powerful message of care, love, and inclusivity.

IFTAAR IN A BOX



5800















One of the core principles of Islam is fasting during the holy month of Ramadan. During this time, Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. Many Muslims working in downtown Toronto offices find themselves away from home or on the subway when it's time to break their fast.

Recognizing this need, the Ansaar Foundation initiated "Iftaar In a Box." This noble program involves packing essential items like water, dates, and food into boxes, which are then distributed outside subway stations. This gesture is extended to all, regard-less of their faith.

Ansaar Foundation's dedicated volunteers stationed at busy locations, such as Yonge and Dundas and Dundas and University, have made this program highly successful.

Together, we strive to foster unity, compassion, and support within our diverse community.

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS























The Senior Digital Literacy Program by Ansaar Foundation was aimed to bridge the digital divide by providing seniors with essential digital skills and resources. The program was designed to equip participants with the knowledge and confidence needed to navigate the digital landscape effectively.

Key Program Highlights:

Empowering Seniors: Ansaar Foundation provided free tablets to all participants, ensuring that they had the necessary tools to start their digital journey. The tablets were preloaded with essential applications and resources to make learning accessible and enjoyable.

Guidance and Support: Throughout the two-day program, seniors received personalized guidance and support from experienced instructors. These dedicated mentors helped participants become proficient in using online resources, communication tools, and various digital platforms.

Unlocking Knowledge: Participants discovered a wealth of knowledge right at their fingertips. From accessing online information to staying connected with loved ones through digital means, the program empowered seniors to explore the endless possibilities of the digital world.

Engaging Sessions: Ansaar Foundation organized engaging and interactive sessions that kept participants' minds sharp and active. The friendly and inclusive atmosphere encouraged seniors to embrace technology and learning, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie.

Aging is not lost youth, but a new stage of opportunity to learn new technology

SENIORS' BARBEQUE EVENT







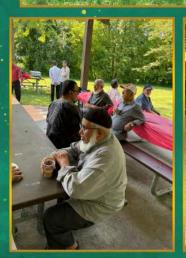
































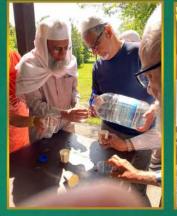




















FUNDRAISING Garage Sale

























"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE "















FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE



Ansaar Foundation organized a fantastic Garage Sale on Sunday, 30th July 2023. We are thrilled to announce the success of our fundraising sale!

A huge shoutout and heartfelt gratitude to Sister Parveen for spearheading this initiative and making it such a resounding success. She not only took the lead but also contributed to the funds. Thank you, Sister Parveen!

The event kicked off with great enthusiasm as Sister Parveen, Sister Kamila, Brother Zulfikar, and Sister Sumaiya Ahmad came early morning at 7 am to arrange the tent and set up all the items for sale. Their dedication and hard work truly made a difference.

As the day progressed, we were joined by more members of our community: Sister Sumaiya Islam, Sister Asma, Brother Ammar, Brother Wali, Brother Basil and our sweet little Volunteer Sister Lily. What warmed our hearts even more was the sight of young volunteer Lily, who is in 3rd grade, eagerly lending a helping hand throughout the day. Lily's passion and willingness to contribute to our cause were truly inspiring to all of us. She reminded us that age is no barrier when it comes to making a positive impact in our community.

The Garage Sale continued throughout the day and concluded at 4 pm, where we managed to sell a variety of items generously donated by our community members. The remaining items were donated to ensure that nothing went to waste, in line with the foundation's values of giving back to society.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this event, whether it was by assisting with preparations ten days ahead of time, helping with setting up the stalls, or spreading the word through social media. Your efforts and support made this event a grand triumph.



LILY AHMED

Lily's introduction to volunteering with Ansaar Foundation started with her occasional visits alongside her mother. Her mother , Asma works as an Office adminitrator in Ansaar Foundation. Her natural

curiosity soon blossomed into a keen interest in the organization's mission, the various forms of assistance we provide, and the high-quality programs we offer to children. As her enthusiasm grew, she expressed her desire to join me in our efforts, giving rise to the idea of Lily becoming one of our youngest volunteers.

Eager and determined, Lily embarked on her volunteer journey, embodying the spirit of compassion and community that defines Ansaar Foundation. Her dedication and youthful energy have not only enriched our programs but have also inspired those around her to make a positive impact.

ASPIRING YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

ZAAHID ZULFIKAR

Zaahid Zulfikar, a bright second-grader, embarked on his volunteer journey at a tender age. He eagerly joined his father in the noble cause of feeding the homeless, starting back in Grade 1. Despite his young age, Zaahid's commitment and compassion are truly remarkable. He draws inspiration from his father's dedication, demonstrating that even a child can make a meaningful difference in our community.

In addition to his involvement in the homeless feeding program, Zaahid actively participates in the Ansaar Foundation's kids' activities, including engaging in creative crafts sessions and showcasing his sporting skills in the exciting soccer tournaments. Zaahid's enthusiasm and versatility not only brighten our events but also exemplify the spirit of compassion and community that the Ansaar Foundation stands for.



ANNUAL Soccer Tournament



































KIDS' CRAFT Program























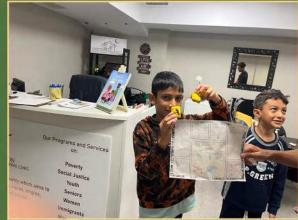
















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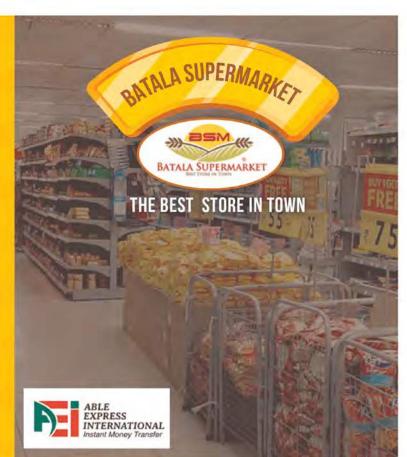
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