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Assalamu Alaykum (Peace be with you),

At FAITH, we take a holistic approach to giving aid: addressing immediate needs while simultaneously providing programs that foster independence and self-assurance. We strive to address the entire family: men, women, and children. As we work to stabilize and support the parents, we also offer their children programs to develop into healthy, positive people able to thrive. By doing so, we recognize children are society’s future and need to be a priority today.

Our goal is simply this: to restore and preserve the human dignity of a person. If a person is falling, we have to catch them. If a person has fallen, we want to provide services and support to help them get back on their feet and stay well. We’re committed to building a better society one person at a time.

This has been particularly true this past year as we saw the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the numerous challenges it has brought us all. This report captures how FAITH continued serving those in need during these extraordinary times. Thank you to our donors, staff, volunteers, and partners who made this possible.

Dr. Tanveer A. Mirza
President
In the true spirit of Zakat, giving is more than just the material (food, clothing, and money), it involves supporting the spirit and the mind. As an organization, we work towards building self-sufficiency in the individuals and families that we support. If a person has fallen, we want to provide services and support to help them get back on their feet and stay well. Consequently, we aim to take a holistic approach to all we do.

To achieve this mission, we’ve aligned our work to the spirit of Zakat, which in its literal and simplest meaning is purity.

We seek to address and support the whole person—from their immediate physical needs to gaining skills for a prosperous future. “GIVING IS MORE THAN JUST MATERIAL, IT INVOLVES SUPPORTING THE SPIRIT & MIND.”
Regardless of their faith, ethnicity or gender, FAITH serves all low-income people and vulnerable populations including immigrants, refugees, elderly, orphans, and victims of domestic abuse in Northern Virginia. FAITH also provides for the children of clients through a specialized Children’s Program.

We are a local organization focused on supporting the poor and indigent in our community. Since its establishment, FAITH has progressed from primarily offering immediate developing long-term, sustainable solutions. We strive to empower people to be self-sufficient, to build strong families, and to be a force of good in our community.

$2,073,715
DONATIONS RECEIVED

Over 20,000
CLIENTS SERVED
FAITH has a **positive impact** on me because without this organization I wouldn’t have been able to pay my rent for several months.

– Family Rent Assistance Recipient

I was struggling to feed my family and that was very difficult for me. But since the day that I started receiving food and hygiene products from FAITH, **my family was able to eat better food** and thanks to the caring people there, I am able to get fresh vegetables from the farm. Thank you very much for taking care of my family.

– Food Pantry Program Recipient

I was new to this country and I don’t know anyone, after all what happened to me I called the women’s center and they referred me to FAITH. **They supported me immediately.** They helped me with everything, rent, utilities bills, transportation, food, gift cards, medical care. They worked on the hardships of my life and to get shaped up after I was really destroyed and hopeless and powerless!!

– Domestic Violence Program Recipient
FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROVIDING STABILITY FOR FAMILIES

The Family Assistance Program provides instant relief for clients that are faced with a tragedy and need help immediately. This program helps clients with rent, utilities, medical bills, education, and food. This will enable the client to stabilize their situation so that they can cover their own expenses and maintain self-sufficiency.

192 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED
A ROADMAP FOR INDEPENDENCE

This is the heart of FAITH, every client’s case comes to the Self-Sufficiency Program. In this program, FAITH social workers create a clear road map toward independence. There is not one generic path to self-sufficiency and our expert caseworkers tailor their recommendations based on each individual client. Self-sufficiency can mean getting a car for a client so that they are able to work, helping them to tap into government resources, providing job training, helping them with a one-time medical bill, or placing them in a shelter or housing.

288 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED
The FAITH Children & Teen Program is designed to serve orphan, refugee, and needy children in the community. We work to empower these children by providing basic needs such as clothing and school supplies, as well as enrichment programs such as monthly events and parenting programs.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

KEEPING FAMILIES SAFE

This program was developed to promote stable families and help domestic violence victims gain information about the resources available to them. The caseworkers at FAITH are committed to helping abused clients by providing crisis counseling, safety planning, legal representation, court advocacy, translation services, and financial assistance.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors acknowledges FAITH’s work for Domestic Violence Awareness Month
An integral part of the assistance FAITH provides to the community is in the form of food. For the past 13 years, FAITH has run one of the two food pantries located in the town of Herndon, Virginia. The food programs are an important part of the work we do to assist low-income members of the community. These include the food pantry, Herndon Without Hunger, and the Qurbani Program.

$179,500

SPENT ON FAMILIES
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FAITH’s mission is to empower members of the community and we strongly believe that investing in education is a key aspect in creating a solid foundation for self-sufficiency and success in life. Pursuing an education has its challenges, one of the foremost being the costs associated with higher education. In the interest of alleviating such obstacles, FAITH will now offer scholarships to eligible students based on financial need. Through the donations of generous families in the community, FAITH is currently offering high school scholarships and a college scholarship.
The majority of the homeless are working families, and a lack of affordable housing is the main cause of homelessness.

With your help, FAITH is blessed to operate 8 shelter apartments that provide a temporary home to clients who are in need of housing. These shelter apartments are furnished and equipped with food and toiletries. Through the self-sufficiency program, families and children are provided with a brighter future.
BURIAL PROGRAM

RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION

For many in our community, it has been challenging to observe the tradition of Janazah and burial due to economic hardship. FAITH makes sure families who are unable to manage financially are not left behind without a proper burial of a loved one. The average discounted cost for FAITH is $3,300 per burial.
EMERGENCY PROGRAM

SUPPORT WHEN IT MATTERS

The Emergency Program provides services to individuals and families facing urgent need; it is intended to be one-time financial support of one particular help, such as rent bills, utilities, or medical bills.

1,260 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED
To assist refugee individuals and families to become self-sufficient through prevention of homelessness and trauma treatment, as well as profession training and trade certifications.
MEET OUR PEOPLE

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WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Are you interested in helping people in our community who are in need? We can use your help.

Help by collecting items for children, new moms, parents struggling and elderly who need help.

We are always in need of Hygiene Kits, Food Cards, Toiletries and many other essentials.

If you’re interested in supporting please contact Khaul at KTR@faithus.org
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FINANCIAL DATA

BY THE NUMBERS

$2,073,715 INCOME

$2,073,715 AMOUNT SPENT & DESIGNATED

WHERE ALL YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WENT

EXPENSES BY PROGRAM TYPE
PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK.

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Every dollar donated by you goes directly to the clients. The overhead is covered by a grant.

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