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Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation (US)

Annual Report

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Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani | August 2022

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Message from the CEO

Salaam Alaykum

As we close another remarkable year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the unwavering generosity, compassion, and dedication you have shown. Your support has enabled us to reach unprecedented milestones in our shared mission to uplift orphaned children and vulnerable families.

Thanks to you, we provided ongoing support to 100,162 orphaned children across Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana—our highest number ever. Many of these children now have access to essentials like healthcare, education, and housing, enabling them to pursue brighter futures.

In Ghana, we welcomed 78 newly registered children, bringing the total supported there to 286. In Afghanistan, 273 newly registered children received life-changing aid, raising the total to 786. Each of these children now benefits from financial assistance, healthcare access, and nutritional support.

In Iraq, your generosity empowered 219 orphaned youth to enroll in universities, transforming dreams into reality. We also facilitated over 15,000 medical treatments for orphaned children, ensuring their health and well-being remain priorities.

Our seasonal aid initiatives flourished, with over 45,000 Ramadan food packages distributed across Iraq, Ghana, and Afghanistan. Winter aid brought warmth and comfort to thousands: +2,650 blankets and +1,950 heaters were distributed in Iraq, while +300 blankets and heating fuel were delivered to 171 families in Afghanistan.

Economic empowerment continued through +180 vocational training courses, enabling self-sufficiency for many. We celebrated opening a new housing complex in Al-Muthana with 20 units for orphaned families, offering stability and security.

Al-Ayn's advocacy efforts gained international momentum, with three participations at United Nations councils, including the Human Rights Council in Geneva and the Economic and Social Council in New York. We proudly participated in the 68th Commission on the Status of Women for the first time, amplifying the voices of those we serve.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible +2,000 volunteers worldwide and supporters like you, who believe in our vision of a world where every orphaned child has the opportunity to thrive.

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and determination to continue building a brighter future. Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and transforming lives through your generosity.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Ali Hassanali

About us

Al-Ayn USA is a fundraising member that works alongside 13 global members of Al-Ayn International to empower orphaned children and provide them with comprehensive support and services. Among Al-Ayn's members are 3 field offices in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana who assess the needs on the ground and deliver the aid.

Since the end of 2024, Al-Ayn has been providing monthly support to over 100,000

orphaned children across Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana - a record number in the

organization's history!

This figure does not include the thousands of family members and widowed mothers also supported and lifted above the poverty line.

Over 194,000 orphaned children have been supported since Al-Ayn's inception 18 years ago.



OUR VISION

Our vision is that orphaned children, and members of other vulnerable groups, can overcome their difficult circumstances, and live a dignified future in which they can follow their life choices alongside their peers.

We believe in:

TRANSPARENCY

We comply with international standards in handling and disbursing money and donations.

DIGNITY

We ensure that our services are of the highest quality and promote the dignity of our beneficiaries.

EMPOWERMENT

We provide for our beneficiaries' needs completely so that they are free to concentrate on living their lives as they wish and fulfilling their potential.

EFFECTIVENESS

We continuously evaluate and improve the services we provide, to ensure our beneficiaries have a positive contribution to society.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower orphaned children, and provide them with core essential services, other important services, and continuous support, so they may become independent.

We do this by:

1. Conducting country-specific research to identify our beneficiaries, set criteria for prioritizing the support we give, and verify the continuous need of the beneficiaries we support.
2. Conducting research to understand the various needs of our beneficiaries, prioritize these needs, and put a timeline accordingly for addressing these needs.
3. Providing services that address the needs of our beneficiaries, in a dignified manner.
4. Continuously evaluating the type and level of services provided and engaging with experts and professionals to develop them further.
5. Building a strong network with various sections of society that support our work, based on principles of partnership and transparency.
6. Raising the funds needed to achieve our vision, through transparent methods.
7. Raising awareness about the plight of the groups that we care for, and about all aspects of our work.

By providing families under our care with essential resources and holistic support, we aim to transform their lives, enabling them to build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

Key Achievements in 2024



children received on-going support across Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana, marking the highest number of children receiving support since Al-Ayn's inception.



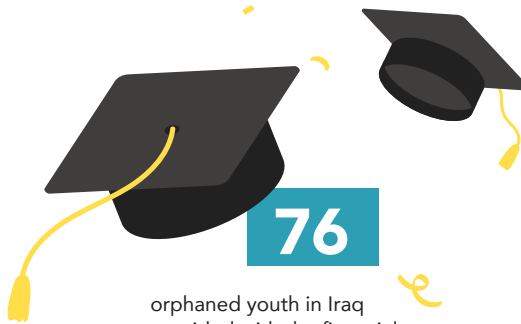
100,048

children supported in Iraq. Each receiving financial aid, nutritional aid, access to healthcare, and housing support.



15,146

medical treatments for orphaned children provided or facilitated by Al-Ayn.



orphaned youth in Iraq provided with the financial means to enrol into university.



45,000+

Ramadan food packages distributed across Iraq, Ghana and Afghanistan to orphaned families.

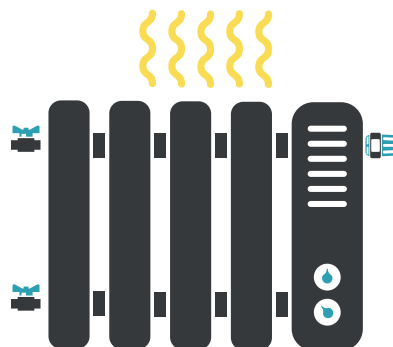


2,654

winter blankets distributed to orphaned children and their families in Iraq.

329

winter blankets distributed to orphaned children and their guardians in Afghanistan.



1,998

heaters distributed to orphaned children and their families in Iraq.



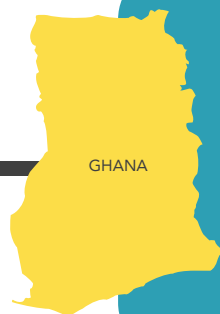
AFGHANISTAN

488

newly registered children supported in Afghanistan, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to

1,002

Ensuring each receive financial assistance, nutritional aid, and access to healthcare.



GHANA

95

newly registered children supported in Ghana, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to

303

This assistance encompasses financial aid, nutritional support, access to healthcare, and housing support.


350

families in Afghanistan received fuel for heating.


1

housing complex opened in Al-Muthana, with

20

housing units for orphaned families.


138

vocational training courses completed.


2,000+

volunteers across the world supported Al-Ayn in its mission.


3

United Nations participations at the Human Rights Council in Geneva and the Economic and Social Council in New York.

First-time participation by Al-Ayn in the United Nations' 68th Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

Where We Are Globally

Al-Ayn first registered as a non-governmental organization in 2006 in Iraq, today Al-Ayn is registered in 14 countries across the world.



AUSTRALIA • AFGHANISTAN • BELGIUM • CANADA • DENMARK • IRAQ • GERMANY • GHANA
NORWAY • THE NETHERLANDS • SWEDEN • SWITZERLAND • UNITED KINGDOM • UNITED STATES.

Authorization

Since its establishment, Al-Ayn has enjoyed the direct support and blessings of Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani by receiving his renewed authorization (Ijaza) every 4 years. This encompasses his authorization (Ijaza) for Al-Ayn to receive religious dues including Khums (both parts), Zakat, Kaffara, and Fidya, in addition to encouraging supporters to donate towards Al-Ayn's various projects.

In 2024, Al-Ayn continued to implement components from the Ijaza released in November 2022.

This included:

- ✓ Supporting widowed mothers in addition to orphaned children.
- ✓ Providing medical assistance to widowed mothers and guardians in addition to orphaned children.
- ✓ Expanding our support to reach regions outside of Iraq, such as Afghanistan, and Ghana.
- ✓ Fundraising for operational costs to ensure Al-Ayn can operate effectively.

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

We renew our thanks and appreciation to those working for, supporting, and contributing to the charitable activities of this pioneering foundation, for the distinctive care it provides to our beloved orphans and to needy individuals, including those who are widowed, ill, and displaced. We congratulate them on the expansion of (the Foundation's) work and its inclusion of countries other than Iraq. We ask Allah Almighty to grant everyone further success in continuing this blessed journey, and to increase their reward. We have given you permission with regards to what you have requested, in relation to the areas mentioned, conditional on the supervision of the eminent honourable scholar Sheikh Amjed Riyadh, may his support be maintained, with the appointment of the eminent scholar Sheikh Nazar Yousef, may his support be maintained, as his deputy. This permission is for a period of five years. I advise everyone to invoke the observance of Allah Almighty in private and in public, and to observe precaution, for it is the way to salvation.

May Allah's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.



26 Muharram 1444

Ali Al-Husseini Al-Sistani

Read the full Ijaza
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Khums

Khums, which means 'one-fifth' in Arabic, refers to a religious tax levied on specific items according to Islamic law. Khums mainly applies to surplus income derived from various sources, including earnings and gains and serves as an important obligation for Muslims seeking to fulfill their religious duties.

In 2024, thousands of supporters around the world were able fulfill their religious obligations with Al-Ayn, enabling us to expand our work and support even more orphaned children as authorized by Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani.

Khums donations received by Al-Ayn were used to provide essential support to orphaned children. This applies to both Sahm Al-Imam and Sahm Al-Sada donations.

In 2024, Khums donations enabled us to:

- **Provide financial allowances to lift children out of poverty**
- **Cover orphaned children's surgical or medical fees**
- **Provide housing support to orphaned families**
- **Provide clothing to orphaned children and their families**
- **Build or equip health clinics**
- **Provide school kits to orphaned children**
- **Provide vocational training courses to orphaned youth**
- **Build new homes for orphaned families**
- **Repair homes**

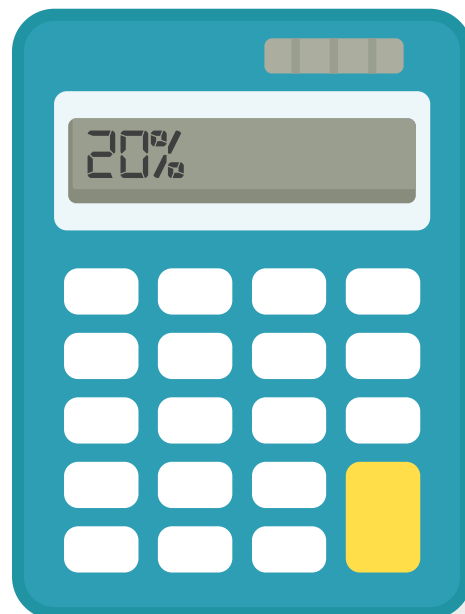
Al-Ayn's Khums Calculator

Al-Ayn's scholar-approved Khums calculator is the most comprehensive and accurate online Khums calculator to date. In 2024, hundreds of supporters were able to find out how much Khums they needed to pay with confidence and ease, and were sent a free comprehensive report within seconds.

Receipts issued by Al-Ayn are sufficient in fulfilling one's obligation to pay their religious dues of Khums.

Scholar support provided by Al-Ayn

In 2024, Al-Ayn continued to provide scholar support for its supporters. We ensured tailored, expert support was available by arranging phone calls to go through the different aspects of religious dues and how payments are categorized.



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Sadaqa Boxes

The most recognizable feature of Al-Ayn is its Sadaqa Box. With special permission from Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani, money placed in an Al-Ayn Sadaqa Box is considered "received charity" (Sadaqa Maqbootha). This means that the rewards associated with Sadaqa are immediately received, as if the charity was given directly to the person in need or their guardian. Al-Ayn spends 100% of Sadaqa donations on orphaned children and their families living in poverty.

In 2024, our boxes were present in over 2,000 homes and were used alongside general donations to support over 16,000 orphaned children awaiting private sponsorship.

Sadaqa donations also enabled us to:

- Support the essential needs of orphaned children and their families
- Provide monthly stipends to orphaned children and their families
- Cover orphaned children's surgical or medical fees
- Provide housing support to orphaned families, through home repairs and rent payments
- Provide new clothing and shoes to orphaned children and their families

Al-Ayn is also committed to ensuring that electronic Sadaqa donated via the Al-Ayn website or app achieves the status of Sadaqa Maqbootha (Received Sadaqa) by the end of the next working day.



Kareeman Sadaqa Box

This initiative is an exciting way to teach children about the rewards of giving and inspire future generations to support those who are in need. Children are encouraged to practice generosity and engage with the characters during Kareeman events and receive Kareeman incentives every time they trade in their box for a new one!



Al-Ayn App

In 2024, we updated our app with new features to make giving even easier.

Our new app integrates with Apple and Google for fast logins, ensuring easy access for all users. We've also broadened our donation options, enabling users to support their favorite causes in more diverse ways than ever and added a dedicated news section to keep users informed on Al-Ayn's latest updates.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, over 3,600 orphaned children's lives were positively transformed via our app in 2024 - all in just a few taps!

SCAN TO
DOWNLOAD



Sadaqa Jariya

Sadaqa Jariya is one of the most powerful ways of giving in Islam since the lasting benefits of this type of charity are reaped not just by the recipient, but also by the giver.

Since its inception, Al-Ayn has initiated over 220 Sadaqa Jariya projects, and we are committed to developing more to ensure long-term support for orphaned children and their families.

These projects include:



Luminous
Stars Centers



The Medical
Complex



Housing
Complexes



Buildings to generate
revenue for Al-Ayn



24

Sadaqa Jariya
projects were
introduced by
Al-Ayn in Iraq in
2024!

SADAQA JARIYA PROJECTS

PROVINCE	COMPLETED	IN-PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	TOTAL
Baghdad	25	7	28	60
Najaf	17	6	17	40
Karbala	10	3	20	33
Babil	8	4	9	21
Al-Diwaniyah	6	4	11	21
Basra	9	3	2	14
Wasit	1	3	5	9
Al-Muthanna	5	1	2	8
Nasiriyah	0	2	2	4
Salah Al-Din	1	1	3	5
Maysan	1	2	0	3
Diyala	2	0	2	4
Kirkuk	0	1	1	2
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Luminous Stars Centers

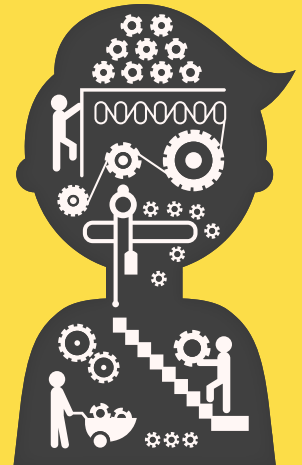
The Luminous Stars centers provide orphaned children with a second chance at life.

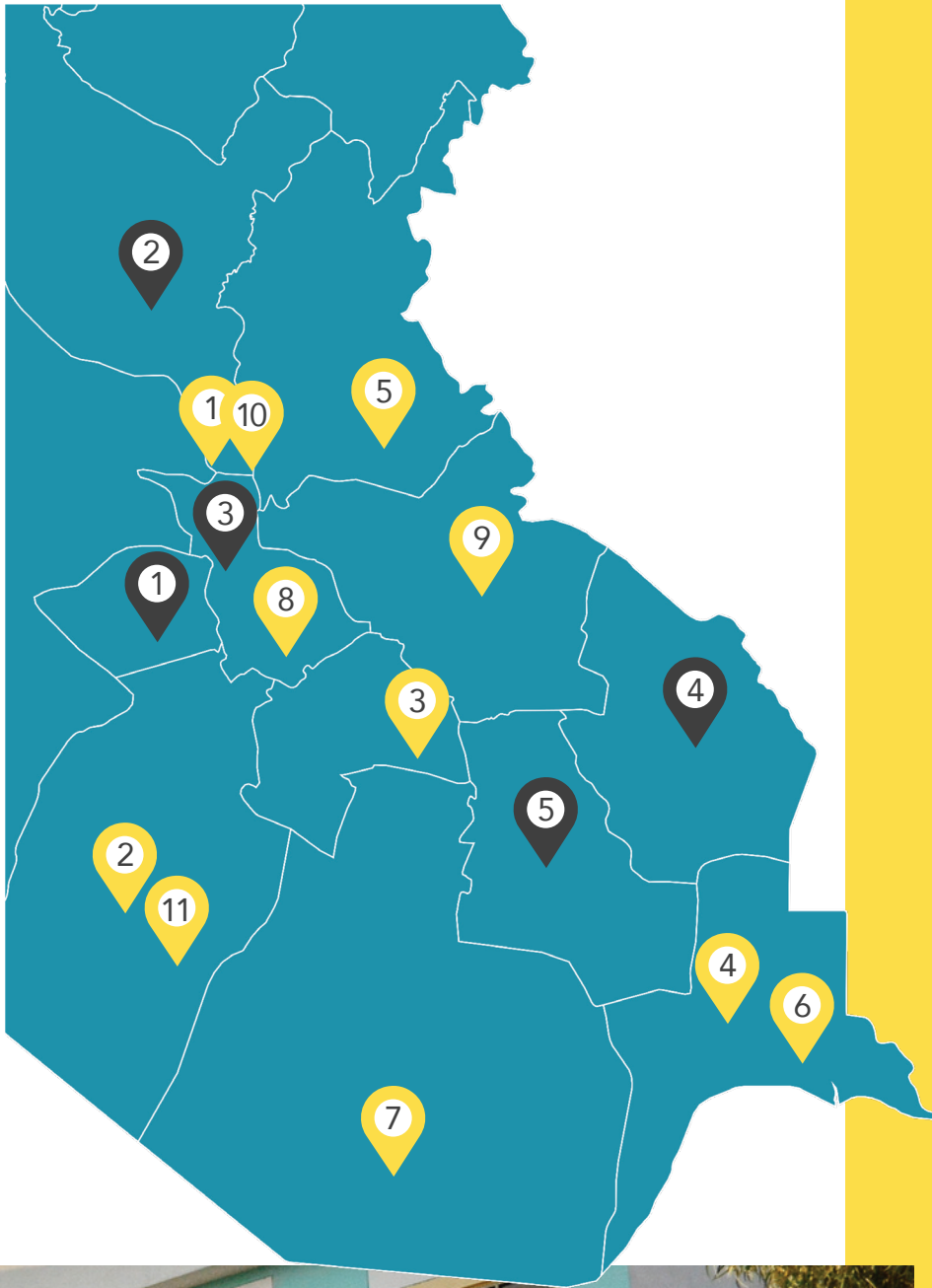
Each center aims to rebuild the lives of orphaned children and youth by providing them access to free healthcare, psychological rehabilitation, educational programs. Orphaned youth are offered vocational training workshops to train them in professions that will help them transition into adulthood and become independent.

The centers provide the following services:

- A financial aid distribution hall, that includes a dedicated section to review and address children's additional needs.
- Medical support with specialist clinics for general practice, pediatrics, dentistry, optometry, and ENT. Our clinics also comprise a pharmacy, laboratory and an X-ray room.
- Vocational training courses that cover a range of fields, including business management, mobile phone repairs, upholstery, catering, IT skills and more.
- A soft play area for children to play games and engage with their peers.
- A psychological rehabilitation program which includes counselling and cognitive behavioral therapy.
- A 'mall' area for children to choose their own brand-new clothing and shoes.

In 2024 tens of thousands of orphaned children and their families in Iraq had **access to the services provided in these centers!**





Our Centers Across Iraq



11 COMPLETED

1. Kadhimiya, Baghdad
2. Al-Hira, Najaf
3. Al-Diwaniyah, Qadisiyah
4. Al-Madina, Basra
5. Al-Qazaniya, Diyala
6. Al-Zubair, Basra
7. Al-Samawa, Muthanna
8. Al-Hilla, Babil
9. Al-Kut, Wasit
10. Al-Rusafa, Baghdad
11. Al-Markaz, Najaf



6 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1. Al-Markaz, Karbala
2. Balad, Salah al-Din
3. Al-Musayib, Babil
4. Al-Amara, Maysan
5. Al-Nasiriya, Dhi Qar
6. Al-Markaz, Basra

Centers Completed in 2024



AL-KUT, WASIT



1,935

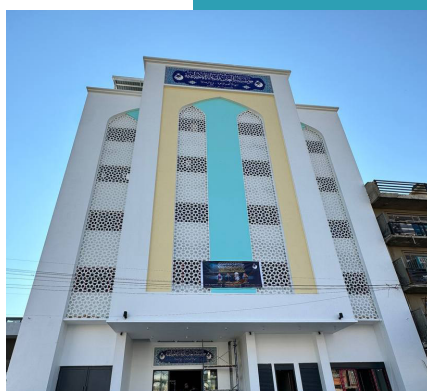
square meters
across 4 floors



The center will serve

5,800+

orphaned children
and their families



AL-RUSAF, BAGHDAD



600

square meters
across 5 floors



The center will serve

26,800+

orphaned children
and their families



AL-MARKAZ, NAJAF



3,000

square meters
across 4 floors



The center will serve

600+

orphaned children
and their families

Housing Complex

Many orphaned children and their families do not have stable housing. One of our long-term projects is building fit-for-purpose housing complexes fully equipped with the necessary amenities.

To date, we have constructed 9 different complexes across Iraq, making 407 housing units ready and available for living.



In 2024, we completed the Imam Hussain (AS) complex in Al-Muthana! The complex covers an area of **3,688 square meters** and consists of **20 housing units** for orphaned families.

The Medical Complex

In 2024, Al-Ayn began fundraising for a new Medical Complex located in the heart of Baghdad, Al-Kadhimiya. This Sadaqa Jariya project will provide essential medical services for orphaned children, widowed mothers and those who are impoverished. Services will include essential preventative, diagnostic, and treatment care.

Clinics will offer a range of services including general, dental, ENT, fractures and joint care, dermatology, lung screening, ultrasounds, and more - all free of charge for those who are impoverished and in need of medical care.

The center will cover an area of 366 square meters across 15 stories, consisting of 33 clinics and various examination rooms.

Did you know?

The new Medical Complex extends to those in the wider community who are facing poverty and require access to healthcare.



The Hikayati Center



Hikayati's vision is to empower vulnerable young people to achieve mental wellbeing, realize their potential, become productive members of society and the leaders of tomorrow.

Hikayati, which translates to "My Story", is a purpose-built, child-centered building located in the Adala district of Najaf, Iraq. Children and young people who come to the Hikayati center make use of the cutting edge recreational and educational facilities of the center in parallel to undertaking a thorough, evidence-informed program which has been specially designed to develop their resilience, emotional wellbeing, and life-skills.

Objectives of the Hikayati program:

- To encourage orphaned children and young people to develop crucial life-skills, resilience and well-being.
- To provide orphaned children and young people with long-term mentoring which will provide emotional support, enhance school return and retention.
- To enable the early detection of any mental or physical health difficulties, family or financial stressors, educational challenges or safeguarding concerns and activate early referral to the appropriate support services within and outside of Al-Ayn.

The design and architecture of Hikayati was inspired by children's story books. All the rooms, including the library, theatre, indoor swimming pool, museums, and prayer area were designed to cultivate a creative environment where the children can learn, grow, and use their imaginations.

Did you know?

External consultants from Great Ormond Street hospital in the UK and the charity 'Yes Futures' were consulted throughout the program development.



The aim of the Hikayati program is to provide orphaned children with programs to enhance their well-being, mental health and life opportunities through a combination of education, play, leisure activities, mentoring, therapy and spiritual guidance. Every child receives a program that is personalized to their needs, with specially designed workshops and long-term mentoring. Each child is allocated to a mentor who supports them during the program, and then continues to mentor them long-term. This is to ensure that every child knows who to turn to if they are concerned, need guidance and advice or are in need of help.

"Hikayati is like my family, I hope the smile lasts on your face like you made me smile."
(Male, age 13)

The Hikayati process

1. Children and young people are referred to Hikayati by their local Al-Ayn branches.
2. They undertake a screening process and questionnaires about the mental health and wellbeing before the program.
3. They complete the intensive Hikayati program which usually consists of 12 visits to the Hikayati center. During this time, they complete the Hikayati workshops, enjoy the facilities and are introduced to their mentor.
4. After every visit or workshop children are asked for their feedback and suggestions for improvement.
5. Mechanisms are in place to escalate, refer, or provide additional support to any children where health, mental health, financial, educational, safeguarding concerns are detected.
6. At the end of the program, the screening process and questionnaires about the mental health and wellbeing are repeated.
7. Children have a short graduation celebration.
8. Children continue to have contact with their mentor on an at least monthly basis.

"I didn't care about other people's feelings, now I care."
(Female, age 12)

Did you know?

Once the programs were developed, they were peer reviewed by a network of over 40 specialists from bereavement, psychology, speech and language therapy, counselling and educational backgrounds.

"I enjoyed it, you are very nice and treated me well. Now I can work better with other people. It changed my perspective and made me positive. It was perfect, I can't imagine anything better!"
(Female, age 12)



Al-Ayn's Private Sponsorship Program

Our Child Sponsorship Program provides supporters with an opportunity to transform lives. Through expert-led research, we have determined the amount needed to lift an orphaned child in the areas we operate above the poverty line.

The Sponsorship Program addresses a child's most critical health, food, shelter and educational needs. The child's requirements are re-assessed regularly to ensure our support is fit for purpose.



In 2024, we expanded our child sponsorship program to Afghanistan and Ghana!

In 2024, Al-Ayn reached a significant milestone by providing monthly support to over 100,000 orphaned children across Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana - a record number in the organization's history.

In addition to monthly financial aid, children and their families have access to our comprehensive care system which include the following:



MEDICAL
SUPPORT



FOOD
SUPPORT



EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT



ADDITIONAL SEASONAL
RELIEF DURING RAMADAN,
EID, MUHARRAM, WINTER
AND MORE



SAFE
HOUSING
(IRAQ+GHANA)



VOCATIONAL
TRAINING
(IRAQ)



Medical Care & Psychological Rehabilitation

Our health clinics in Iraq contain the latest equipment and devices and are staffed by expert medical practitioners who offer free long-term healthcare to children, including regular check-ups and ongoing care for chronic conditions.

From general medicine to specialized care in pediatrics, dental, optometry, and more, our clinics are prepared to meet a wide range of health needs. We have an in-house pharmacy that provides orphaned children and their families with medications they require. We also hold regular workshops to increase medical awareness and support them in managing their health.

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. For severe cases requiring treatment abroad, we cover all associated costs, ensuring no child is left without necessary care.

Since its inception, Al-Ayn has carried out:



OVER
133,000
MEDICAL
TREATMENTS



OVER
2,860
SURGERIES



OVER
3,650
PSYCHOLOGICAL
REHABILITATION CASE
REGISTRATIONS



In 2024, Al-Ayn facilitated over **15,146 medical treatments** for orphaned children and their families.

Al-Ayn's Psychological Rehabilitation program focuses on monitoring the psychological well-being of the orphaned children under our care and addressing cases requiring specialized psychological interventions. We employ evidence-based mental health interventions, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, group counselling, and other medical therapies, to cater to the unique needs of each child.



Educational Support

Education is a powerful tool that can transform lives. Al-Ayn is dedicated to providing orphaned children and young adults with the resources and support they need to thrive academically. We believe that education is the key to unlocking their full potential, and we are committed to helping them stay in school and succeed.

We regularly hold ceremonies to celebrate students who are excelling in their studies and encourage others to prioritize education.

In 2024, we provided:

In 2024, every child of school age under our care in Iraq received a **free school uniform, school bag, and stationery**.

School Kits

School kits lessen the financial strain on guardians of orphaned children, allowing them to redirect their focus and resources toward supporting their children's educational journey in a more meaningful way.



Tuition Classes

We offer tuition support to orphaned children who are struggling in particular subjects. Our dedicated teachers provide personalized guidance to help unlock their strengths so that they can thrive academically.

We also support those who are high achieving by providing additional tuition support to allowing to excel academically and gain the grades needed to get into tertiary education.

In 2024, we provided **76 orphaned youth** with the financial means to go to university.

University Fees

We covered the cost of tuition fees and expenses for university students. Over 800 of the orphaned youth we support are currently enrolled into university.



In 2024, we had **1,459 academically talented** school children being supported.

Vocational Training

We understand that not all orphaned youth are able to continue with education, that is why we started our vocational training program to help them into adulthood and achieve greater independence. The programs are selected based on a study carried out to identify professions that are not oversaturated and will always be required in society.

To date, **1,120 orphaned youth** and **widowed mothers** have graduated from the following vocations:



BUSINESS
SKILLS



MOBILE PHONE
REPAIRS



IT SKILLS



HAIRDRESSING



SEWING



CATERING



HANDICRAFTS

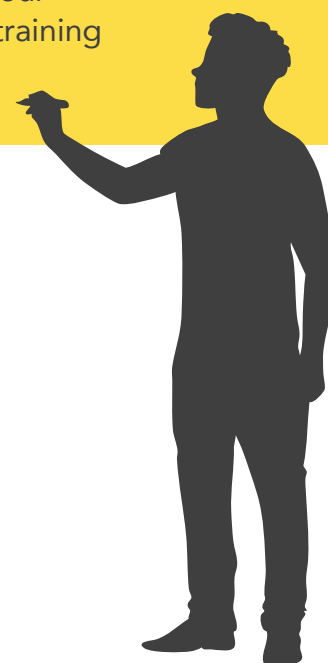
Al-Ayn also offers the resources they require for training, including all necessary tools and equipment, transportation expenses, and meals during training hours. The training includes seminars on project management and advice on how to apply their skills in the workplace.

Did you know?

Our vocational training courses are available for widowed mothers to enroll in too, over 25% of our graduates are widowed mothers!



In 2024, over 130 orphaned youth and widowed mothers enrolled in our vocational training program.



Microfinance

Al-Ayn has supported orphaned youth with microfinance loans to start their own businesses and achieve financial independence. This program is primarily aimed at graduates of the Luminous Stars vocational training centers, although it is also open to other applicants. We support entrepreneurs in delivering a business plan and agree on a repayment schedule with them to kick start their careers. Examples of successful projects in the past include mobile repair shops, hairdressers, sewing ventures, catering services, an aluminum factory and more.



Afghanistan

In 2021, Al-Ayn began its operations in Kabul, Afghanistan. By building upon our successful model developed over the past 18 years in Iraq, our experience of working in a conflict zone positioned us well to establish operations in Afghanistan and start supporting orphaned children living in poverty.

Over 3.5 million children in Afghanistan are orphaned. Over 3.5 million children in Afghanistan are orphaned. Millions of children have been forced to live without essential services such as education and healthcare, this has led to a major humanitarian crisis (UNICEF, 2022).

Going beyond financial assistance, our approach in Afghanistan strives to provide orphaned children and their families with essential necessities, such as:



1,002

Orphaned children and their families were supported in 2024

Medical Support

Al-Ayn offers financial aid to guardians of orphaned children ensuring the family receives essential medical attention, medication, and treatments when required.

Additional Seasonal Relief

Seasonal support is provided to guardians of orphaned children to ensure they have additional support during more challenging periods.

In 2024, over 20 orphaned children and widowed mothers facing critical health conditions were reviewed.



In 2024, we distributed warm clothing, blankets, Eid gifts, food baskets and more!





Our Achievements in Afghanistan - 2024



168

RAMADAN
FOOD BASKETS
DISTRIBUTED



508

EID GIFTS
DISTRIBUTED



178

QURBANI
MEAT PARCELS
DISTRIBUTED



1,503

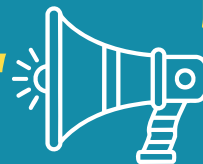
WARM CLOTHES
DISTRIBUTED



329

BLANKETS
DISTRIBUTED

- Launched our Private Sponsorship program to allow supporters to sponsor orphaned children in the region
- Expanded our support to Balkh Province with the opening of a new office in Mazar-e-Sharif





Ghana

In 2022, Al-Ayn began its operations in Accra, Ghana, to establish sustainable and dignified services that cater to the needs of orphaned children and their families.

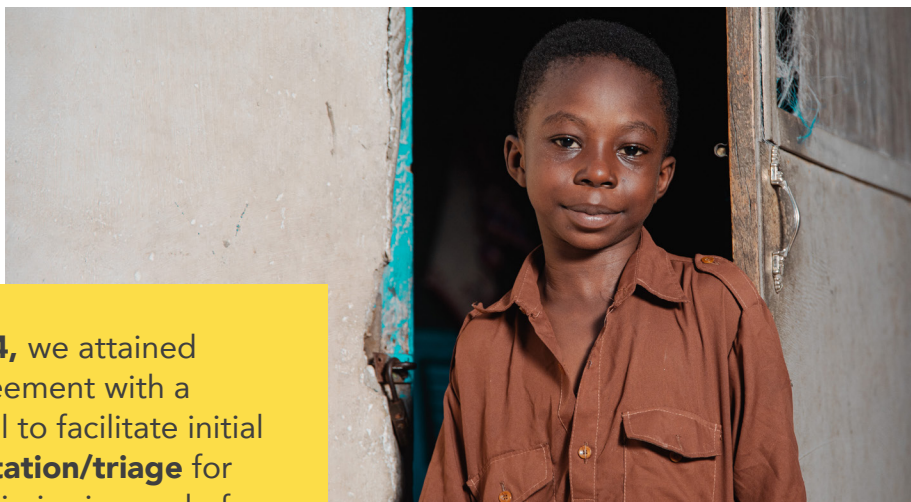
The dimensions of poverty in Ghana extend beyond monetary indicators. Deprivation spans across various facets of life, encompassing inadequate access to education, healthcare, housing, and sanitation among the most vulnerable populations (UNICEF, 2022).

Beyond the provision of financial assistance, our comprehensive approach aims to grant orphaned children and their families access to:

Housing Support

Al-Ayn recognizes that stable housing is fundamental for orphaned children and their families' well-being. We have provided housing support to families by fulfilling their rent payments, offering a sense of stability, safety, and comfort that enables them to focus on their emotional and educational growth without the worry of shelter insecurity.

Towards the end of 2023, our team in Ghana recognized an urgent need for intervention when visiting a beneficiary's house which was lacking basic facilities like a bathroom, the family was forced to use communal toilets accessed via a narrow and hazardous alleyway. Al-Ayn immediately initiated a reconstruction project in September 2023. In the beginning of 2024, the family's home was transformed into a safe and welcoming space, allowing them to live with dignity.



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Orphaned children and their families were supported in 2024

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In 2024, we attained an agreement with a hospital to facilitate initial **consultation/triage** for beneficiaries in need of medical support. We have supported **over 10 critical medical cases**, some of which require ongoing treatments.

Medical Support

Al-Ayn provides guardians of orphaned children with financial aid when required so that the family can receive essential medical attention, medication, and treatments, promoting their physical well-being and enabling them to lead healthier lives.

Sanitation

Sanitation is crucial for maintaining health and preventing diseases. We aim to ensure that they have a comprehensive understanding of hygiene practices, empowering them to safeguard themselves and their communities from potential health concerns.



We have supported a number of families by helping them **obtain their legal documentation** and **gain access to services** they would not have otherwise.

In 2024, we piloted our water well project in Kasoa (Central Region of Ghana), to provide **clean, safe water** to families living in the area.

Legal Documentation

Al-Ayn facilitates the acquisition of legal documentation and biometric certification for orphaned families in need. The absence of these documents poses numerous obstacles in their daily lives, making it imperative to address this issue. Obtaining these documents is essential for accessing education, healthcare services, securing formal employment, and ensuring eligibility for government programs.

Our Achievements in Ghana - 2024



105

RAMADAN
FOOD BASKETS
DISTRIBUTED



287

EID GIFTS
DISTRIBUTED



113

QURBANI
MEAT PARCELS
DISTRIBUTED

- Launched our Private Sponsorship program to allow supporters to sponsor orphaned children in the region
- Published our inaugural research paper, offering an analysis of multidimensional poverty in Ghana
- Extended our support to 5 regions across Ghana, this included Greater Accra, Central Region, Eastern Region, Ashanti, and Bono East
- Organized several celebration events for children and their families to attend



The United Nations

Al-Ayn's extensive work for orphaned children living in poverty has been recognized by the United Nations. In 2016, we were granted **special consultative status** with the **United Nations' Economic and Social Council**.

Al-Ayn's goals at the United Nations:

1. Presenting to the international community Al-Ayn's extensive work to support orphaned children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana.
2. Showcasing initiatives such as our Luminous Stars centers and the Hikayati center.
3. Raising awareness of the period of violence in Iraq that still affects communities to this day and advocating for the victims of that period.
4. Showcasing Al-Ayn's advocacy impact on the international community.
5. Fostering key relationships within the international community to exchange experiences and best practices.

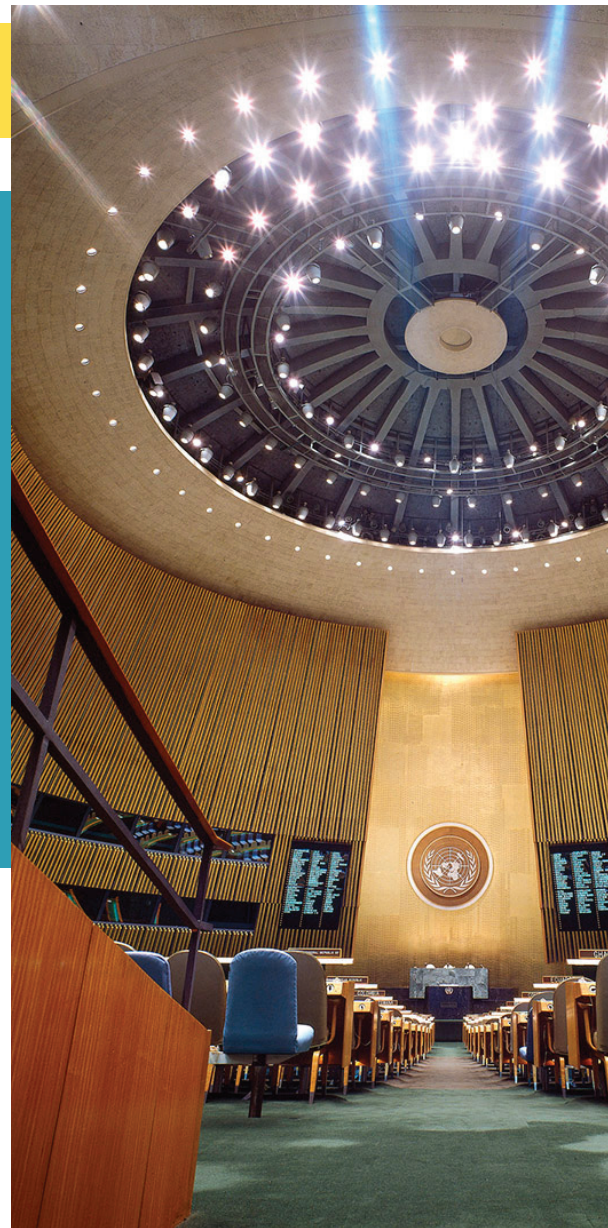
In 2024, Al-Ayn engaged in the following:

- The Human Rights Council (55th and 57th sessions) in Geneva by submitting written statements
- The Economic and Social Council High-Level Segment in New York by submitting a written statement.
- The Commission of the Status of Women (68th session) in New York by attending for the first time to learn more about how we can represent widowed mothers to the international community.

Our statements

informed the international community of our various projects and ongoing work in Iraq, Afghanistan and Ghana. These can be found on the official United Nations website.

Since 2016, Al-Ayn has taken part in **19 engagements**, consisting of oral statements, written statements, and a side session.



Events

At Al-Ayn, we regularly organize events and workshops for our communities. Here are just a few of the events we hosted in 2024!

UNITE FOR THE PROPHET

Join other local centers for a fun filled day for families! Bounce houses, food vendors, shopping and so much more!

📍 701 NW GREEN OAKS BLVD, ARLINGTON, TX 76006

📅 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

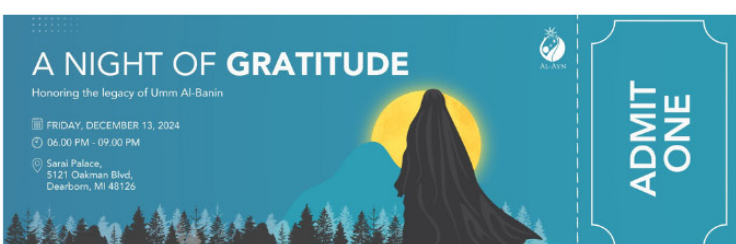
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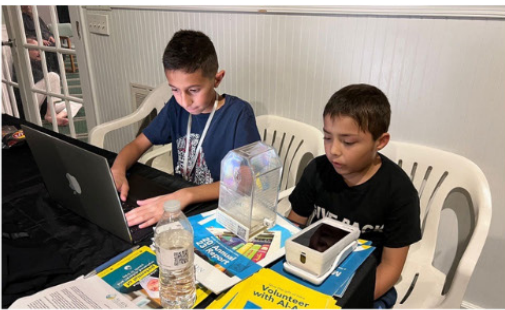
\$5 AL-AYN.ORG/TX-EVENTS
Tickets available at the door for \$7

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Al-Ayn in the Community





Al-Ayn International Conference

Al-Ayn International's Annual General Conference in 2024 gathered Chief Executive Officers from Al-Ayn members across the globe. The three-day event heard from expert speakers at Al-Ayn, with seminars and workshops covering a wide range of topics within the international development sector.

Through engaging workshops and collaborative sessions, members discussed the latest research, refined best practices, and created unified plans to increase Al-Ayn's global reach.

As a proud member of Al-Ayn International, Al-Ayn US is excited to continue working alongside its members to ensure that every orphaned child living in poverty receives the care and support that they need.



Our Volunteers

Volunteers have made Al-Ayn what it is today.

We have supported over **194,000 orphaned children in Iraq, Afghanistan and Ghana**, this would not have been achieved without the dedication and commitment of our volunteers who selflessly give their time and support.

Our volunteers support our operations by helping out with Sadaqa Boxes, administrative tasks, media related tasks and stalls. They also fundraise for us by getting creative and taking part in marathons, hikes, bake sales and much more!



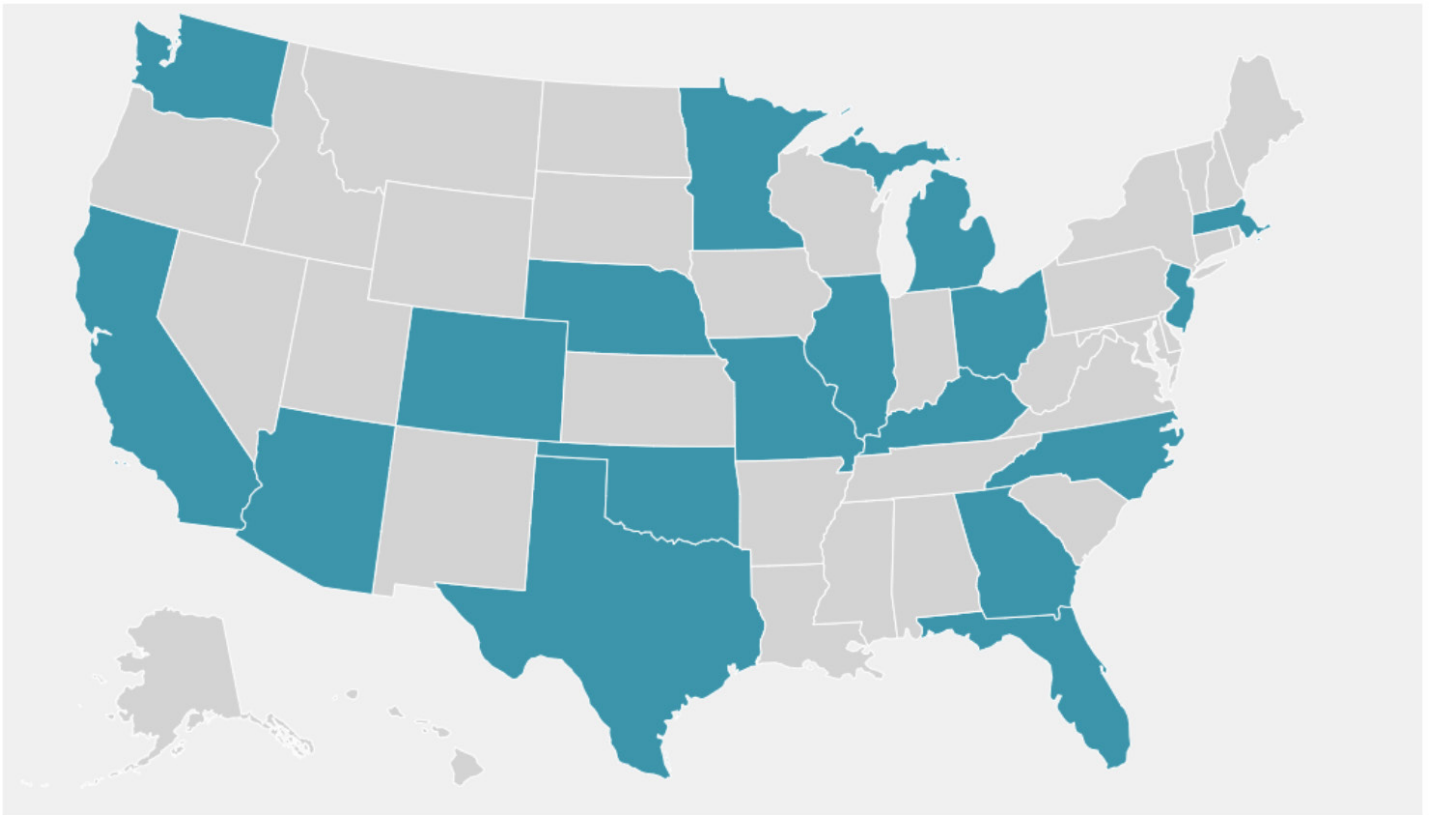
In 2024,
over **2,000**
volunteers and
fundraisers around
the globe have
become part of the
Al-Ayn family,
each making a
unique and valuable
contribution.

Registered Volunteers

Our Registered Al-Ayn representatives or Reps are trained and entrusted to support our donors in states where we don't yet have an office. These Reps can facilitate sponsorships, sadaqa box deliveries and pick-ups as well as accept donations. Our Reps map at www.map.al-ayn.org shows where in the USA reps can be found.



Scan to visit the interactive map on our website to find the Rep in your area.



Fundraising with Al-Ayn

Volunteers come to Al-Ayn with a passion for our cause and fundraising has been an impactful experience for them! They use their unique skills or interests and turn it into an opportunity to raise money for a cause that is important to them. Groups of children have held bake sales, youth have run sports tournaments and this past year, one generous couple asked their wedding guests to donate to Al-Ayn in lieu of wedding gifts!

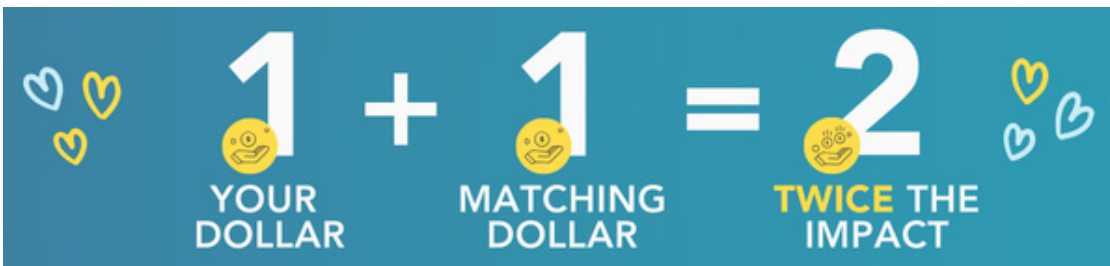


For more information about fundraising scan to visit our website.

Doubling Impact Through Matching Gifts

In 2024, Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation expanded its reach through our enhanced Matching Gifts program. This initiative has empowered donors to double and in some cases triple their charitable impact by leveraging their employers' corporate giving programs.

Our online Matching Gifts tool has transformed how donors engage with corporate giving opportunities. Through this user-friendly search tool, hundreds of supporters discovered their eligibility for matching gifts, unlocking additional funding that might have otherwise gone unutilized. The simple process allows donors to quickly verify their employer's matching gift policies and initiate the matching process, ensuring that every eligible donation achieves its maximum potential.



This multiplication of support has created a ripple effect, allowing us to sustain our efforts to continue to care for the orphaned children registered with us while seeking to identify and reach more orphaned children in need.

The success of this program demonstrates the power of partnership between individual donors, their employers, and Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation. By streamlining the matching gifts process through our digital platform, we've removed barriers to participation and created a seamless experience for our generous supporters.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding awareness of this valuable program. Every matched donation not only increases funding for our mission but also strengthens connections between corporate social responsibility initiatives and meaningful humanitarian impact.

To check your employer's matching gift program eligibility, visit the Al-Ayn website's Matching Gifts tool - www.al-ayn.org/matching-gifts



SCAN HERE



Legacies

Legacy giving is a crucial component of our work. It gives our supporters access to choose how they would like their legacy to be shaped. When individuals contact us to arrange a gift in a will, we provide tailored support so that they are able to make informed decisions about their legacy and the impact it can have on future generations.



In 2024,
Al-Ayn received
its first property
outside of Iraq!

This will be the
first **Sadaqa Jariya
project** outside of
Iraq to generate
income to support
orphaned children
living in poverty.

**Al-Ayn has
facilitated** several
wills which have
had legacies
bestowed to
Al-Ayn.



Get in touch to
find out how you
can leave a legacy
for orphaned
children

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Our Future

At Al-Ayn, we are always striving to improve our initiatives and expand our reach to different areas in the regions we operate. In 2025, we hope to build on many of the successes of 2024, expanding our reach even further across the globe and delivering our life-changing services to even more orphaned children that require support. We recognize that there is much more to do in the upcoming year and remain committed to doing so, as unfortunately the demand for our work continues.

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Your service to orphans and your care for them is the most precious thing you offer to your hereafter and the most beautiful thing you do in your world.

His Eminence Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani

Did you know?

We have new fundraising offices opening in Austria, Finland, and France!



Get in touch



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BANK DETAILS:

Call our office to arrange a bank transfer

Zelle **accounting@al-ayn.org** please include your email address and any donation details in the notes section. Please use the relevant donation reference when donating via bank transfer or Zelle.

Specify the country you would like your donation to go towards by adding the following reference:

ANY (Any Country)

IRQ (Iraq)

AFG (Afghanistan)

GHA (Ghana)

* Donation causes marked with an asterisk can only be allocated to Iraq and Afghanistan.

General Donation: **AYN GEN**

Orphaned Children Fund: **AYN OCF**

Educational Support: **AYN EDU**

Medical Support: **AYN MED**

Khums (Both Parts): **AYN KHB***

Khums (Sahm Al-Imam): **AYN KHI***

Khums (Sahm Al-Sada): **AYN KHS***

Operational Costs: **AYN GWF**

