



ICNA Relief Canada  
No Borders - No Boundaries

Serving Humanity  
Since 1997



# 2016

## ANNUAL REPORT



# EAST AFRICA FAMINE RELIEF

**18.1 MILLION**

people are facing  
drought across Ethiopia,  
Somalia, Kenya

**100,000**

are experiencing  
famine in South Sudan

**4.4 MILLION**

people need emergency  
food in Nigeria

**2/3** of the population  
is hungry in Yemen

**ICNA Relief Canada is on the ground.**  
Help us provide them with the  
emergency water, food and  
sanitation they need to **survive.**



# **SERVING HUMANITY**

## **Our Story**

ICNA Relief Canada is part of a global humanitarian relief and development organization responding to human suffering in emergency and disaster situations around the world. In addition to our emergency relief efforts, resulting from natural or human-caused catastrophes, we also maintain long term aid and development programs.

## **Our Vision**

ICNA Relief Canada is committed to providing leadership in the empowerment of lives, the creation of meaningful opportunities, and strengthening the bonds that link all of humanity.

## **Our Mission**

ICNA Relief Canada is committed to human service through the effective integration of resources to help people in need. We strive to provide immediate response in times of disaster, and to implement programs that alleviate human suffering.



## A message from our BOARD CHAIR

Assalam o Alaikum wa rahmatullah (Peace be with you and the Mercy of God),

ICNA Relief Canada - a department of ICNA Canada visualizes building an exemplary Muslim community focused on achieving personal excellence and contributing to the moral, social, and economic development of Canadian society as a whole.

Keeping this vision, ICNA Relief Canada is dedicated to empowering people in need, both locally and globally. We believe that our humble efforts can truly strengthen the bonds of humanity, particularly at a time when many communities like Syrians and the Burmese Muslims, among others, are facing unprecedented social and economic challenges.

ICNA Relief Canada is committed to giving hope and bringing positive change to the lives of disadvantaged people around the world, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, class, location, religion, color, cultural background, political affiliation or social status. Thus, our motto is "No Borders, No Boundaries." We are dedicated to bringing a smile on people's faces by improving their quality of lives, ensuring we provide quality services with dignity.

In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada served more people and communities than ever before, spending in excess of 5 Million Dollars for 70 projects in more than 22 countries, Alhamdulillah! These projects ranged from building water wells in drought-stricken areas of Kashmir, India, and Pakistan to the construction and operational funding of educational institutions and healthcare projects in Syria, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Kenya. From Emergency and Disaster Relief projects

in Nepal, Burma, and Palestine, to fresh Zabiha meat distributions in over 22 countries worldwide, including parts of Myanmar. From sponsoring around 3,000 orphans across the globe to establishing and operating local Canadian projects such as food banks, family counselling, seniors' support, funeral support, free matrimonial services, women's shelters (Maryam Home), Syrian refugee sponsorship (SRS), a newly launched youth centre in Mississauga, youth leadership and development programs (YLDP) and the Fort McMurray Wild Fire Relief. These are only a few examples of how ICNA Relief Canada is trying to help people in need and empower them with your prayers and generous contributions.

This year, we also worked tirelessly to further improve our project monitoring and audit processes, to ensure that your donations are spent accountably, transparently and effectively. Therefore, we revamped our social media presence to ensure that our donors and the public receive regular updates about how and where ICNA Relief Canada spends their donations.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support in 2017 and beyond.

*Muhammad Sharif*  
Chair  
ICNA Relief Canada Board



## A message from our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Assalam o Alaikum wa rahmatullah (Peace be with you and the Mercy of God),

On behalf of our team, we sincerely thank our donors and volunteers who made 2016 quite an exciting year for ICNA Relief Canada (IRC) to accomplish a number of effective relief initiatives locally and globally, Alhamdulillah! Every donation we received, regardless of its amount, has increased the impact of our work. Our work has been continuously growing and we are humbled to have had the opportunity to do more charitable work than ever before, right here at home and abroad.

As usual, we managed to help over a million needy people across the globe by providing relief in Emergency/Disaster, Education, Orphan Sponsorship, Global Zabiha, Microfinancing, Women Empowerment, Healthcare, Water for Life, and more. Specifically, we completed hundreds of water wells, an orphanage for 500 orphans and 2 Mother and Child Healthcare Centres in Pakistan.

Besides our regular relief activities in over 22 countries, IRC has been able to respond to the Government of Canada's initiative of bringing 25,000 Syrian Refugees to Canada. Our target was to bring 100 families to help them settle in Canada with the help of our donors. We brought 30 Syrian Refugee families through our Syrian Refugee Sponsorship (SRS) program in 2016. We are grateful to our sponsor groups and individuals who responded to our call to help us fulfill our promise. We were also able to effectively respond to the Fort McMurray Wildfire, again with the help of our generous donors.

Having identified the local challenges being faced by our community, IRC progressed with a number of great initiatives to help our youth and seniors. This year, a newly started Youth and Seniors' Centre has been launched in Mississauga. Our other featured domestic programs have been Family Counselling, Emergency Assistance, Food Banks, Funeral Support, Foster Parenting and Youth Leadership Development. Our Food Banks served around 53,000 Canadians with \$600,000 in food supplies during 2016.

We ask you to help inform and motivate family, friends, colleagues and your local Masjid about our work. Visit our website, subscribe our weekly e-newsletter, and follow us on our social media platforms. Together we will continue making a difference in many lives for years to come, Insha Allah.

The following pages of our Annual Report 2016 reflect a few glimpses of our humble efforts and your generous contributions for many successful projects here at home and around the world.

Jazak Allah Khair and many thanks for owning ICNA Relief Canada and embracing it as your own!

Please remember us in your sincerest thoughts & prayers. We look forward to your continuous support.

*Shaukat Hussain*  
Executive Director  
ICNA Relief Canada

# — Our — Initiatives



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



### Orphan Sponsorship Program

2800+ orphan children received support in 11 countries



### Educational Relief

Disbursed over \$160,000 on educational relief projects



### Healthcare

Spent over \$211,000 on hospital, clinic construction and medical supplies projects



### Women Empowerment

Provided aid to over 100 widows & women in need



### Disaster & Emergency Relief

Spent over \$213,000 in disaster & emergency relief projects



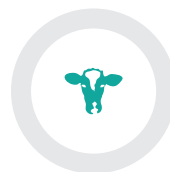
### Microfinancing

Assisted needy individuals to gain financial independence through interest free microfinance loans



### Water for Life

Invested over \$90,000 on clean water projects



### Global Zabiha

Provided fresh Qurbani meat to about 750,000 needy people in 16 countries & spent over \$625,000

# — Our — Initiatives



## DOMESTIC PROGRAMS



### Maryam Home (Women's Shelter)

A temporary safe shelter for women experiencing abuse



### Resource Centers & Food Banks

Served over 53,000 individuals through our 10 food banks



### Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

Brought 93 people (30 families) to Canada, and processed over 100 applications



### Domestic Zakat Program

Provided over \$41,000 in financial assistance to 43 families in Canada



### Family Counselling

Counselled more than 200 families



### Seniors' Support

Engaged seniors in culturally welcoming and inclusive environments



### Matrimonial Support

Registered and introduced over 200 new families and facilitated successful matching of candidates



### Funeral Support

Provided funeral & burial support to 3 needy families



### Foster Parenting

Raised awareness and provided guidance on how to become a foster parent



### Youth Leadership Development Program

Over 80 youth participated in this program

## Country-wise Disbursements



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



### DISASTER & EMERGENCY RELIEF

Bangladesh	\$15,270
Burma	\$3,636
East Africa	\$79,124
Haiti	\$11,188
Nepal	\$12,961
Pakistan	\$3,117
Palestine	\$2,716
Relief General	\$11,364
Syria	\$74,222



### EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

India	\$64,127
Pakistan	\$96,825



### HEALTHCARE

Pakistan	\$211,213
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### MICROFINANCING

India	\$19,495
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### ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Afghanistan	\$34,500
Bangladesh	\$66,300
Bosnia	\$6,000
India	\$151,950
Iraq	\$9,000
Kenya	\$28,800
Lebanon (Syrians)	\$87,300
Pakistan	\$420,180
Palestine	\$96,000
Sri Lanka	\$45,000
Sierra Leone	\$24,030
Misc.	\$30,338



### WATER FOR LIFE

India	\$64,183
Pakistan	\$26,809



### GLOBAL ZABIHA

Afghanistan	\$15,200
Bangladesh	\$40,000
Bosnia	\$3,025
Burma	\$25,938
Canada	\$21,207
India	\$129,268
Indonesia	\$9,550
Kashmir	\$36,350
Kenya	\$13,450
Nepal	\$12,420
Pakistan	\$139,280
Palestine	\$52,531
Somalia	\$46,300
Sri Lanka	\$14,425
Syria	\$58,538
Tanzania	\$8,175





# Disbursements — for — Domestic Programs



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

India	\$4,820
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## ORPHANAGE CONSTRUCTION

Pakistan	\$113,566
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## RAMADAN (ZAKAT-UL-FITR)

Bangladesh	\$10,000
Burma	\$45,000
Canada	\$6,501
India	\$20,000
Nepal	\$10,000
Pakistan	\$22,500

## SADAQA / AQEEQA

Bangladesh	\$24,720
Canada	\$9,312
India	\$6,200
Pakistan	\$22,097

**TOTAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM  
DISBURSEMENTS: \$2,616,021**

## DISBURSEMENTS

Funds	\$747,496
(In-Kind)	\$1,499,750

Through Our 10 Resource Centres  
& Food Banks Located in:

Calgary  
Edmonton  
Hamilton-Brantford  
Milton  
Mississauga  
Montreal  
Ottawa  
Scarborough  
Surrey  
Thorncliffe

**TOTAL DOMESTIC PROGRAM  
DISBURSEMENTS: \$2,247,246**

**TOTAL PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS \$4,863,267**

\*Financial Details are Subject to Audit.

# Financial Summary

January - December 2016

## REVENUE

TOTAL \$10,182,104

In-Kind (Food Banks)  
\$1,499,750

Allocations for  
2016 Programs  
\$2,452,736



Fund Collections  
\$6,229,618

## COLLECTIONS

\$7,729,368

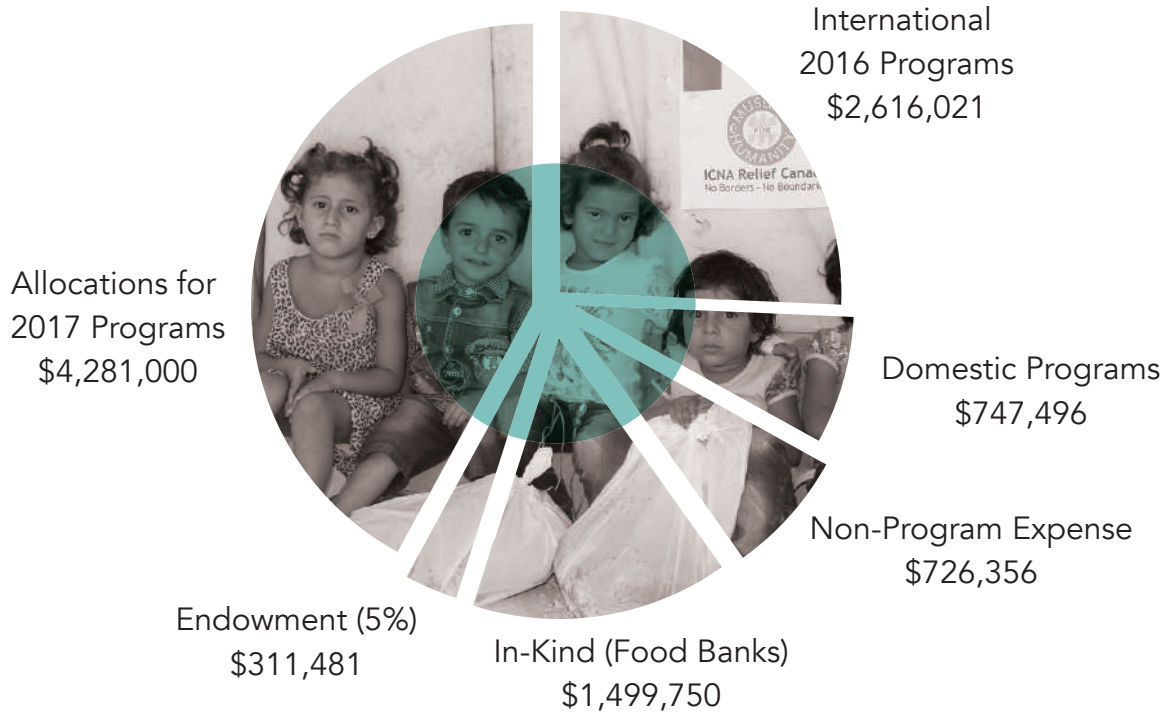
In-Kind  
\$1,499,750



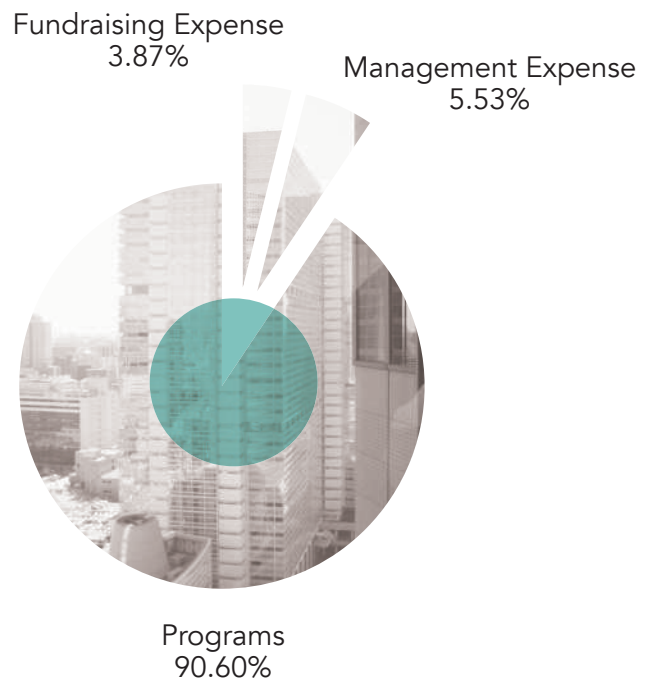
Funds  
\$6,229,618

# DISBURSEMENTS

TOTAL \$10,182,104



## PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES



# International Programs



## HEALTHCARE

ICNA Relief Canada provides many healthcare facilities and services worldwide. We help build hospitals, sponsor hospital operations, help setup emergency medical clinics in disaster zones and more. In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada invested over \$ 211,000 on several major healthcare projects in Pakistan. These included funding for the construction and operation of full-fledged hospitals, clinics, mobile clinics, medical camps, diagnostic labs and ambulances.

Disbursements on Healthcare Projects in 2016:

AKFP, Pakistan	\$211,213
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## EDUCATIONAL RELIEF

Everyone would agree that a good Educational System is paramount to a nation's success. With this in mind, ICNA Relief Canada continually invests in Education and in School Facility improvement projects in the developing world. In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada spent over \$160,000 for several crucial Educational Support and Relief initiatives in India and Pakistan. Projects included the renovation and/or expansion of primary schools, post-secondary education scholarships, skill enhancement programs, provision of school supplies such as desks, uniforms and other financial support for schools serving the poorest children and adults from rural and slum areas. Many of the most destitute people benefitting from our educational projects live in regions and countries suffering from abject poverty, war or natural disasters.

Note: The above are in addition to the educational programs that ICNA Relief Canada supports for orphan children under our Orphan Sponsorship Program in 11 countries.

Disbursements on Educational Relief Projects in 2016:

India	\$64,127
Pakistan	\$96,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,952</b>



# DISASTER AND EMERGENCY RELIEF

In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada conducted awareness & fundraising campaigns for several international disasters and disbursed over \$213,000 in Disaster and Emergency Relief projects, including:

**Syria Relief**



**Burma Relief**



**Gaza Relief**



**Nepal Earthquake**



**South Asian Floods**



**East Africa Relief**



**Haiti Earthquake**



Of the total spent on Disaster and Emergency Relief, ICNA Relief Canada invested \$74,000 to deliver emergency aid and supplies for Syria, and over \$79,000 to provide emergency food, shelter, and basic necessities in response to the East Africa Crisis.

## Disbursements on Disaster and Emergency Relief in 2016

Syria	\$74,222
East Africa	\$79,124
Bangladesh	\$15,270
Haiti	\$11,188
Nepal	\$12,961
Relief General	\$11,364
Burma	\$3,636
Palestine	\$2,716
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$213,598</b>



## ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Our largest and most popular initiative, the Orphan Sponsorship Program saw an investment of close to \$1 million dollars in 11 different countries for the support of over 2800 orphan children in 2016. Currently, we are sponsoring over 3500 orphan children.

Additionally, we are helping to construct an entire residential block for a new orphanage project in Pakistan called "Aghosh Murree". We invested \$113,566 for this project in 2016.

Country	Disbursement Amount (\$)	# of Orphans Sponsored
Afghanistan	\$34,500	115
Bangladesh	\$66,300	221
Bosnia	\$6,000	20
India	\$151,950	506
Iraq	\$9,000	15
Kenya	\$28,800	60
Lebanon (Syrians)	\$87,300	100
Pakistan	\$420,180	1400
Palestine	\$96,000	160
Sierra Leone	\$24,030	80
Sri Lanka	\$45,000	150

### Orphanage Construction Disbursement in 2016:

Pakistan	\$113,566
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# Wish to be with *Rasulullah* (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) in Paradise?

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said,  
**"I AND THE PERSON WHO LOOKS  
AFTER AN ORPHAN WILL BE TOGETHER  
IN PARADISE LIKE THIS," PUTTING HIS  
INDEX AND MIDDLE FINGERS  
TOGETHER TO ILLUSTRATE.**

**Sponsor an  
Orphan for  
\$1/day**

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF CHANGING  
A CHILD'S LIFE

It is estimated that 140 million  
children worldwide are orphans!

**Donate Now**

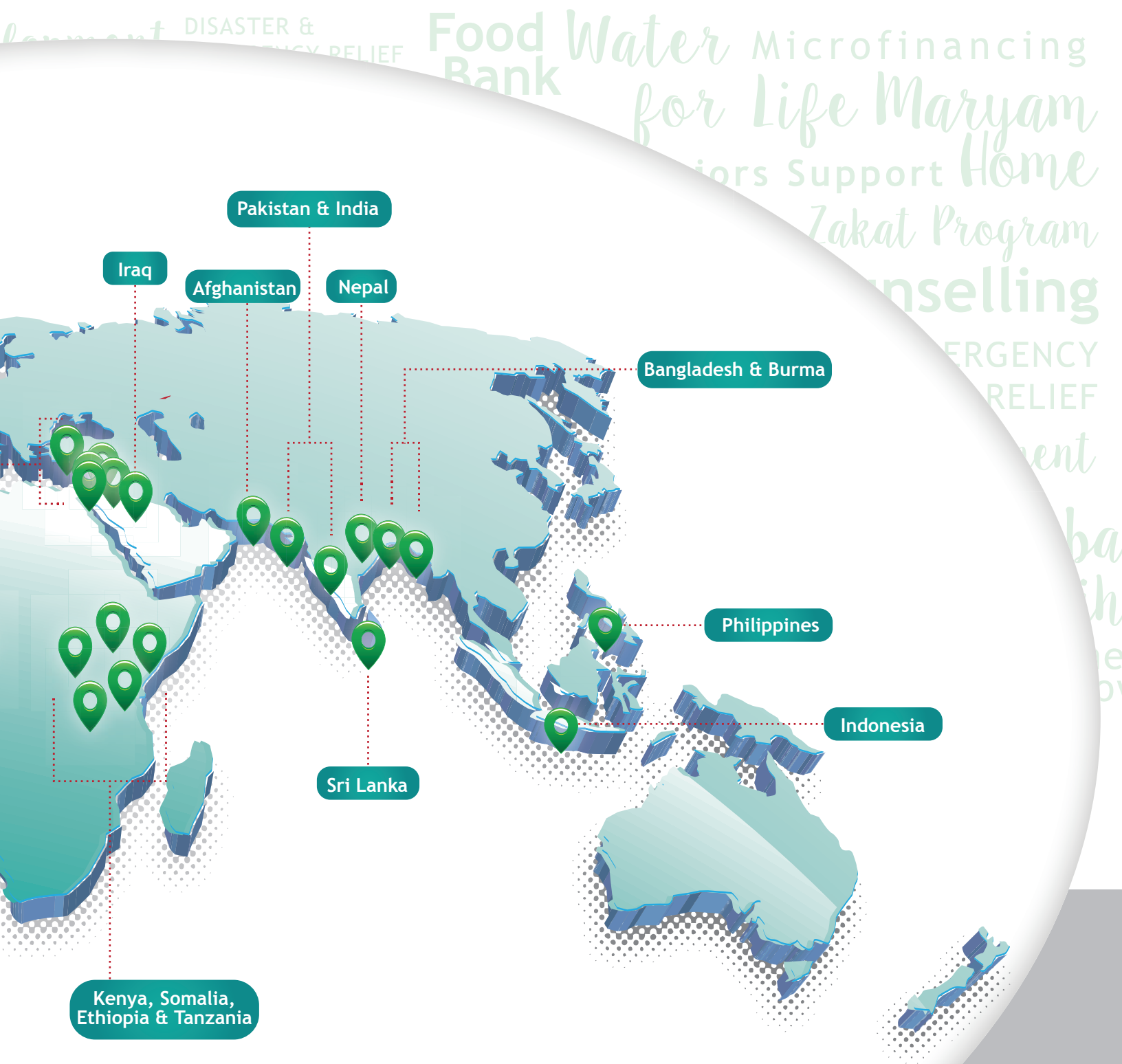
[www.icnareliefcanada.ca/orphan-sponsorship](http://www.icnareliefcanada.ca/orphan-sponsorship)



Countries  
Served  
— 2016 —







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SINCE 1997**



## WATER FOR LIFE

ICNA Relief Canada realizes the importance of clean water in helping to build and maintain healthy, prosperous communities in the developing world. In 2016, we invested over \$90,000 on various water projects in India & Pakistan that help over 1,000 people to access clean water and healthy sanitation facilities every day.

Disbursements on Water for Life Program in 2016:

India	\$64,183
Pakistan	\$26,809
Total	\$90,992





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# GIVE WATER, SAVE LIVES

**WATER IS SCARCE FOR 1 BILLION PEOPLE.**

1 in 9 people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean drinking water.

1 out of every 5 deaths under the age of 5 worldwide is due to a water-related disease.

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said,

**“THE BEST FORM OF  
CHARITY IS GIVING  
WATER (TO DRINK).”**

**SPONSOR A WATER PROJECT TODAY!**

India: \$1,500 / well

Pakistan: \$1,550 / well

East Africa: \$7,000 / well

<https://icnareliefcanda.ca/water-for-life>

## GLOBAL ZABIHA/ UDHIYA/QURBANI

ICNA Relief Canada provides a vital and very convenient service to Canadian benefactors who wish that their sacrificial meat be of benefit to the less privileged. On behalf of those donors, ICNA Relief Canada arranges animal sacrifices in different countries through its 1) Global Zabiha Program and 2) Aqeeqa Sadaqa Project. ICNA Relief Canada distributes sacrificial fresh meat to those who rarely have the opportunity to have meat or protein in their daily meals.

In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada successfully arranged nearly 8,000 Goat and/or Cow share orders totaling over \$625,000 – an initiative that, Alhamdulillah, benefitted and enabled an estimated 750,000 needy people across 16 countries to enjoy Fresh Meat on Eid-ul-Adha!

Disbursements for Global Zabiha in 2016:

Afghanistan	\$15,200	Kenya	\$13,450
Bangladesh	\$40,000	Nepal	\$12,420
Bosnia	\$3,025	Pakistan	\$139,280
Burma	\$25,938	Palestine	\$52,531
Canada	\$21,207	Somalia	\$46,300
India	\$129,268	Sri Lanka	\$14,425
Indonesia	\$9,550	Syria	\$58,538
Kashmir	\$36,350	Tanzania	\$8,175
		Total	\$625,657



## ZAKAT-UL-FITR (FITRA)

We pay Zakat-ul-Fitr at the end of Ramadan as a token of thankfulness to Allah for having enabled us to observe fasts and help the poor and needy, so that everyone can happily celebrate Eid together. ICNA Relief Canada's Zakat-ul-Fitr project ensures that your Zakat-ul-Fitr reaches the deserving people before Eid day so that everyone can happily celebrate Eid together. In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada disbursed \$114,001 for Ramadan Food and Eid Gift Distribution to help the needy in Canada, Nepal, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Burma.

Disbursements in 2016:

Bangladesh	\$10,000
Burma	\$45,000
Canada	\$6,501
India	\$20,000
Nepal	\$10,000
Pakistan	\$22,500
Total	\$114,001

## SADAQA & AQEEQA

ICNA Relief Canada arranged over 400 goat/lamb sacrifices totaling over \$62,000 that benefitted an estimated 12,000 needy people in four countries through Sadaqa & Aqeeqa projects.

Disbursements in 2016:

Bangladesh	\$24,720
Canada	\$9,312
India	\$6,200
Pakistan	\$22,097
Total	\$62,329



# ZAKATAPPEAL

**DONATE YOUR ZAKAT,  
SADAQA, FITRA,  
FIDYA, AND KAFFARA**

## **TRANSFORM PEOPLE'S LIVES IN OVER 22 COUNTRIES**

Encourage your local Masajids, Family and Friends to share Zakat, Fitra, Sadaqa with ICNA Relief Canada

- "Fidya" is a charity paid by individuals who cannot fulfill the obligation of fasting due to illness or old age.
- "Kaffara" is a mandatory charity for those who deliberately miss or break a day of fast in Ramadan without a valid reason.
- Zakat-ul-Fitr is paid by the head of the household for each member of the family, before Eid-ul-Fitr prayer.

**Donate Now [www.icnareliefcanada.ca/donate](http://www.icnareliefcanada.ca/donate)**



# International —Visits—

Members of ICNA Relief Canada's team periodically visit our international projects to ensure accountability and transparency of spending, projects' progress, quality of service, and to share constructive feedback with our partners. In 2016, ICNA Relief Canada (IRC)'s Executive Director, Shaukat Hussain, & IRC's ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Chaudhry travelled to Pakistan and Azad Kashmir, visited our projects in both regions, met with local partners and brought the following brief reports for our donors.

## PAKISTAN VISIT

### Orphanage Construction: Completion & Opening

ICNA Relief Canada, with the help of its local partner Alkhidmat Foundation Pakistan has completed the construction of a Hostel Block with a capacity of 250 orphans at Aghosh Murree. The inauguration ceremony was held on December 11, 2016, at the Aghosh Murree Complex.



Aghosh Sheikhopura, Pakistan: The orphanage in Shaikupura is home for many orphans



Inauguration of Orphanage in Muree, Pakistan



### Healthcare Projects

Ambassador of ICNA Relief Canada, Abdul Ghafoor Chaudhry, visited the Blood Bank at Suraya Azeem Hospital Lahore. This lab provides blood services, as well as research for the scientific progress of healthcare. Like this project, ICNA Relief Canada has been investing in many healthcare projects in different countries providing quality, easy, less expensive and even free health services to the needy.

### Wheel Chair Distribution

Having a necessity for a wheel chair but being unable to afford one can impede life. IRC's delegation attended a New Wheel Chair distribution ceremony by Alkhidmat Foundation in Lahore, Pakistan.

### Mother and Child Healthcare Centre

Shaukat Hussain visited the under-construction Mother and Child Healthcare Centre in Talagang to monitor the progress of the work. This





A visit to one of  
Chazali's rural  
schools

With special needs  
students at a  
Chazali School



Winter Package Distribution  
to orphan children at a  
Chazali Rural School in  
Pakistan



Ambassador of ICNA Relief  
Canada, Abdul Ghafoor  
Chaudhry, visited the Blood  
Bank at Suraya Azeem  
Hospital Lahore.



Our delegation at  
the wheel chair  
distribution ceremony



hospital is planned to be inaugurated by its donors in later 2017, Insha Allah. This is the first ever project of its kind in the area and will be serving thousands of needy people of the region every month.

## Microfinancing Projects

ICNA Relief Canada's delegation was pleased to learn about the success stories of the beneficiaries of this project. It is amazing how our small amount of donations/loans given with dignity change people's lives forever, give them hope and freedom, and help them to be independent.

## Street Children Protection

Shaukat Hussain, visited the Child Protection Centre in Lahore, and distributed hygiene kits among the children. These centres are set up by Alkhidmat Foundation to educate street children in Pakistan.



Shaukat Hussain visited the  
under-construction Mother  
and Child Health Centre in  
Talagang.

Shaukat Hussain visited  
the Child Protection  
Centre in Lahore, and  
distributed hygiene kits  
among the children



IRC's delegation at the Higher  
Education Scholarship  
distribution ceremony in  
Lahore, Pakistan.





Abdul Ghafoor Chaudhry inaugurated the newly built school building in November 2016

## AZAD KASHMIR VISIT

### Water for Life: Project Inauguration

Shaukat Hussain inaugurated the Gift of Clean Water at Baharing, Azad Kashmir. About 400 young children will get clean drinking water at their door step through this project. ICNA Relief Canada has funded hundreds of Water for Life projects in developing countries. It's a great cause to contribute for.

### A Gift of Future

A state-of-the-art school is a gift of love and hope from Abdul Ghafoor Chaudhry to the young children of Baharing, Azad Kashmir. Abdul Ghafoor Chaudhry inaugurated the newly built school building in November 2016.

### Orphanage in Azad Kashmir

Funded by ICNA Relief Canada, the Orphanage in Rawalakot, Azad Kashmir was visited by Shaukat Hussain. This centre has been accommodating 50 orphans since 2013. ICNA Relief Canada ensures every orphan's excellent upbringing while providing all their basic needs including safe shelter, healthy food, and quality education.



Shaukat Hussain inaugurated the Gift of Clean Water at Baharing school in Azad Kashmir.



The Orphanage in Bagh, Azad Kashmir was visited by our Executive Director, Shaukat Hussain.





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# Domestic Programs



## RESOURCE CENTRES & FOOD BANKS

ICNA Relief Canada (IRC) operates Resource Centres in the following 10 Canadian cities:

- Brantford & Hamilton, ON
- Calgary, AB
- Edmonton, AB
- Milton, ON
- Mississauga, ON
- Montreal, QC
- Ottawa, ON
- Scarborough, ON
- Surrey, BC
- Thorncliffe, ON

regularly, and run food drives for them. IRC's Mississauga food bank is supported by the Mississauga Food Bank, Thorncliffe Food Bank is supported by the Daily Bread, and Sadaqa Food Bank, Ottawa is supported by the Ottawa Food Bank. Free supplies from the mainstream food banks help IRC's food banks increase their inventory of food and enable them to serve more clients on a regular basis.

Each resource center aims to provide the following 11 programs:

1. Food Bank
2. Muslim Family Services
3. Seniors Support
4. Matrimonial Services
5. Funeral Support Fund
6. Foster Parenting
7. Domestic Zakat Program
8. Youth Programs
9. Maryam Home (Women Shelter)
10. Syrian Refugee Sponsorship
11. Emergency Relief Service



The Food Bank is the main component in all of its resource centers. IRC's food banks are always inclusive, open to all, honor people's dignity, privacy and provide quality service and Halal food. In 2016, IRC's ten food banks served over 52,000 individuals (about 13,500) families across Canada and two schools in Mississauga and Brampton.

Three of IRC's food banks collaborate with mainstream food banks, get food supplies from them





## MUSLIM FAMILY SERVICES

IRC's Muslim Family Services (MFS) department strives to preserve and strengthen Canadian Muslim families and their values. Over 200 people received counselling services under this initiative for their emotional well-being.

Additionally, ICNA Relief Canada organized many events in promoting family values, social justice and networking. We appreciate Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of Mississauga, for attending one of these programs and honoring us with a certificate of appreciation.

## SENIORS' SUPPORT

Aging can create many challenges for our seniors, some of which increase their susceptibility to depression and other illnesses. Lack of attention and access to opportunities for healthy socialization can worsen many adverse situations for the elderly. IRC's Seniors' Support Program aims to engage seniors in culturally inviting and inclusive environments. Events such as social networking, picnics, tours, computer classes, information sessions, exercise and games were organized in 2016. Special thanks goes to the ICNA Canada Sisters Wing for supporting these programs.

Moreover, Montreal Resource Centre

launched a small thrift shop to sell new donated items. It engages senior ladies as volunteers and generates revenues to support more needy people in the area.

## MATRIMONIAL SERVICES

Finding suitable marriage partners for Muslim youth in the West has become a major need and challenge for many immigrant families. To alleviate this problem, IRC launched a free, fully functional matrimonial service in July 2012 for the community. From the beginning, this initiative has been welcomed with great enthusiasm and is constantly evolving. Prospective candidates and/or their families are invited to register on the ICNA Relief Canada website and consult with our matrimonial services team.

In 2016, IRC organized several sold-out social events and educational seminars on marriage, where individuals and families learned more about the Islamic perspective on marriage and were able to make positive connections. Over 200 new families registered for IRC's matrimonial service. Many people received pre-marital counselling services.

fund to assist needy families in covering the costs related to funerals. In 2016, IRC collected \$8,963 and disbursed \$8,013 to assist 3 needy families for burials.

## FOSTER PARENTING

Foster Parenting is a model whereby trained foster parents provide care to children in safe, nurturing, and healthy family environments when the children's own families are unable to do so for various reasons. IRC's foster parenting initiative connects people interested in becoming foster parents with their local Children's Aid Society (CAS). IRC also organizes seminars, workshops, khutbahs, and presentations in raising awareness and provides guidance on how to become a foster parent, especially within the Muslim community.

In 2016, IRC ran a khutbah campaign on foster parenting, providing necessary information to the community on a regular basis, organized two seminars in Mississauga and Milton in collaboration with Peel CAS, and an information session in Calgary. Three new families became foster parents in 2016 through this initiative.

## FUNERAL SUPPORT FUND

Today, the cost of purchasing a grave plot, and even the most modest funeral arrangements for a departed loved one can often reach into thousands of dollars. For many, these expenses are simply unaffordable and they are forced to rely on friends, family, and community members for financial help. To alleviate this problem, IRC has established a funeral support







## SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (SRS)

In Oct 2015, IRC launched a new program "Syrian Refugee Sponsorship" known as (SRS) aiming to bring 100 Syrian Refugee families to Canada. Alhamdulillah, 93 people (30 Syrian Families) came to Canada in 2016 through this initiative. Moreover, recently we welcomed our 31st family in March 2017.

SRS brought and settled 93 Syrians (30 families) in the following cities

City	Number of Families	Number of People
Brantford	4	10
Chatham	1	9
Milton	19	47
Mississauga	3	10
Oakville	3	17
Total	30	93

IRC could not achieve this without our sponsoring groups, group leaders, donors and volunteers and their continued generosity, support and patience. IRC's sponsoring groups provide full settlement and financial support to each of these families for at least one year starting from the day they arrived in Canada. In February 2017, IRC organized a well attended appreciation brunch for its sponsoring groups, volunteers, and sponsored families. Thanks to Iqra Khalid, MP, for honouring IRC with an appreciation certificate at this event for IRC's continued commitment and contribution in sponsoring Syrian Refugee Families and providing them settlement services.

Additionally, IRC submitted over 60 applications to the Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada (IRCC). IRC hopes and prays that the rest of families will come to Canada soon, Insha Allah.







# SYRIA RELIEF

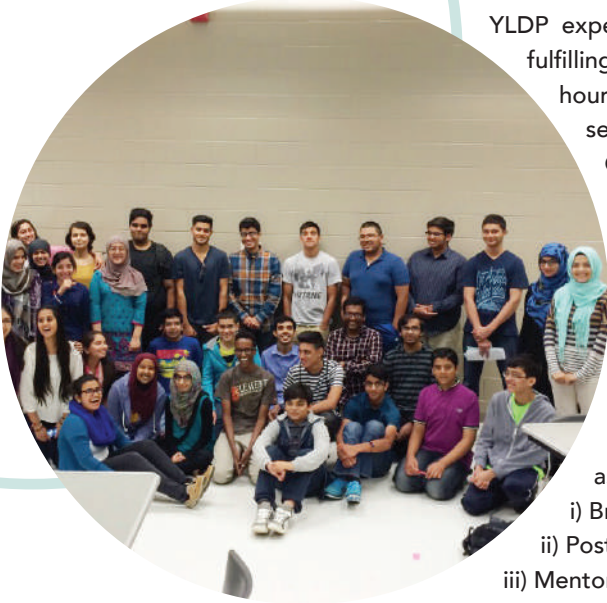
We spent over  
**\$1.5 Million** providing  
Education, Healthcare,  
Winter Supplies,  
Qurbani/Udhiya, Orphan  
Sponsorship, Food and  
Water to needy Syrians  
since 2012

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## HELP US

- ➔ Sponsor a family to come to Canada
- ➔ Settle landed Syrians in Canada
- ➔ Serve Syrian refugees
- ➔ Sponsor a Syrian orphan





YLDP experience also counts towards fulfilling part of the 40 volunteer hours required to complete their secondary school diploma.

Online registrations for summer 2017 are open now on our website at:

[www.icnareliefcanada.ca/yldp](http://www.icnareliefcanada.ca/yldp)

Additionally in 2016, IRC organized many youth empowering programs such as:

- i) Bridging the Gap Fair
- ii) Post-Secondary Pathways Fair
- iii) Mentorship Appreciation Event

## YOUTH CENTRE

Moreover, IRC launched a new Youth Centre in Mississauga. It provides a safe, healthy and Halal space for youth to be personally empowered, socially engaged, morally energized, and spiritually connected with Allah to be qualified future leaders in serving humanity with dignity.

ICNA Relief Canada received a certificate of appreciation from Maple Wood School for its contribution to the 'Leader in Me' fair.

## MARYAM HOME (WOMENS' SHELTER)

Maryam Home is to be a temporary safe shelter for women experiencing abuse and is the newest major local program initiative by IRC. In 2015, IRC purchased the property in a stable and secure Mississauga middle-class neighborhood to create a space for women fleeing abusive relationships and looking for a safe living environment. Maryam Home aims to welcome all women needing shelter & seeks primarily to help single Muslim women from the GTA who find themselves in abusive and/or threatening situations. This

temporary residence will serve Halal food and provide its female residents with a variety of culturally compatible counselling and wellness services. Qualified caregivers and staff will help them return to living normal, respectful and dignified lives.

However, due to zoning issues, IRC is in the process of relocating the Maryam home. Until then, Maryam home is being used as a temporary residence for Syrian Refugee single mothers along with their young children.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF SERVICES IN CANADA

On top of the above regular programs, in 2016, IRC also provided emergency relief services in Canada after different tragic events such as the Fort McMurray Wildfire.

Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief: With support of ICNA Edmonton, IRC provided help to 2000 people, spent over \$50,000, distributed emergency relief kits, and extended services through its volunteer team.

House Explosion in Mississauga: In collaboration with the Region of Peel, IRC also provided emergency relief, food and monetary support to the victims, who were affected by a tragic explosion in a Mississauga neighbourhood, in 2016.



## DOMESTIC ZAKAT PROGRAM

Each year, IRC receives many applications for financial assistance from needy Muslim Canadians. After a careful assessment, IRC provides a reasonable and dignified one time amount of monetary relief from its general Zakat fund to the neediest applicants to alleviate their financial burden. In 2016, Alhamdulillah, 43 Canadian Muslim families received over \$41,000 in financial help from IRC's domestic Zakat fund.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (YLDP)

Each summer, IRC's YLDP program helps impart valuable skills to high school students through a creative "learning while doing" approach. The program consists of seminars and exciting field projects in personal development, organization, communication, community activism and social skills. During July and August of 2016, the YLDP program was held in the city of Mississauga, ON. Over 80 students participated in this successful annual event. For Ontario high school students,

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