

Luminous Stars Centers

Providing comprehensive care
to orphaned children in Iraq





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Our Vision is to Empower Orphaned Children

Our vision is to see orphaned children not just survive, but thrive. To lift themselves, their families, and their society out of poverty.

This is no small task.

Orphaned children have numerous complex needs. We cannot unlock their potential without truly addressing all their needs. Our broad and complex care system reflects this.

Our Luminous Stars centers are a ground-breaking project, and the first of their kind in Iraq. Thanks to supporters like you, we are completing the construction of 12 state-of-the-art children's centers that provide comprehensive and long-term support to thousands of orphaned children and young adults.

With your support, we can ensure that every orphaned child in our Luminous Stars centers receives individualized, specialist support to lift them out of poverty, improve their long-term wellbeing and develop their practical skills.

Because in a world where orphaned children are empowered, everyone gains.

Did you know?

Our Luminous Stars centers provide orphaned children with food and shelter support, medical care, psychological rehabilitation, and vocational training.



Led by Experts, Tailored to Every Child

Al-Ayn's medical aid programs have provided comprehensive healthcare to thousands of orphaned children in Iraq. Our health clinics contain the latest equipment and devices, staffed by expert medical practitioners who offer free long-term healthcare to children. Our clinics also respond to emergencies within 24 hours to ensure that patients receive the medical attention they urgently require.

The medical center functions as a miniature hospital and comprises of the following specialist clinics:



Pediatric



Dental



ENT



General Medical

In addition to these clinics there is also a pharmacy, a laboratory, and an X-ray room. Every child who visits our clinics receives a healthcare plan tailored to their needs. Medical professionals dedicate their time and services to the center and liaise with hospitals and physicians inside and outside of Iraq so that orphaned children with more complex needs can be supported. Al-Ayn currently operates three medical clinics with more than 20 different specialist doctors from various fields.



Hope and recovery

"We had an awful car accident. My head was hurting a lot after that. The doctors said I needed an operation and Al-Ayn took care of it. I don't feel any pain in my head anymore!"

Al-Ayn has performed approximately 2,000 surgical procedures for orphaned children in Iraq, 300 of which were performed abroad, including Baraa's. The complete care system at Al-Ayn includes routine medical examinations and care as needed. By contributing to our medical fund, you help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of kids like Baraa.



Help us Provide Medical Care to Even More Orphaned Children

A key contributor to poor health and a barrier to receiving necessary medical care is poverty, as a result thousands of orphaned children in Iraq are awaiting urgent medical treatment. With your help, Al-Ayn will be able to expand the Luminous Star Centers' medical clinics and add more cutting-edge medical equipment, ensuring that orphaned children can exercise their right to high-quality medical treatment. Children with disabilities and complex genetic disorders require specialized long-term care, as well as assisted devices and services that will enhance their quality of life.



Build a Health Clinic

\$21,500



Equip a Health Clinic

\$15,000



Secure an orphaned child's medical fees

\$1,000



Cover an orphaned child's surgical fees

\$2,500





All children have the right to life, growth, and the freedom from disease, illness, and other situations that jeopardize their health and prospects for the future. Due to the dilapidation of Iraq's healthcare system and infrastructure, which has been made worse by the world economic crisis, there are children that have been denied this right.

By contributing to our medical aid initiative, you are ensuring that every orphaned child has access to adequate healthcare throughout their childhood.

? Did you know?

Al-Ayn's medical clinic in Baghdad treats approximately 100 patients daily, from 9am to 8pm. While most patients are widowed mothers and children with valid registrations, the facility is also accessible to the general public for a small charge, with the proceeds going towards assisting the orphaned children that Al-Ayn supports.



A Sustainable Solution for a Better Future

Our vocational training initiative supports the independence and transition of orphaned children into adulthood, as well as the empowerment of widowed mothers. The following courses are offered:



Hairstyling



Phone-repairs



Sewing



IT Skills



Cooking

Our Luminous Stars centers provide vocational training in a wide range of courses to orphaned children and youth. Whether it's upholstery, cooking, baking, business management, mobile repair, and many more, we support orphaned youth in transforming an area of passion into a path for an independent future. A number of graduates have started their own businesses using a loan from Al-Ayn, with some having already paid back the loan!





Microfinance Loans

Al-Ayn assists trainees in starting small businesses to promote their independence through microfinance loans, which is offered to the trainee interest-free. Trainees repay the loan over time and in accordance with their financial means. Additionally, each young adult is given a buddy (an experienced acquaintance) to assist them with their venture or project, preventing them from being thrown into the deep end too soon.

Gaining Lifelong Skills

Al-Ayn also offers the resources the orphaned youth require for training, including all the necessary tools and equipment, transportation expenses, and meals during training hours. The training includes seminars on time management, how to draw in clients, and how to interact with them, as well as life skills and advice on how to apply their new knowledge in future careers and in wider society.

**Orphaned children and youth have the right to an equal playing field.
Aid in their future development today.**

Vocational Training

Following the Vocational Training program's success, Al-Ayn is completing 12 similar initiatives in 12 different cities across Iraq. These projects are already under construction, with some of them nearing advanced completion stages. Your support can assist these orphaned children's and offer them newfound hope.



Cover vocational training costs for an orphaned youth

\$780



Provide a microloan for a graduate to begin working

\$3,500



Build a new training workshop

\$35,000

Amounts are indicative and based on current average costs. Any excess that you give will be spent on Al-Ayn's Vocational Training programs for orphaned children in Iraq.

? Did you know?

800 students have graduated from our Vocational Training Program as of this writing. 200 of the graduates already use those skills to earn a living.



Transforming the Lives of Orphaned Children

Al-Ayn provides dignified and comprehensive care to over 97,000 children and families in Iraq. Each of these children has lost one or more parent - a traumatic life event that could have set them on an unfortunate and uncertain future.

Al-Ayn provides children with the resources they need to maximize their potential at every stage of life, ensuring they receive all the care and support they need to overcome the past and work towards a bright future.

Sponsorship changes lives. With Al-Ayn, you can set an orphaned child on a life-changing journey.

At Al-Ayn we begin with honor and dignity

Every orphaned child living in poverty deserves the chance to grow rather than simply survive their challenging circumstances. In addition to the important monthly financial aid, each orphaned child sponsored by Al-Ayn receives:



Housing



Food



Health Care



Psychological
Treatment



Academic
Support



Personal
Development



Vocational
Training



The Al-Ayn Child Sponsorship is just \$70 a month. This has a huge impact in Iraq, enabling us to demonstrate to orphaned children that they are loved and cared for. It allows us to foster mental wellness and trauma rehabilitation. It evokes optimism and inspires hope.





Sponsorship Changes Lives. Begin your Sponsorship Journey Today

We believe that the possibilities are infinite when you offer children the resources they need to fulfill their potential. The child's essential requirements can be met with a minimum of \$70 per month, lifting them out of poverty and allowing them to live a better life. Children who are orphaned deserve a chance just like any other child. A chance to learn, a chance to explore, and a chance to have faith in the endless possibilities their future may hold.

2,965 orphaned children are waiting to be sponsored as of this writing. Can you help?



Private Sponsorship

\$840 for a year

Your support provides an orphaned child with urgent financial aid (in the form of regular monthly allowances), which is spent by their guardian on the essential needs of the child. Our comprehensive care system then gives the child access to medical care, mental health support, tuition, housing support and more.

Or, set up a Direct Debit to provide regular comprehensive support for \$70 a month.



Sponsorship Fund

\$20

\$50

\$100

Provide one time or consistent monthly support to orphaned children who have not yet been matched with a private sponsor. Every penny is spent directly on the children and their families. It could help sustain a family in need of medical care, food support, clothing and more.



Frequently Asked Questions

What does the sponsorship amount cover?

The guardian uses the monthly sponsorship payment to pay for the child's food, clothing, medication, school fees, and any other needs the child may have. The money is spent on the orphaned child, and this is regularly monitored by devoted follow-up staff.

Can I contact the child or directly meet them?

Direct contact is not permitted. However, Al-Ayn can facilitate a visit between the sponsor and the child at the child's local Al-Ayn office, subject to the approval of the orphaned child and their guardian.

How is Sponsorship Aid distributed?

Mothers (or guardians) of orphaned children travel to their nearby Al-Ayn (Iraq) branch every month to collect their financial aid. Because collection locations are made to seem like banks, payments can be taken in a discrete, professional, and dignified manner.

What is the minimum period of time I can sponsor an orphaned child?

For private sponsorship, we respectfully ask that you commit for at least a year in order to be matched with a particular orphaned child.

How does group sponsorship work?

A collaborative effort to sponsor an orphaned child is possible. For instance, as a sports team, study group, student organization, or simply as a group of friends. Please choose a representative from your group to correspond with us; they will then need to complete the sponsorship form as described above.

The representative would be in charge of either gathering the required annual sponsorship sum of \$840 and transferring it to us or gathering the required monthly sum of \$70 per month. Once the first payment is received, you will be given information on the sponsored orphaned child.





A Mother's Dream

When the Al-Ayn team met Intisar her voice was frail, but when she began speaking about her children and their development at school her voice strengthened. For Intisar, the education of her six children was her number one priority. Intisar had endured a number of challenges since losing her husband more than eight years ago. She was expecting a child at the time of her husband's passing, and soon after she was unable to pay the rent and was compelled to move in with relatives.

The Al-Ayn team also met Intisar's daughter Hajer - like her mother, she was devoted to learning and dreamed of becoming an architect in the hopes of building a house for her mother. Today, Hajer lives with her relatives and shares one room with her mother and 5 siblings.

Their financial assistance from Al-Ayn has been crucial. Intisar can now support her family, and she is more committed than ever to ensuring that they fulfill their potential. Today, hundreds of children are in the same situation as Hajer and need urgent financial assistance.





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