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INDIAN MUSLIM RELIEF & CHARITIES

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Hope for India's Muslims and minorities since 1981

Real Solutions for Real Needs. We Provide:



Economic and educational assistance to orphan & destitute children



Emergency relief and medical aid



Awareness on the plight of marginalized communities in India.

There's a Muslim family in India today that still wonders where they're going to sleep tonight, how they're going to eat their next meal, and where to go next. They need a helping hand.

Millions of Muslims and minorities in India are fighting extreme poverty and turn to IMRC for support - and thanks to supporters like you they receive the relief they so desperately need.

It is your support of providing a hot meal, a pair of clothes, medicine, and shelter that helps them. It's been your support that has helped them through the darkest moments of their lives.

Your gift to them wasn't just a donation, it was hope. That hope is what they held on to, for survival.



Join us in celebrating

35 Years of Service in 2017!

Look out for a special program near you!

Our first project began with the sponsorship of 50 orphans. Today, Alhamdulillah, our projects range from education, emergency relief, medical aid, shelter and food.

It's through your dedication and commitment to supporting our work that we continue each year, and Insha'Allah many more years to come.

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Helping India's Muslims and minorities achieve security, freedom, and equality - Their rights as citizens of India.



Manzoor Ghori visited a group of students from West Bengal who were given scholarships to attend JIT.



New projects 2017! See more details on page 9.

1. Create ten new Skill Development Centers under the umbrella of JIT in the state of Bihar. Insha'Allah, IMRC will focus on having these centers in Muslim majority areas where poverty is high and opportunities for advancement are low. Our goal is to train 5,000 youth in 18 months. This program will focus on youth in grades 10-12 who have either dropped out of school or would like to enroll as an additional program with their studies.

2. Establish the Challenger Civil Services Academy. Classes began in October with 62 students enrolled. This program prepares students for civil service exams and other areas of administration in central and state governments of India.

3. Expand the Indo-US Hospital beyond its healthcare services and offer courses for nurse technicians, phlebotomy, emergency technicians and other vocational programs in healthcare.

4. Assist with the renovation of the Jama Masjid at the Aligarh Muslim University campus.

Message from the Executive Director

If you get a chance, sit down and speak with an elderly person, the sick, or someone who has lost someone dear to them. Listen to what they say. They will speak of a few things and one of them will most likely be about regrets.

I came to America in 1968 for school and to look for work. In two years, I landed my degree and my first job. It was the most I had ever made, that too in dollars. Each year, I began to progress and move further as a clinical scientist. You could say I had the 'American Dream.' I had a family, a home and a steady job. Alhamdulillah.

I visited Assam after the riots in 1983 and have kept that visit always with me. It was the first time I witnessed hate and ethnic cleansing. I grew up in India but was never exposed to such extreme poverty. I couldn't ignore the circumstances, the people, the lack of awareness and hate that a group of people had for minorities and Muslims, especially in a country that I grew up in. I knew then, whatever I did next, wouldn't be the same. I would have nothing but regrets if I left India and went back to my regular routine.

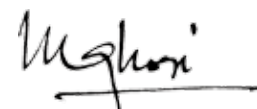
Alhamdulillah, 35 years later, I can say I'm glad a few friends and I began IMRC. It was one of the best decisions I made. I may not have had a lot of people who understood me, but many still supported me and the vision to help India's Muslims and minorities achieve security, freedom and equality - their rights as citizens of India. Every year since then, I take at least one trip back to India. With anticipation, I await the next opportunity to follow up with our team onsite, implementation partners and volunteers. Together, we've been able to bring back updates and news on what is needed by the people and how your support really has made a difference and continues to do so.

It's been 35 years, but India's minorities and Muslims are still facing discrimination more than ever. They have moved ahead economically, but also a step back with insecurities. Less than 2% of the Muslims are in higher positions to make decisions for the people, very low compared to the 15% of the entire population it holds. All of IMRC's projects address issues that our community faces, however, more work needs to be done. We need to progress further to prepare our people to be competitive, become more involved in the political process and begin projects that address these needs as well.

After my recent visit to India this past October, I am excited to announce the beginning of four new projects that will have a big impact, Insha'Allah. These four projects will further prepare our community to fight for its constitutional rights and make a difference in society. We look forward to your support and will Insha'Allah keep you posted of its progress.

On behalf of IMRC, we are excited for the coming year and look forward to your continuous and generous support. May Allah (SWT) bless you and your families and keep us on the right path always. Ameen.

Jazakh Allah khair



Manzoor Ghori
Executive Director
November, 2016



431 communities have access to clean water!

A human can go for more than three weeks without food, but water is a different story. An average of 3 to 5 days is the most a person can survive without water. Alhamdulillah, 431 communities now have access to local flowing water. This project began in 2013 and has continued with your support. Our water wells are specifically built centrally in rural communities to give access to everyone around regardless of anyone's faith.

Insha'Allah with your continued support we can build wells for more communities, improve sanitation, and reduce water-borne diseases.

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said: "The best charity is giving water to drink." (Ahmad)

Each bore well now costs approximately \$1,800. Help a community drink safe water by sponsoring a well today.

Project REED

(Rural Education & Economic Development)

Nearly reaches 100 sites!

This project has shown one of the largest impacts out of all the programs we've begun at IMRC. We began with an intention to build a school/masjid for

communities to have as a place of learning and self belonging. Each month we are given reports of the sites and how communities are doing. They spent Ramadan in taraweeh and sponsored community iftars. In addition to regular prayers, halaqa programs are offered for children and adults. Alhamdulillah, we've been able to build a water well at each location as well. Seven years from launching the program, we've now completed over 80 sites and have several more already in progress. Due to the popular demand and support we've been able to increase our goal to building 100 locations. A support of \$2000 is needed yearly at each site for maintenance and imam's salary.

Please keep us in your prayers and we hope to bring you news of the 100th site very soon, Insha'Allah!



WATER WELL PROJECT:

- Began in 2013
- Today 431 bore wells and hand pumps installed

PROJECT REED:

- Began in 2009
- Goal: to build 1 site/month
- 88 locations completed
- 6 are in progress



India Health Initiative and Healthcare Program

For a majority of the poor across India's rural areas, not seeing a doctor if you are sick isn't a choice - it's a reality they face.

For seven years, IMRC's India Health Initiative is held with a team of volunteer doctors from the United States who give their time and expertise for the poor and sick in India's poverty struck areas. They provide medical care to economically poor patients, who otherwise would not be able to afford the high cost of treatment nor have access to it otherwise.

This program has become so popular amongst the communities that the lines go far out the door of the temporary stations. People begin to travel from afar days ahead of time by foot or rickshaw for

that chance to be seen by a doctor. They wait in line sick, carrying their children or even elderly parents sometimes, for that hope of treatment.

It's a blessing that IMRC has been able to continue this program, and each year able to treat more and more patients with your help.

To provide health services access going year round, IMRC established the Indo-US Hospital in Hyderabad in 2012. Indo-US Hospital was founded with the primary intention of serving patients who could not afford costly treatments with diabetes or its related illnesses.



70% of India's population live in rural areas and have limited or no access at all to hospitals and clinics.
- Forbes India 2014



The 2016 IHI program treated and saw 5,775 patients in 3 weeks!

Help spread the word among other medical professionals to join our next trip.

Next trip coming Jan. 28 - Feb. 18, 2017!

Sites: Lucknow, Hyderabad and Dheradun (near Nepal)



Ramadan Program benefits 5.3 million!

IMRC's Feeding Program runs throughout Ramadan distributing grain packages to families, sponsoring iftars, fitra distribution before Eid and Eid clothes. We also held an Eid card drive, sending handmade cards from children in the US to 50 orphans in India, along with a new outfit. Jazakh Allah khair for your support.

Alhamdulillah, this past Ramadan we were able to provide over 5 million meals in grains across 22 states of India! Our planning begins several months prior to Ramadan in warehouses with the grain ordering, packaging and placing across our distribution centers.

This year was even more special since we were able to help Rohingya refugees that were displaced in Kashmir.

Qurbani Program benefits over 300,000!

Each year during the time of Eid-ul Adha, IMRC reaches out to the poverty struck areas in India to perform Qurbani and distribute its meat.

This year, in partnership with a grant from Islamic Relief, Islamic City and United Muslim Relief, we were able to exceed our goal of 5,000 Qurbani. Alhamdulillah, thousands of families were so happy on the day of Eid to receive a meat package. For the poor, having a meal with meat is a luxury.

RAMADAN 2016 YOU PROVIDED:

- 5 million meals in grains
- Over 100,000 cooked meals
- 187 tons of fitra to 65,590 people
- 11,125 new Eid outfits
- 414 Community sponsored iftars
- 21,490 grain packages to families

QURBANI 2016:

- 5,207 Qurbanis were performed
- 341 distribution centers across 17 states of India.
- Reached 311,940 beneficiaries

The impact of your generosity

Nissar Ahmad of Chandpora in Srinagar works as a laborer. He has difficulty making ends meet as he struggles to provide for his family, including a child with cerebral palsy. IMRC's Ramadan feeding program allowed him to focus on other pending needs and not have to worry about their next meal. "This month, I will be able to save money that I would be spending on food grains and from that money I shall be able to buy new clothes for Eid", said Nissar Ahmad. Each beneficiary had a different story of survival but all faced the burden of financial constraints.





Emergency Relief

We began the Emergency Relief Program due to the lack of support and medical aid for Muslims and minorities when natural and man-made disasters struck. In our 35 years of service, we have developed a core team of first responders. Our goal is to send our team onsite within 24-48 hours of the disaster for immediate assessment and action plan.

From floods, earthquakes, fires, communal riots and more, you have helped us respond and provide the needed supplies in a timely manner.

2016 was no different when it came to the amount of help needed for victims of a disaster. We focus on rural areas, primarily with women and children who become the most vulnerable to falling into poverty and abuse if relief isn't delivered immediately.

It's vital that we conduct an immediate assessment of the situation to fully understand the needs of the people.

This way we can get the right type of supplies to the location without wastage.



This family you see had a mud home, which was completely washed away during the Kashmir Floods. A temporary shed was built by the local community for this family. The father of the family is a laborer. He hardly earns Rs.300/day (\$4.60) only if he is able to find work for the day.



With IMRC's appeal for help, we were able to receive such a positive response that a new home was built in a few weeks! (Shown bottom left.) Jazakh Allah khair for bringing smiles, a sense of love and hope to this family. With each family we assist, there are several more that need our help.

Jazakh Allah khair!

EMERGENCY RELIEF

In 2016, you helped us respond to:

- Assam Floods
- Bihar Floods
- Assam Riots
- Hut fires in Duddukuru Village of West Godavari District, AP

Based on assessment, victims are provided with blankets, hygiene kits, medical services, aid and supplies, water purification tablets, warm clothes, womens hygiene kits and much more!

On occasion, special appeals come to IMRC which we cannot ignore. This past January was such a case. Read more on the story about the house we built in Kashmir (left).

Turning poverty around through education



It's an unfortunate scene when you witness young children roaming streets or working to help their families, when they should be enrolled in school. However, this is what is seen in poverty-struck slum regions.

This cycle repeats itself from generation to generation. The only proven way to move forward out of poverty is to begin with education. Once you spark an interest in education within a child and provide him with opportunities and support, the future for that child becomes limitless.

At IMRC, we have invested in educational programs and institutions from elementary age to university. Through your support we've been able to provide students with access to quality education, tuition, scholarships, uniforms, books and supplies. With the right tools and opportunities, these children can inspire others to attend school and become confident that there's hope for them, their family and community.

Challenger International School



CIS provides a unique integrated experience for students from impoverished backgrounds who may be orphans or destitute to study in a private state-of-the-art school with students from affluent backgrounds; both share the same school setting, community, and friendship. CIS has 675 students enrolled and the Challenger Girls Junior College is open with 67 students enrolled!

Jahangirabad Institute of Technology



This institution of higher learning focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Management. 90% of its students receive financial aid (\$2,000/year). Today, we have over 550 students and plan to increase each year. Future plans include building a girls dorm, College of Education, Business School, and Bachelors and Masters in Media, InshaAllah!

Indo-US Public Schools



This is a recent project we began in 2015. To truly make a difference we have brought quality education to the children. This project's goals are to begin 50 schools in slum areas across India. Each site costs \$35,000. Alhamdulillah, we now have 5 schools running with approximately 150 children in each school.



A Success Story!

Sameena Tasleem, a resident of Bandlaguda, Moinabad in Hyderabad, had always dreamt of becoming a doctor. The reality was however, much different. After finishing her 12th standard from MS Junior College, Malakpet with a good percentile, Sameena could not figure out how to finance her MBBS studies. She had selected a medical college, but her father, Md. Jamaluddin was a low-run government employee in the water supplies department and earned barely enough to make ends meet. There was no way he could have afforded to pay the annual fee of the college.

"I had always dreamt of becoming a doctor and I had put lot of efforts in my studies to get into the medical college. When I could join one, the financial constraints cropped in and jeopardized my dream," says Sameena.

Through one of her references, Sameena came to know about the IMRC scholarship program. She applied and got selected. The annual fee of Rs 70,000 is paid by IMRC to Shadan Institute of Medical Sciences where Sameena is now in her third year of MBBS. "If they (IMRC) hadn't helped me, I could not have pursued my dream," she adds.

New Projects for 2017

With each trip to India, we revisit our projects to check on their impact, effectiveness and ways of improvement. With every project IMRC began over the past 35 years, it was a solution to a problem. As we approach the end of the year, we look back and see if there's anything else in our capacity we can do. We are pleased to announce four new projects we will focus on. Insha'Allah, with your support these programs can be given the same attention and assistance as others. Together we can make a difference and lasting impact for our brothers and sisters.



Open 10 new Skill Development Centers with Gov't of Bihar



In line with IMRC's goal to provide education and assistance for children, we came across this project. The Government of Bihar has a program to empower the youth by providing them with skills for employment and to establish a wide network of training centers for them. Insha'Allah, our goal is to work with the Gov't of Bihar to bring this program into areas of Bihar where there are a majority of Muslims residing. Youth will be trained at these centers for english and computer skills.

This program is for youth in grades 10-12 that may have dropped out and need another chance to learn a skill or for current students who want to supplement their existing coursework.

Insha'Allah, IMRC's role in this project is to provide the equipment and trained staff for the centers. The infrastructure will be provided by the Government of Bihar. Our goal is to train 5,000 students in 18 months.

You can help a community that needs to further their skills by sponsoring a center. **Each centers costs \$10,000. A total of \$100,000 is needed for 10 centers.**

Expand the Indo-US Hospital in Health Education Program



Our Indo-US Hospital has been open for six years now. The five story hospital building focuses on providing healthcare for diabetes and its related illnesses.

We noticed that many inquiries were made about a training facility at our hospital. During the India Health Initiative program, we have held medical camps and preventative healthcare workshops for the public, but nothing else.

This past month, we were approved to expand the hospital and add a 6th floor. Insha'Allah, the next floor will house classrooms to provide vocational courses in healthcare. These courses will focus on vocational certificate programs in professions such as nurse technicians, emergency technicians, certified nursing assistants, phlebotomy, and more.

This project is in dire need of your assistance. Insha'Allah, with your support, we can raise the \$100,000 that is needed to expand its services.



Challenger Civil Services Academy

New! This program launched this year in September 2016. It's a three-tier integrated course which can prepare students for the Indian Administrative Services and other civil service exams. Experienced faculty (including former IAS officers), state-of-the art classrooms and designed coursework guide and prepare students for success! Now building a separate boys hostel for the academy!

ABOUT THE CIVIL SERVICES

Every year the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts the Civil Services examination across India to select about 1,000 candidates to serve in various wings of the administration in Central and State Governments.

COACHING FOR CIVIL SERVICES EXAM

The Civil Services Exam not only focuses on academic knowledge but also on the overall understanding of the society and finding solutions for contemporary problems. Coaching will help a student reach success in a timely and systematic manner. Our program provides precise study material prepared by experts in the field, focusing on priority areas from an examination point of view, in classroom teaching to model examinations on UPSC pattern.



GOALS

Build a new Boys Hostel Building
Build an educational facility

Key Features of the Academy:

- Dedicated faculty
- Separate Boys & Girls Hostel
- State-of-the-art computer lab and library
- Air conditioned Smart Classrooms
- Core team of Senior Civil Servants for mentoring
- Experienced faculty (IAS teaching experience)
- Designed course work in-line with UPSC/other exams
- Financial aid available for deserving/merit students.



**HELP US RAISE THE
FIRST \$500K**

**Rendering of Boys Hostel Building
and Floor Plan shown**

Ways to support this project

- \$600,000 for Hostel building
- \$150,000 for each floor (10 rooms on a floor)
- \$3,000 for 1 student per year (40 students on each floor)



Jama Masjid Renovation - Aligarh Muslim University Campus

The establishment of the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College in 1875 was a social and educational movement started by the thinker, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan towards the cultural regeneration and change for the Muslims in India. Aligarh Muslim University is predominantly unique, distinguished in its scope and character. Unlike other institutions of learning, it has also been a traditional center of social and cultural training, a combination of taaleem o tarbiat (education and character).

The majestic Jama Masjid stands tall in the historic complex of the university campus, with soft lines of mighty white domes, and a defiant elevation of the minarets framed as an organic whole, so perfect and distinct in beauty, that was started in construction in the year 1879 and completed in 1912. The sacred Jama Masjid of the AMU, a historic relic, now stands in dire need of restoration and renovation. It is a great pleasure to know that by the grace of Allah (SWT) progress has been made and renovation work is already in progress. However, there exists a shortage of funds towards its completion, and IMRC has kindly consented and committed to compensate for the shortage. With your help, \$100,000 will cover the remaining amount and preserve a piece of our Islamic history and culture.

Your generosity and support towards this program is appreciated. Spread the word amongst your friends and family. Insha'Allah, we can all be a part of this historical renovation project.



Historical Renovation

Goal: Raise \$100,000

Join IMRC and help preserve a part of Islamic history and culture by renovating the Jama Masjid.

Images on the left show portions of the masjid where signs of cracks, deterioration, and decay are now visible on the sandstone.

Below is the front courtyard view of the masjid.





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100% OF YOUR DONATION IS
DELIVERED TO ITS CAUSE

IMRC works with a dedicated team, visionary leaders and over 100 organizations in India. Our goals are to improve social structures and economic opportunities so Muslims and minorities in India can have the opportunity to reach their full potential, contribute to society, have a voice in decisions that affect them, and live and work with dignity.

Whether you decide to give now or make a pledge to be paid over a period of time, there are several ways to give:

Online: Donate at www.imrcusa.org

Mail: Fill out the enclosed envelope and mail it to us with your check or credit card information.

Phone: Call us at 650-856-0440 and we can process your gift.

Pledges: By spreading payments over a period of time, you may make a larger commitment and fulfill the pledge at a comfortable pace. Please contact us for personal assistance.

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