

OUR WORK AT HOME IN THE USA

Syrian Refugee

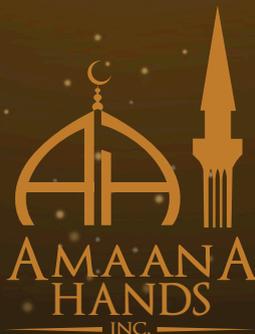
A Syrian refugee family of seven residing in Florida has caught the eyes of AH volunteers. The father has recently laid off from his job and the mother is pregnant. She has nothing for the newborn. They are faced with hardship to pay the rent and caring for the needs of their five children. Their food stamps allowance is not sufficient for their month's groceries. With your Zakaah AH helped this family and eased their burden. Late one night, the call came to us that the mother (who doesn't speak English) is about to give birth. Our volunteer went to the hospital at 1 am to assist her. AH coordinated a team of mothers who gave all the items for the newborn baby boy. Alhamdu Lillah, AH volunteer was able to secure a construction job for the father. The family was amazed at the prompt and caring assistance that came to them with such outpour of caring and support. We pray for their well-being and hope they find comfort in their new home in the USA.

I am an old lady and this is my story...

In the USA, imagine an 83 year old with heart ailment waking up to a notice that her food stamp benefits were discontinued. In addition, there was a notice to vacate her apartment on her door. This is what happened to an old Muslim woman. Sadly, the person that she entrusted to handle her affairs betrayed her. Her troubles were brought to the local Masjid and then AH took on her entire case through our volunteer living nearby. This old lady is so content and humble that she didn't want us to take over her unfortunate debts. AH bought her the groceries she needed. In order to avoid her eviction by the court Marshal, AH paid her rent arrears that allowed her to remain in her apartment. We negotiated with the housing management and guaranteed them that her rent will be paid on time. Her court appointed attorney was amazed at our caring and professional intervention. He was surprised and impressed that an organization such as ours exist to help people in such desperate situations. With all of her worries and anxiety, one night, this elderly woman felt as if her world around her was colliding. It felt like impending doom so she asked us to check on her at Fajr time to see if she is still alive. Alhamdu Lillah, she was fine. Our efforts to render care, not only financially but with actions and words that soothe the ailing heart, made a difference. She constantly tells us "Almighty Allah bless all those who helped me". Her Du'ah is for you, the donors, Aameen.

**"OUR FOUNDATION IS TRUST"
"Empowering the Poor and Needy with
Dignity and Respect"**

*"In their wealth and possessions is
the recognized right of the needy and
the disabled." (Qur'an 51:19)*



In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalamu `Alaikum Warahmatulla Wabarakatuhu

Since our founding in November 1997, our goal has always been simple: to provide a helping hand to those in need and the best service to our donors. Alhamdu Lillah, our humanitarian work extends to over 20 countries worldwide and across North America. Not only has AH provided much needed help to the poor, but we did it with dignity and respect for those in desperate and dire need. In addition, we have provided a reliable conduit for our donors to benefit from the rewards of their charitable donations. It is for this reason we encourage you to share with others to join us in this sacred journey. You will be blessed for taking this opportunity of fulfilling a valuable service for the enhancement of humanity.

Amaana Hands in 2015 has earned the distinction of distributing 99% of all donations received for the year benefitting the poor as intended by you the donors.

With more people suffering from economic and social deprivation, the need for increased services to the poor has intensified. In fact, today, charitable giving has become the most important “call to duty” in a world full of human tragedies. Through your generous donations, it is my honor to inform you that in 2015 AH has distributed 99% of all donations received to the most vulnerable of the poor. Our donations to widows and orphans, poor children, single parent households, and the homeless, range from paying for monthly grocery hampers and rent, to educational and medical assistance. Of course, we continue to build new homes as the necessity arises, and provide spontaneous donations for disaster reliefs. With great appreciation and gratitude, I recognize the volunteers whose generous and sincere efforts have given fortitude and resilience to those who sometimes think that the world has forgotten their existence. The dedication and diligence of these volunteers are replicated by only a few. On behalf of our recipients, I applaud the efforts of all - volunteers and donors, without whom AH would not be able to achieve its goal. May Allah bless you, your family and your wealth, may He continue to give us the strength to serve in His path.

As we begin our 19th year of operations we hope to make new strides in strengthening our brand of providing comprehensive personalized care and confidential services to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Insha Allah we will continue to strive to materialize our motto of bringing “Dignity and Respect” to our recipients. Jazakumullah Khair.

Sister Zeleena Hack, Executive Director (Volunteer)

The generosity of our donors uplifts and encourages the poor!

• OUR MISSION •

To provide support to struggling individuals and families so that they can sustain themselves, build assets, and acquire self-sufficiency to improve their standard of living.

• OUR VISION •

We believe that your donations can create a brighter future for those who live in the wells of darkness due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope that everyone who we encounter can experience life at its fullest as they work to reach their potential.



YOUTH SEEKING SELF-EMPLOYMENT

A young man sought shelter at a Masjid in Guyana. The Imam contacted AH seeking our assistance to help him in realizing his dream. He was interested in starting his own small business. However, due to his unfortunate circumstances, he was unable to fulfill his aspirations. AH gave him the startup funds to purchase the equipment - a large commercial cooler and a trolley, and also for the soda that he needed to stock his cooler. Early each morning, he would gear up for his hard day of work. He walks around the hot city selling the cool refreshments. Alhamdu Lillah, this young man has become successful as he is now living his dream. He has become a confident self-employed businessman. What a delightful story to be told – the transformation of one's life simply by utilizing your Zakaah in a most rewarding way.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE USA

In the past you advised us of the necessity to concentrate and increase the work locally here in the USA. We listened and have vigorously sought out those in need. Our volunteers statewide have been given extra tasks to identify the neediest cases right here in the USA- widows, elderly men and women, and the unemployed (with large families) who have little or no means of paying for their living expenses. We encountered sick children and people with disabilities who have no income to provide for their medical needs. We found women in abusive relationships who were forced to seek shelter from place to place and having their children in tow. The situation with our less fortunate brothers and sisters is distressing to report. AH stepped up to the challenge with your Zakaah. We have utilized over 20% of donations towards providing assistance locally. Sadly, there are numerous families silently suffering in poverty right here in the US, who, for whatever reason do not come forward and ask for help. We depend on you, the donors, to identify those in difficult circumstances and report these cases to us. In a land known for its extravagance, it is indeed a shame for us to let others wonder where their next meal is coming from. **Insha Allah with your support, we will continue to provide for the needy, inspire them to rise above the darkness that sometimes overwhelm them, and provide a better future of hope and fulfillment.**

MEDICAL

In the countries where we are serving the poor, AH provides much needed health care services. When the poor is diagnosed with serious illnesses, they feel locked in, lost and suffers silently. The family falls apart. This is where AH begins its work to assist them. With no money to see a doctor, they are forced to endure the suffering causing the illness to escalate. There are those who suffer from debilitating sicknesses and cannot afford specialized medical services, such as dialysis, and stent for heart recovery treatment. In addition, those who need constant treatment for cancer and kidney problems also require medical assistance. We pay for the airfare for those who need to travel to other countries for their treatment. A sister who lost her arm and hand due to domestic violence is traveling to the USA for prosthesis reconstructive surgery. AH paid for her airfare and will assist her until her treatment is completed. In Morocco, we recently paid for an emergency tonsillitis surgery for a young man. The cases are many to report. We cannot fully convey how dire is your donations to bring much needed help to care for the ailing poor. Those who aid others will be aided by Allah on the day of Resurrection.



A TRUCK LOAD OF FLOUR FOR A BAKERY IN SYRIA



In April 2016, AH has given aid to the Syrians, delivering a truck load of 25 tons of flour to a local bakery in the province of Idleb and Hamma. The bakery then uses the flour to make bread, which is distributed daily to 800 families, serving over 6000 beneficiaries a day. A truck load of flour cost US\$15,000. Please support AH so that we can continue to help deliver fresh breads daily to the Syrians who are helpless.



MONTHLY GROCERY HAMPERS

AH Grocery Hamper program in Guyana and Cambodia brings great help to nearly 1450 families. This program is geared towards the sick, widows, elderly, single parent and the poorest of the poor. Almost 30% of our annual donation is spent on this program. Every year we interview and thoroughly screen the recipients to qualify them for receiving the grocery hampers. At present, there are families on the waiting list that our budget does not permit us to accept. Thus, we are seeking your Zakaah to expand our service to all those in need.

GOLDEN NEEDLE



For the past 6 years AH embarked upon an adventurous mission in Cambodia to put the less fortunate to work in their quest towards self-sufficiency. AH Golden Needle School recruited interested candidates to be trained as Tailors and Seamstresses. Al Hamdu Lillah, the graduating rate is 100%. These graduates are successful in gaining full time employment in the garment industry. Most of these graduates are the only breadwinner of their family. We encourage you to donate towards this blessed project so that many other young boys and girls and adults can benefit from this rewarding effort to assist in the eradication of poverty. We hope to extend this and similar self-sufficiency projects in all the countries we serve.



WHEN ILLNESS BEFALLS!

Recently, we received this request on behalf of a family: "Assalamu Alaikum, I am seeking help for a sister in Gambia. She has five children and her husband has mental illness, which presents a lot of troubling issues. This family has no source of income for food and shelter. Can AH please help them?" In our evaluation of this case, we found that the wife was burdened with the stress of her family falling apart. AH responded without further delay by providing aid to this family in crisis. With your Zakaah and support, AH will stay with them to ensure that their basic needs are taken care of.

HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS & THE POOR



GAMBIA: NEW HOUSE FOR 15 MEMBERS OF 3 POOR FAMILIES

AH converted a small hut into a large house for 3 poor families consisting of 15 people. They are grateful that AH donors have improved their standard of living. Poverty should not be a hindrance to progress. May this good deed of yours be rewarded with paradise. Aameen.

SENEGAL: HOUSING FOR FIRE VICTIMS

While everyone was asleep, a family of 12 awakened to a fire in their home. Losing one's home and belongings is devastating. Al Hamdu Lillah no one was hurt. AH helped to rebuild the portion of the house that was destroyed. The blessing is that help to this family was not delayed because your donations were readily available to rebuild their home.



GUYANA: SINGLE PARENT WITH 5 CHILDREN

This mother and her five children were left to fend for themselves. One day we found that this family literally had nothing to eat for dinner. Their neighbor had already given them a little for lunch. At that very moment AH volunteer purchased groceries and meat and took it for them. We knew that there was much more to be done and could not walk away without a solution. Fifteen years ago, this mother was granted a house lot from the government. Alhamdu Lillah, in January 2016 AH proceeded with building the house. Maasha Allah, one single AH donor paid for the costs to build the house for this family. Right after settling into their new home, the mother built a bridge across the drain to her home. Sadly, a few days later, parts of the bridge were stolen. Later, she built (by herself) a vendor stall in front of her house to sell pastries. She also purchased a small goat for rearing. After seeing her progressiveness and independent spirit, AH gave her baby chicks, ducks and a goat to start a livestock and poultry business. In order to maintain this type of business, a fence is needed to protect her property. In addition, we would like to rebuild a bridge for her to have easy access to her home. Your Zakaah will ensure that this family receives a future that they deserve.



AN ELDERLY LADY & HER TWO ORPHANED GRANDSONS

This homeless grandmother was left to care for her two grandsons. They were always moving from place to place seeking shelter because this grandmother was unable to pay the rent and she had no money to care for her grandsons. They endured verbal abuse in the forms of taunts and jeers, and received many eviction notices. Alhamdu Lillah AH built a simple home that catered to their needs. This is a classic example of the category of families that AH assist to bring respect and dignity to their lives. We would like to acknowledge the generosity and kindness of all of our donors for helping this family.

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: "One who gives maintenance to widows and the poor is like one who gives in the way of Allah, one who prays at night, and one who fast during the day." (Bukhari)



EDUCATION

Education is one of the core principles of AH work. Quite often, orphans and poor children have to drop out of school because they are stuck in a cycle of poverty for life. We recognize that both academic and religious educations are necessary for a balanced life. Without an education, they cannot get a good job. In Guyana, we financed school fees, school supplies, clothing, and transportation fees for the orphans, needy children and adults. One student who is expected to graduate from the University of Guyana expressed his gratitude for our assistance throughout his studies. In Cambodia, AH has embarked on a special program to help aspiring university students with a scholarship grant of \$500 to \$1000 per year. Fields of study covers Education, Technology, Science, Engineering and Humanities. We pray that their studies be the gateway to a better future.

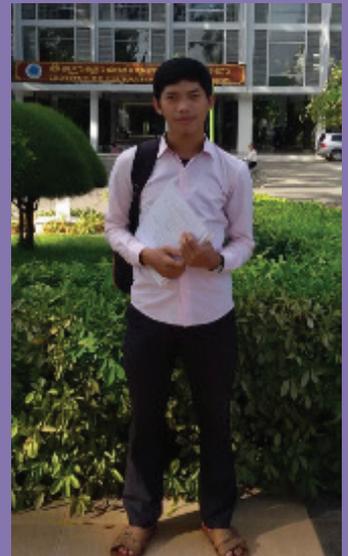


QUR'AN AND ACADEMIC SCHOOLS IN GUYANA, CAMBODIA & GAMBIA

In Guyana, AH is in the forefront of Islamic and secular education. We are committed to fully educate our youths so that they can master their future with confidence, wisdom and the quest to achieve excellence. We are paying for students to gain both sciences so that they will become well rounded in Islam as well as gain knowledge for employment in their adult age. We provide financial assistance for their school needs and in some cases for their transportation. One group of orphans who were suffering taunts and abuse in the public school because they are orphans became our most cherished recipients. We placed them in a private school, paid their school fees and provided transportation for them to and from school. They expressed their relief and happiness for such special attention.

We work with the various Darul Uloom and Islamic schools throughout the country. Education is a priority in the life of growing children and coupled with Islamic training, we are molding righteous and responsible children. AH has been fulfilling this call and we pray that you will continue to assist us to complete this journey for the children.

In Cambodia, we sponsor the teachers and students at the Islamic schools and in Gambia we are paying for young boys who are vying to be accepted in Qur'anic memorization schools. We pay for their school fees, clothing and stipends. We are also assisting the schools with their operating expenses and we do special lunch for donors who need to get Aqeeqah and Qurbani done for them. These students are the jewels in the eyes of their parents and a blessing to you our donors.



BRILLE QUR'AN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

We are pleased to report that your Zakaah has provided a blessed opportunity for the blind to memorize the Qur'an. In Bangladesh, AH has been supporting 52 blind students providing them with education, clothing, meals, medications and boarding. This great deed of yours is giving you the blessings of Sadaqah Jaariah (perpetual charity). We pray that with your Zakaah we continue our work for this vulnerable group that seeks respect despite their disability to see.



*And they will say, "Praise to Allah, who has removed from us [all] sadness. Indeed, our Lord is Forgiving and Thankful."
(Qur'an 35:34)*



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() Please use my donation where best needed.

Umar bin Al-Khattab said: "If one of you knew what was in the phrase Jazakallah Khairan (in terms of reward), then you would increase in saying it to each other."

Subhanallah, AH donors have made a tremendous difference in the lives of the orphans worldwide. AH considers the Orphan Sponsorship program one of its premier projects. In the recent months with the refugee crisis, there is an increase for orphans' aid. AH works with five orphanages in Guyana and also India, Bangladesh, and Cambodia. Your Zakaah takes care of the orphans daily needs and education. These orphans were treated to dinner with a menu that they requested. They enjoyed the cakes and ice cream we served to them. In addition, AH bought the orphans gifts of school supplies, new clothing, and personal hygiene care items. Those who aid the orphans will stand on the Day of Resurrection with the Prophet (S).



AH Water Well Project aims to provide community wells for impoverished families without access to healthy clean drinking water in various places such as Africa, Bangladesh and other drought-stricken countries. The cost of constructing a well ranges from \$2,500 to \$20,000. In 2016, AH constructed wells for schools, Masjids and large villages serving people and livestock. AH also provided tanks of water for weekly distribution in Gaza.



ORPHANS



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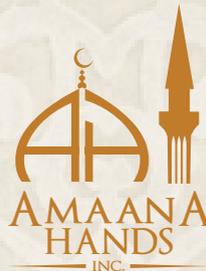
This is compensation for those unable to fast due to illness or old age. \$8.00 per day



Message from a former Monthly Assistance Recipient who is now a Donor

"I look at my disability as a blessing from Allah. I am enclosing a check as a donation to Amaana Hands. How can I forget Amaana Hands? When I needed to pay my bills Amaana Hands was there to help me and my family."

Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend in the way of Allah from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is knowing of it. (Qur'an 3:92)



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