



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2023



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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



As we reflect on the journey of Our Helpers, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I pen this note, marking the end of my first year as Chief Executive Director during our momentous 10th year of unwavering service to the community.

This year has been a testament to our collective efforts and dedication, as we have seen our impact amplify by an astounding 300 percent in some initiatives. Our work, deeply rooted in the heart of our community, has not only garnered recognition but also brought forth significant awards that underscore the importance of our mission.

Celebrating a decade of service, we stand on the foundation laid by our visionary founder, Hodan Mohammed, whose leadership and passion have been pivotal in guiding our journey. Alongside our esteemed Board of Directors, whose wisdom and support have been instrumental, we have navigated challenges and harnessed opportunities, proving our resilience and commitment.

This milestone, a decade of service, is more than a measure of time; it is a celebration of the lives touched, communities transformed, and the unwavering spirit of service that defines us. We are well positioned to continue as a driving force to help immigrant and refugee families usher in a transition from simply surviving to thriving.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to deepening our impact, fostering innovation, and serving as a beacon of hope and change. Here's to the next decade of service, growth, and community transformation.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dr. Dorothy Hassan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

DR. DOROTHY HASSAN

Chief Executive Officer

OUR STORY SO FAR

OUR MISSION

Our Helpers is on a mission to improve the lives of immigrant and refugee families by connecting and providing resources in all aspects of human services.

OUR VISION

Our Helpers works towards a greater vision to inspire full integration of immigrant and refugee families by connecting Central Ohio through mutual understanding.

PRIORITY AREAS 2024

- Housing Stability
- Workforce Development
- Youth Summer Leadership
- Mental Health Awareness





2023

~~2022~~ Impact

88

~~200~~

Engaged
young Black
men

74

~~16~~

Certified
Mental Health
First Aiders

8

~~6~~

International
languages
spoken by
staff

49

~~38~~

ESL conversation students

473

~~80~~

Families
assisted with
rent and
utilities

~~1836~~ 4085

Meals Provided (produce and
groceries)

28

~~3~~

Volunteers
engaged

82

Adult learners in
Upskill course

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

FaithFLASH

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Dorothy Hassan of Our Helpers Organization in partnership with Operation Warm was able to disperse coats to eligible kids in her community.



Through The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives' (GOFBCI's) Compassion Map 2.0, organizations are starting to develop partnerships, which has always been one of our main goals here at GOFBCI. These partnerships help community leaders provide more services to those in need. This is why we continue to encourage everyone to join our Compassion Map 2.0. Dorothy Hassan of Our Helpers Organization partnered with Operation Warm and was able to distribute coats to eligible kids in her community.

Click the links below to join or see our Compassion Map 2.0

Join our Compassion Network!

Get your nonprofit on the Ohio Compassion Map 2.0



[Click Here](#)

See who's on the map!

Here is the link to the Compassion Map 2.0



[Click Here](#)



Dorothy Hassan with some of the community children receiving coats from Operation Warm.



Thank you to the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for featuring our work in their Holiday Faith Flash Newsletter. Thank you to Operation Warm for the opportunity to serve our community better.

OCTOBER 2023

500

COATS DISTRIBUTED TO 92 FAMILIES



Thank you to *Motherful* for sharing and allowing Our Helpers to serve free produce and groceries to community members at such a critical time of the year.

2023

4085

MEALS PROVIDED TO



OUR LIGHT



Our Helpers and MYR celebrated the end of an epic 7th season of the Our Light program in December 2023. Congratulations to the season champions and good luck in Texas as they represent us at the Muslim Champions League.

88

YOUNG MEN AGES 18-24



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

74

**CERTIFIED MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AIDERS**



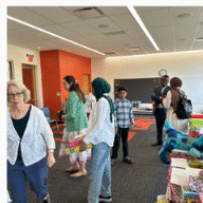
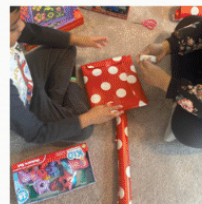
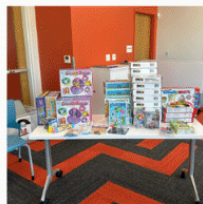
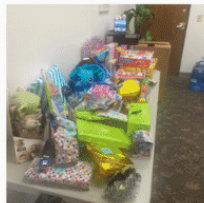
A COMMUNITY OF WELLNESS



More masjid leaders, school and masjid teachers, coaches, youth program organizers, and parents are now equipped with the skills to offer initial support and guide individuals towards appropriate mental health care. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mental Health America of Ohio for enabling us to certify 74 mental health first aiders from the immigrant and refugee communities in Franklin County, Ohio, enhancing their ability to foster a supportive and understanding environment.

EID TOYS FOR MUSLIM CHILDREN

Eid Toys 2023



222
CHILDREN SERVED

EID AL FITR AND EID AL ADHA

Every family deserves to share the joy of toys with their children during the holiday season. With the help of a large donation from Motherful, private donations of toys, \$300+, and a handful of volunteers including our esteemed Board of Directors, Our Helpers distributed new, freshly wrapped age-appropriate toys to 222 Muslim children, ages 4-14 in Central Ohio.

WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT



82

GOOGLE IT CERTIFICATE
LEARNERS

49

ADULT ESL LEARNERS

UPSKILL INITIATIVE

* Through a Grow with Google Partnership, Our Helpers offered the following Google IT certificates :

Certificates Available

Google IT Support Professional Certificate,
Google UX Design Professional Certificate,
Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate,
Google IT Automation Professional Certificate,
Google Project Management Professional Certificate,
Google Digital Marketing & E-Commerce Professional Certificate,
Google Cybersecurity Certificate,
Google Business Intelligence

ESL CLASSES

* Virtual ESL classes served 49 female students. Our Helpers was a beacon of safety and hope for New American women looking to be productive contributors in their communities. Thank you to our volunteer instructors.

ASHA AHMED
ESL TEACHER
I am an ESL volunteer teacher with Our Helpers which serves to support immigrant communities to have a better quality of life. I assist this organization by providing a space for new English speakers to practice and improve their speaking skills. This is important to me as I enjoy helping people who are disadvantaged gain empowerment to achieve their goals.

RAZIA ANSARI
ESL TEACHER
I am Razia from Afghanistan. I am a student at Arizona State University Global Launch. I have taken my experience and vowed to help other women like me start over. I teach the ESL conversation course for basic level native language Dari speakers and we have created a space of sisterhood and support. Both students and I look forward to the time we spend together learning and fellowshiping.

HOUSING STABILITY

473

FAMILIIES ASSISTED WITH RENT AND UTILITIES



Through the City of Columbus rental and utility assistance program, Our Helpers provides a vital lifeline for those in need of housing support. We offer services in eight languages including Somali, Swahili, French, Arabic, Pashtu, Dari, English, and Lingala, ensuring a wide range of communities can access the help they need. For detailed information about income requirements, visit www.rentful614.com, where all the necessary guidelines and steps are clearly outlined.

Our Helpers was happy to host walk in clinics at both the Columbus Metropolitan Library Hilliard Branch and Whetstone Branch. Special priority was given to individuals with an eviction notice. The intake workers at the walk in clinics offered language inclusive services to the Arabic and Pashto speaking families.



AWARDS



**THINK
MAKE
LIVE**
Youth

Our Light and MYR received The Social Justice Award from *Think Make Live*.



26th Annual Banquet Columbus 2023 awarded Dr. Dorothy Hassan with the CAIR-Ohio's Community Empowerment Award.

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AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

OPERATION WARM: MORE THAN A COAT

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