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PASSION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

2018 - PRESENT

WHAT ARE PASSION PROJECTS?

1. Passion projects are personal initiatives undertaken to address a specific local or global issue. They play a vital role in personal and community development, allowing Inspire volunteers to contribute meaningfully to causes they care about and be catalysts and inspirations for positive change.
2. Inspire volunteers take their experiences and learnings gained from their volunteer trip abroad and channel that into initiating meaningful community initiatives.
3. Passion projects can range from supporting existing projects and organizations, to starting an initiative to tackle a cause important to the volunteer.





- Launched post-Inspire Trip project supporting Uyghur refugees.
- Conducted interviews in Turkey, Canada, and USA for a newcomer support manual.
- Presented findings at Calgary conference, engaging policymakers and settlement agencies.
- Initiated English teaching passion project for Uyghur refugees in Turkey, accumulating 100+ volunteering hours.

ENVER SUBHANI:

PREPARING CANADA FOR UYGHUR REFUGEES &
TEACHING UYGHUR REFUGEES IN TÜRKIYE ENGLISH



- Founded Palestinian Cultural Club at Toronto Metropolitan University, leading various awareness events and booths on global catastrophes, including Moroccan, Libyan, and Afghan earthquakes, and the Gaza genocide.
- Initiated Kuffiyeh United, an international movement for Gaza solidarity, involving over 5000 participants, raising \$50,000 through Kuffiyeh Week, garnering media coverage.
- Organized Voices for Palestine, a successful panel with 500 attendees, motivating leaders to replicate it at other universities. Also addressed anti-Palestinian hate on campus through a viral video, an open letter, and protests. Held a vigil for communal reflection, featuring personal stories from a Gaza-born UofT professor and an indigenous woman married to a Palestinian.

JANA ALNAJJAR:

**A COLLECTIVE JOURNEY OF AWARENESS,
ADVOCACY, AND UNITY FOR PALESTINE**



- Founded MILO Canada, advocating for global health during and beyond the pandemic, including Project India distributing \$2K worth of COVID-19 kits, MILO Soccer League promoting cross-cultural understanding, and a YouTube channel for inclusivity.
- Started Good Will Initiative, raising \$3,200+ and dedicating 1000+ hours for PPE and supplies to the homeless in Ottawa, providing 21,000+ items and 830+ sanitation kits, along with 250+ meals served.
- Inspired by volunteer experiences in South Africa and Bosnia, addressing mental health, rebuilding infrastructure, and supporting orphans, accumulating a total of 2524 combined volunteer hours for MILO Canada and 1000+ hours for GWI.

BILAAL, NOOH, ALI & EESA KABIR:
MILO CANADA & GOOD WILL INITIATIVE



- Completed a Master's thesis titled "Empowering Women through Microfinance in post-conflict Bosnia & Herzegovina" after participating in the Inspire program with trips to Bosnia & Herzegovina and Lebanon.
- Extended involvement with NGOs, particularly the Canadian Red Cross, focusing on supporting refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants coming to Canada.
- Enrolled in the Doctorate (EdD) program at the University of Toronto in International Educational Leadership, motivated by the Inspire program.
- Founded NGO Peaceforward, currently under construction, aimed at raising funds and fostering relationships established during the Inspire program.
- Inspired by global volunteer experiences to bring the Muslim community together, fostering relationships and spiritual fulfillment rooted in Islamic beliefs.
- Ongoing volunteer hours for the past 5 years.

SUMRA SHEIKH:

INSPIRED JOURNEYS: TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND THE BIRTH OF PEACEFORWARD



- Engaged in ESL tutoring for children in Bosnia through an online program initiated by Islamic Relief Canada, following the Inspire trip to Bosnia in 2019.
- Successfully led two subprojects, ESL Bosnia Tutoring in 2020 and ESL Bosnia 2.0 in 2021, expanding classes to university students and widows, emphasizing creative and interactive teaching methods.
- Inspired by the impact of the Inspire program, the initiative aimed to continue supporting children globally, with a focus on Bosnia, adapting to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The experience reinforced a commitment to volunteering and maintaining connections with the Inspire community and Bosnia, serving as an ongoing source of inspiration for future initiatives.

**ZAYNAB PATHAN + NOUR EL NADER (+
GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS)**

**INSPIRE TRIP-INSPIRED ESL INITIATIVES IN
BOSNIA**



- Engaged in advocacy, fundraising, and media volunteering through "Voices of Change" project.
- Volunteered with IR GTA team at local events and participated in local fundraising events for Nisa Homes.
- Collaborated with the Rohingya Human Rights Network, assisting in editing annual reports for donors and supporting a project where refugee camp residents write articles to share their experiences. (Link to articles: [not provided])
- Contributed to shedding light on the lives of refugees and advocating for their rights through various volunteering activities and partnerships.

TANAZZUM KAISER:
VOLUNTEERING JOURNEYS IN
ADVOCACY, FUNDRAISING, AND MEDIA



- Initiated "14 & Muslim" with CBC DOCS, sharing unconventional narratives of racialized minority experiences, leading to impactful screenings and discussions for over 7 years.
- Served as Content Lead for QWIL, producing 11 articles on women leadership in various fields, addressing systemic barriers and showcasing diverse stories over a 7-month period.
- Inspired by the Inspire trip, these initiatives aim to build equity and understanding, shaping a worldview that emphasizes individual responsibility for community welfare.
- Reflecting the commitment to community service, the volunteer hours dedicated to these initiatives amount to 300.

MALAIEKA KHAN:
NARRATIVES OF IMPACT: 14 & MUSLIM
DOCUMENTARY AND QWIL WOMEN LEADERSHIP
SERIES

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Infant and Toddler

Full Year Islamic Program

Ages 0-4



Registration

Saturdays Aug



- "Little Hearts, Big Dreams" initiative nurtures Islamic education for toddlers:
- Conducted sports activities and established an Islamic program for ages 0-5 at the mosque.
- Weekly playgroup fosters community connections for children (0-6 years old).
- Collaborating with the mosque on plans for an Islamic elementary school and daycare.
- Volunteering abroad experience with Inspire instilled empathy and inspired community support.
- Over 200 hours dedicated to these initiatives.

Total volunteering hours dedicated to these initiatives exceed 200.

**MAHMOUD DIEF:
NURTURING ISLAMIC EDUCATION
FOR TODDLERS AND BEYOND**



- Invited to join NCCM for the first Foreign Affairs Advocacy Day on Parliament Hill as one of the delegates. It was an opportunity for Canadian Muslim leaders, thinkers, and activists to get together and advocate with one strong voice about the issues that matter to their communities by engaging in discussions directly with ministers, MPs, and leaders from all of Canada's major parties.
- The main focus for that year was policy recommendations surrounding Uyghur forced labour in East Turkestan (Xinjiang).
- September 2022 - Engaged in a full day of advocacy meetings and discussions. Ashad saw this as an ideal opportunity to voice the experiences and stories of the children and families he interacted with on his Inspire trip to Turkiye to people in positions of power and influence, who had the ability to enact real change.
- March 2023 - There was a positive response to the advocacy efforts of all involved. The government of Canada committed to passing legislation that would eradicate goods tainted by forced labour from supply chains, including those arising from Uyghur concentration camps.

ASHAD KHAN: ADVOCATING FOR UYGHURS ON PARLIAMENT HILL



mindfulness . connection . growth



- Omar created Ruh, a Canada-wide online therapy platform offering accessible, culturally responsive, and faith-sensitive mental health care.
- His team of licensed Muslim therapists come from diverse ethnic backgrounds and are available to support individuals, children (ages 3+), couples, and families.
- Ruh offers support through text, voice, or video in multiple languages, including English, Arabic, French, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, and Creole. Their strong multidisciplinary team includes Registered Psychotherapists, Registered Social Workers, and Psychiatrists with various areas of specialization.
- Ruh is committed to empowering their clients to navigate life's challenges by providing comprehensive mental health care throughout their unique journeys of healing and growth.

OMAR KHAN:
PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE, CULTURALLY
RESPONSIVE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE.



- After his inspire trip, Fayzan took part in starting up an Islamic Relief club at the University of Western.
- They partnered with Charity Week and their MSA in their first semester of operations, and were able to raise \$27,000 for the cause.
- Auctioned off a jar of dollar store olives for over \$13,000
- The club has also run several events, and all proceeds have gone to a certain fundraising campaign of IRC. They did tote bag painting for Syria, mug painting for Sudan, and bake sales at a Masjid for Gaza where they raised over \$1,000. Next semester, they plan to run many events, including a year-end fundraising dinner.
- Fayzan plans to be an executive member of Western IRC throughout his undergrad.
- This winter, he volunteered at RIS with IRC in multiple fundraising shifts where all proceeds went to Gaza, and he also operated the Relief Collective shop for a few shifts as well.

FAYZAN KAMAL: CHANGEMAKER AND COMMUNITY LEADER WITH IRC



- Ouswa attended a panel discussion on Uyghur rights titled "From Campus to Parliament: Uyghur Rights and Justice." The panel featured an Uyghur activist and a Member of Parliament, who shared their journeys advocating for Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims.
- She intention was to gain insights into becoming a better advocate. During the panel, Ouswa shared her experiences in Turkiye, which led to establishing a connection with an MP, and she had the opportunity to meet the president of the International Support for Uyghurs organization. She signed up as a volunteer with them.
- Ouswa joined the Montreal regional team.
- Member of SPHR (Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights). Alongside the team, she actively advocated for Palestinian rights, organized fundraisers, and successfully collected over \$23,000. These donations were directed through Islamic Relief.

OUSWA BEN REJEB:

ADVOCACY FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS



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MOHAMED ABO EL SOUD:
PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE
INCOME TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN EGYPT



- Became outreach director at her MSA
- Maria focused on two projects : Charity Week and Islam Awareness Week.
- She executed various fun activities and events for Charity Week, raising funds for orphans and children across the globe.
- Prepared logistics for months for Islam Awareness Week Campaign
- Elected as Vice President External of the MSA for next academic year
- Liaised with external clubs and organizations, including Islamic Relief

MARIA SAQQUR:
COLLABORATING WITH UNIVERSITY
CLUBS ON SOCIAL CAUSES



- A week after returning from her trip, Iqra contacted her local Masjid to volunteer as a way to get more involved there.
- She quickly noticed the lack of sister volunteers, as she was one of the only girls to attend the first meeting by the youth committee of the masjid. In response to this, she created an “Akram Jomaa girls committee”
- They now have monthly meetings and events for the youth girls and much more being planned.

IQRA NAZIR:
CULTIVATING COMMUNITY FOR FEMALE
MUSLIMA YOUTH



- Alysha started the IRC Waterloo club at her university and is co-president.
- She does continuous outreach about her experience in the Inspire program in Bosnia and Pakistan

ALYSHA BUTT:
BECOMING AN IRC AMBASSADOR IN
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY



- As a Lead of Edmonton Namal Chapter, Aisha and her team organized a fundraiser in Dec 2023 and collected around \$70,000 for the project 'Free education for rural youth of Pakistan'
- She volunteered for the non profit Justice For All Canada in raising funds for Gaza and Palestine, as well as advocating for the cause.
- As the Advisory Board Director of the non profit organization in Canada, called 'Jaza Relief', Aisha led her team to raise awareness about impoverished and vulnerable communities, and raised funds for programming that assists them.
- As Chairperson of MAD, Multivision and Diversity Association of Canada, she organized an awareness event about Islamic Relief Canada, where she discussed different global initiatives undertaken by the organization.

DR. AISHA RAUF:
LEADER AND ADVOCATE FOR MULTIPLE
SOCIAL CAUSES



- Sabena and Kaamraan created an educational social media series about their learnings from their experience in Bosnia, about the war, and about the Inspire Program
- They sponsored a Bosnian orphan

**SABENA AND KAAMRAAN ISLAM:
ONLINE ADVOCACY ABOUT THE
BOSNIAN CAUSE**



- After her Inspire trip, she became the co-president of the Islamic Relief club at McMaster university. she told her executive team about her Inspire experience and made it a goal for the year to to increase advocacy for important humanitarian causes, specifically within the McMaster student population.
- Since September 2023, her team has planned 5 events: a Krispy Kreme sale, a bake sale, a relief collective merch sale, a chai and chill, and a girls night in. Through these events, they raised over \$4000 for Islamic relief causes, and will continue to fundraise until the end of the school year.
- Launching of a new general member team, to give more individuals in the community a chance to develop their leadership skills. The general members will be tasked with choosing a cause that is important to them and creating a crowdfunding page where they choose a fundraising goal and try to reach it. They will also be given opportunities to assist with IR McMaster events, and volunteer in the community.
- This project is important to Sara because she noticed that many people wanted to be involved with Islamic Relief, however there were only a limited number of executive roles. This makes being involved more accessible, and gives individuals a chance to build up their skills, and pursue more leadership opportunities in the future.

**SARA ALSHAKARJI:
LEADER AND CHANGEMAKER WITH
ISLAMIC RELIEF AT MCMASTER**



- Zuajah volunteered with an organization called Human Rights network, where she edited articles written by Rohingya refugees
- These articles raised awareness about their situation in refugee camps in Bangladesh

**ZUJAJAH ISLAM:
WORKING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS
ORGANIZATION**



- Emad promoted the Inspire program and his experience on the trip on his Instagram page @halalornothing, which has over 55,000 followers.
- He plans an on continuing fundraising with Islamic Relief this upcoming Ramadan for his Inspire fundraising page.

EMAD AHMED:
PROMOTING INSPIRE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



- Jude presented in front of her colleagues and supervisors at her PhD Laboratory in December on her experience in Bosnia.
- She sent them readings in advance on the impact of Bosnia's genocide on mental health to situate the historical context. The presentation was 2.5h long with a discussion at the end.
- One of her goals is to research PTSD and resilience among genocide survivors of Bosnia in the future, and perhaps organize mental health initiatives for Bosnians. She also aims to be involved with the Doctors Without Borders team and assist regions (including Bosnia) who have witnessed violence, war, trauma, and genocide.
- She is working with colleagues on starting up a new NGO that will provide medical and mental health support at the local and international level. One of their hopes is to provide medical and psychological services in the middle east, Africa, and Bosnia.

JUDE NACHABE:
DISCUSSING THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE
THROUGH THE LENS OF MENTAL HEALTH



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LAMA SAIDOUN:
ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERING WITH ISLAMIC RELIEF
CANADA AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY



- Emina continues to share and present on her experience with Inspire in Bosnia to young students across her school board in Guelph.
- She is working as a co-facilitator of a new Muslim youth empowerment group targeted for elementary and high school students. With this empowerment group she hopes to share her experience with Inspire whilst simultaneously encouraging global awareness initiatives.
- Before attending the Inspire trip, she had one of her youth empowerment groups sell candy and bracelets at school to raise funds for Inspire Bosnia. She is now hoping to expand that fundraiser for other causes with her new groups that will be formulated soon. The program lasts 7-8 weeks where Emina will share insights from her trip, stories of the Bosnian children, and look to her group for their global initiatives towards creating change.

EMINA BEKTIC: EMPOWERING YOUTH LEADERS



- Zaineb is building an app called Ihsan. The objective of the app is to help encourage acts of “excellence.”. The app uses location data to determine when “powerful” dua times are, such as when it is raining for example, to send a notification to the user to encourage them to make dua. The objective of the app is to help people strive - it is for people that want to take their worship to the next level.

ZAINEB MALIK:

ELEVATING WORSHIP EXPERIENCES



- After her Inspire trip in South Africa, Yasmina looked into various volunteering initiatives in her local community. She is volunteering at the Sadaqah Food Bank, a local food bank in Ottawa that provides free groceries to those that need it. She volunteered with them on a weekly basis.
- She also volunteered with ICC (Islam Care Centre) in partnership with uOttawa's IR student club to pack Eid gifts for kids. Yasmina participated in ICC's student program that runs every weekend for kids in their local neighbourhood.
- She also packed lunch boxes with her local masjid.

YASMINA ZEIDAN: VOLUNTEERING IN HER COMMUNITY



- Sakina is educating herself on the OSP program and what it provides for its rights holders
- She has a goal of adopting an orphan
- Working on setting up a project with a major donation to IR Pakistan. She also connected with IR Pakistan to teach sign language to one of the rights holders from the Pakistan Inspire camp group.
- She Volunteered at RIS 2023 from setup to breakdown.

SAKINA CARBIDE:

**A CONSISTENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC
VOLUNTEER WITH ISLAMIC RELIEF**



- After her Inspire trip to Lebanon in 2019, Alina painted and sold a painting, which came with a description of the art to raise awareness for the condition of the Syrian, Palestinian and Ethiopian refugees in Lebanon.
- After her Inspire trip to South Africa, she volunteered with IR for their OSP (now fundraising for Palestine) booth at RIS.
- She aims to raise more awareness about what Islamic Relief does, and to use her experiences abroad in the Inspire program to educate others on various global issues.

ALINA ELAHIE:

ART FOR AWARENESS: PAINTING FUNDRAISER SHEDS LIGHT ON THE PLIGHT OF SYRIAN, PALESTINIAN, AND ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON.



- After participating in the Inspire program in 2022 and 2023, Nora realized her love for this field of work.
- She is now a regular volunteer at a local sadaqa food bank and has started working in a Muslim women's shelter.
- She continues to fundraise for different causes.

NORA ABDELSAMIE:

INSPIRE PROGRAM SPARKS PASSION: NORA DISCOVERS HER CALLING AND DEDICATION TO THE FIELD.



- Mohammad did a video Presentation to all of his donors who contributed to his \$3500 fundraising goal. The video was well appreciated and some of them are willing to contribute more in future.
- He participated in the Run for Gaza Challenge with Islamic Relief Canada and successfully collected the committed funds to the program.
- Mohammad plans to give a presentation to his local Islamic school to raise awareness about the Inspire program and what IR Canada is doing in various parts of the world. He aims to encourage future leaders by making them aware of opportunities to be involved in community initiatives, both locally and globally.

MOHAMMAD ALAM: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE INSPIRE PROGRAM



- After her Inspire trip to Lebanon, Hana got everyone from her cohort to share a message to the children they worked with.
- She edited the video and made a collage of pictures from when they were there. This video was then shared with the kids along with the organization of Eid gifts for the children.
- They continued the Eid gift project for many years after that and she is still in touch with people in Lebanon and continues to fundraise (one year they raised 10k).
- After her Inspire trip to Bosnia, she is now sponsoring one of the children she worked with

**HANA ABDUL-RAWOOF:
FROM LEBANON TO BOSNIA:
CULTIVATING COMMUNITY**



- After her Inspire trip, Hufsah has been engaged with the university of Waterloo's OSP club where she helped fundraise for Palestine at their Charity week auction dinner. She also raised about \$1,000 in funds within her personal network to donate at the event. She has continued to engage with the club behind the scenes in helping improve their processes for communication with IR as well as with the undergraduate student association to ensure record keeping and finances are appropriately allocated.
- Hufsah also presented about her experience with Inspire at a dinner with about 50 of her family and friends. She had a few friends interested in applying to the program so she answered their questions as well as spoke of her personal takeaways.
- She continues to raise awareness about her learnings from her Inspire trip and collects occasional donations for her Inspire page.

HUFSAH KHAN:

DEDICATED ADVOCATE: HUFSAH'S POST-INSPIRE ENGAGEMENT EXTENDS TO FUNDRAISING, OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS, AND INSPIRE PROGRAM PROMOTION.



- Amna ran a 42 km marathon to raise awareness and fundraise for the condition of children and families impacted by the war in Syria.
- It was a great opportunity to discuss the Inspire program with others and advocate on behalf of the rights holders she worked with.

AMNA MUSSADDEQ:

MARATHON FOR A CAUSE: AMNA RUNS 42 KM TO ADVOCATE FOR SYRIAN WAR VICTIMS AND SPOTLIGHT THE INSPIRE PROGRAM.



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AYESHA HANIFF:

EMPOWERED BY INSPIRE: AYESHA NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS PATHY'S FELLOWSHIP, COMBINING TEACHING PASSION AND HUMANITARIAN AID FOR REFUGEES IN ONTARIO.



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SARA ZIA:

SARA UNITES ART AND ADVOCACY: LEADS PAINT NIGHT, CREATING AND SELLING ART TO SUPPORT PALESTINE.



- Zuhair will volunteer as a research assistant under a PhD student who is researching Art's therapeutic properties and how it can give insight into the issues faced by immigrant refugees.
- He will take part in the research process, which will lead to developing literature that influences treatment practices with immigrant refugees.
- Zuhair has also joined his regional Islamic Relief team and is looking forward to upcoming volunteer opportunities.

ZUHAIR QURESHY:

CONTRIBUTING TO TRANSFORMATIVE RESEARCH ON ART THERAPY FOR IMMIGRANT REFUGEES, JOINS ISLAMIC RELIEF TEAM FOR ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE.



- After his Inspire trip to Pakistan, IRC staff member Hasan created and delivered a presentation that highlighted his experiences during the trip and aimed to inspire others.
- The initiative focused on sharing insights gained from the trip and promoting a sense of community engagement. This was presented during TPE, and it was well-received by the audience.
- This presentation was a collaborative effort with IRC staff Nakita and Nabeel.

HASAN RASHID:
RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE INSPIRE
PROGRAM



- After his Inspire trip to Indonesia 2023, Hamza was motivated to volunteer with University of Toronto's Islamic Relief club. He assisted with fundraising for Gaza.
- He continues to volunteer at community events when he can.

**HAMZA AHMED:
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**



- After her Inspire trip to Turkiye, Huda presented about her experience with family, friends, and donors. She discussed what she learned and her takeaways from the trip.
- She made a gift for each donor with a handwritten letter about their impact and contribution by donating to her Inspire fundraiser.
- Huda has become motivated to get more involved, and has started volunteering more with vulnerable communities, such as women's shelters and refugee support groups.

HUDA AMIN:

**HUDA'S INSPIRE JOURNEY: SHARING
INSIGHTS AND GRATITUDE**



- Zenaira raised awareness about her experience in Pakistan with family and friends through videos she made and pictures.
- She also created and auctioned Pakistani art, using those funds towards schools and education in Pakistan.

ZENAIRA ALI:

RAISING AWARENESS AND ART FOR PAKISTAN



- After her Inspire trip to Malaysia 2023, Daniya presented about her experience to those in her network (family, friends, community members).
- A notable presentation was when she presented the trip to her colleagues in the work place. In front of approximately 10 employees, she went through the entire timeline of activities and events that took place during the 10 day trip.
- Her colleagues thoroughly enjoyed hearing about her experience, and overall the presentation was very well-received.
- Daniya has become a regular volunteer with Islamic Relief after her Inspire trip, and volunteers often with the Ottawa regional team, most recently supporting a fundraiser for Palestine.

DANIYA GULZAR: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT INSPIRE



- Since her trip to Pakistan, Rubina has been involved in advocating for social causes, specifically Gaza.
- She attended advocacy workshops to better equip herself with advocacy skills. She is a regular donor for social causes with institutions such as Islamic Relief and NCCM.
- After working with the children on her Inspire trip, she plans on sponsoring an orphan through Islamic Relief.

RUBINA KHAN:
ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL CAUSES



- Sana's initiative mainly involved sharing her experiences from her Inspire Bosnia 2023 trip online on her social media.
- She also engaged in conversations with friends and family, discussing the Bosnia trip and its impact.
- Sana has been actively focused on raising awareness and discussing the Palestinian situation. She also dedicates time to educating her children about both Bosnia and Palestine.

SANA SAMAD:

ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL CAUSES



- Layla, IRC staff, presented about her experiences in the Inspire program to her network.
- She participated in three Inspire trips to Bosnia, South Africa, and Indonesia.
- She hopes to raise awareness about the program so more people can get involved.

LAYLA CHARANEK:

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT INSPIRE



- Salwa presented to her family and friends about her experience in Bosnia 2023.
- She is eager to volunteer locally.

SALWA MAAROUF:
PRESENTING ABOUT INSPIRE



- Nabeil actively shares on social media to showcase the impactful use of donations by Islamic Relief.
- He spoke at a luncheon for Islamic Relief, detailing his Inspire trip and emphasizing the importance of the organization's work in global communities.
- Nabeil has been instrumental in organizing and executing fundraising events, including Sponsoring Orphans Worldwide (SOW) and the first annual Islamic Relief golf tournament in Edmonton.

NABEIL MOUSSA:

AMPLIFYING IMPACT THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AND FUNDRAISING



- After her Inspire trip to Turkiye 2023, Ayesha utilized social media to raise awareness about the Uyghur cause and shared impactful stories of the orphans she encountered.
- She emphasized the life-changing potential for individuals living miles away to contribute to the improvement of these orphans' lives.
- Ayesha ended up sponsoring one of the orphans she spent a significant amount of time with during the trip.
- Another key initiative involved gathering top donors in person to discuss trip details and share firsthand experiences. She dedicated an entire day for detailed discussions, utilizing her IRC notebook, in which she captured every story and detail encountered during the trip.
- Ayesha made it a point to answer donors' questions in person, making the impact more memorable and personal.
- To date, she continues to share these stories in person, making it a topic of discussion wherever she goes.

AYESHA BHUTTO:

**ADVOCATE FOR UYGHUR CAUSE AND
RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT INSPIRE**



- After her Inspire trip to South Africa 2023, Aena shared her experience on social media. Her posts discussed the work that was done, and encouraged others to apply.
- She joined the IR regional team in Ottawa and helped with various initiatives.

AENA NUMAN:

RAISING AWARENESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



- After Nada's Inspire trip to Indonesia 2023, she actively educated friends, family, and coworkers about Islamic Relief's work, particularly focusing on the challenges faced by people in Indonesia.
- Through ongoing research efforts, Nada has successfully inspired others to become monthly donors, supporting orphans globally.
- Recognizing the impact of consistent small efforts, she continues to work on hosting events related to her passion project for sustained awareness and engagement.

NADA SEYAM:

EDUCATING AND ADVOCATING ON SOCIAL CAUSES IN INDONESIA



- Humna, IRC staff, has been an advocate for the Inspire program within her network, and actively encourages others to get involved in it.
- She will be sharing content from the trip with donors and discuss the work she did in Malaysia.

HUMNA WASIM:

INSPIRE PROGRAM ADVOCATE



- Motivated by his experience in South Africa 2023, Sahil volunteers at various community initiatives and events.
- He is taking part in a sports competition fundraiser.
- One of his takeaways is that our time is valuable, and if we can give some of our time to help others, that will not only help them, but also help those providing service.

SAHIL NAZARI:

INVOLVED COMMUNITY MEMBER



- After her inspire trip to South Africa 2023, Marah volunteered with Islamic Relief with the relief collective, and looks forward to becoming more involved.

MARAH AKOUR:
VOLUNTEERING WITH ISLAMIC RELIEF



- After her Inspire trip to Turkiye 2023, Anooshay became a regional volunteer.
- She became team captain for two different teams that will be fundraising for a local charity and taking part in a walk called "coldest night of the year," which she will also be fundraising for.
- Anooshay volunteers with a youth group as a mentor. She regularly shared stories from her Inspire trip with the youth, tying each experience into a valuable lesson or reminder. For example, she focused on changing perspectives, practicing patience, gratitude, and encouraging the youth to try new things.
- The youth became interested in the Inspire program and extracted meaningful lessons from her stories, understanding the profound impact of brief encounters when reflected upon.

ANOOSHAY MAQSOOD: SHARING TAKEAWAYS AND LEARNINGS



- After her Inspire trip to Malaysia 2018, Safia has collaborated extensively with local communities at her kids' school and workplace.
- She facilitated care packages for the unhoused in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including winter clothing, food, and hygiene products.
- She organized a successful fundraiser in her corporate office through community bake sales, raising awareness of global events and individual roles in the world.
- Safia contributed to the establishment of businesses generating revenue in Pakistan, aimed at supporting underprivileged individuals and their families.

SAFIA KHAN:

IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES - LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



- Before her Inspire trip to South Africa, Zayleh was an occasional volunteer with Islamic Relief
- After seeing the efforts it took to organize an Inspire trip, she returned back to Canada motivated to take initiative and get more involved in event organization.
- She joined the organizing team for an event called Sponsoring Orphans Worldwide, that took place in Ramadan.
- She has become very passionate about providing aid and support to orphans, and contributing to getting more sponsored.

ZAYLEH KACHOUR:

FROM VOLUNTEER TO EVENT ORGANIZER



- Nida and Hira will be creating a slideshow about their experience in the Inspire program and presenting it to their family and donors to showcase where their donations went, and ways to continue to support the orphan sponsorship program.
- They have become inspired to advocate for the issues they saw abroad surrounding children's rights and environmental concerns.

NIDA AND HIRA KIANI:

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE INSPIRE PROGRAM AND GLOBAL ISSUES



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**DEDICATED VOLUNTEER
TURNED STAFF**



- After his Inspire trip to Malaysia in 2018, Naeem continued to volunteer with IRC.
- He joined the Quebec regional team and volunteered at RIS. He also delivered gifts and goods bought by supporters of IRC, as well as zakat of Eid (meats distributed to mosques) and gifts for vulnerable kids/families.
- Naeem volunteered at Old brewery mission (cooking in the kitchen, serving meals, distributing gifts in winter and holidays). He also took part in distributing warm meals bi-weekly to the unhoused in his community.
- He delivered gifts and goods bought by supporters of IRC, as well as zakat of Eid (meats distributed to mosques) and gifts for vulnerable kids/families.
- Naeem also joined Islamic Relief Canada as a Fundraising Coordinator in Montreal!

NAEEM AL YAHYAWI:

INSPIRED TO SERVE: NAEEM'S DEDICATION EXTENDS BEYOND INSPIRE, VOLUNTEERING WITH IRC TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES



- Randy joined the Islamic Relief Team as staff in 2018 as an Emergency Response Coordinator.

RANDY PANESAR:
INSPIRE ALUMNI TURNED STAFF



- Roukaya was an Inspire volunteer in Malaysia in 2023. She has now joined the Islamic Relief Team as staff!

ROUKAYA DJELLABI:
FROM VOLUNTEER TO IMPACTFUL
LEADERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION



- After her Inspire trip, she worked as a Fundraising Coordinator at Islamic Relief Canada!
- Ganiyat was also Alberta Top 30 under 30 for Global Cooperation and part of the Prime Minister's Youth Council!

GANIYAT SADIQ :

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



- After his Inspire trip to South Africa 2022, Mousa is now Senior Manager of Major Gifts and Philanthropy at Islamic Relief Canada
- He is on the board of CJPME (Canadians for justice and peace in the Middle East)
- His Inspire experience helped him to better mobilize the community for advocacy causes, such as for Palestine.

MOUSA QASQAS:

A MOTIVATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



- After his Inspire trip to Malaysia 2023, Faizan was looking for opportunities in the non-profit sector, and is now a youth engagement lead with Seeds of Leadership!

FAIZAN CHAUHAN:

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



- After his Inspire trip, he worked as a Fundraising Coordinator for Edmonton Area at Islamic Relief Canada!

SALAHEDDINE PATHAN:
DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



- After her Inspire trip, Lina is now the Fulfillment Administrator at Islamic Relief Canada!

LINA RIYAL:

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



- After her Inspire trip, Madina worked as a Fundraising Coordinator for Edmonton Area at Islamic Relief Canada!

MADINA QASQAS:

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



- Dania is now an IRC staff, working as a fundraising coordinator in Montreal.
- Dania presented about both her Inspire trips to Lebanon and Bosnia. She wrote a blog about her experience in Lebanon and presented about Bosnia at her local mosque.
- She is currently working on a presentation in January about her Inspire trip to South Africa. This will be presented in front of students at an Arabic School

DANIA FAWAZ:

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TO IRC STAFF



- After his Inspire trip, Ihab is now the Finance Manager at Islamic Relief Canada!

IHAB ALAMEDDINE:
DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TURNED STAFF!



DR. AARIF PATHAN



SARAH LAWENDY

FROM VOLUNTEER TO BOARD MEMBER AT IRC!