



# Stay In The Loop

## May 21st thru June 25th, 2018 **Activities Update**

### **Car Program** – 2 Cars Provided

We would like to thank our donors for their continued support for this much-needed program that gives our families the mobility and capability to attain self-sufficiency.

### **Employment Opportunities** – Gaining Self Sufficiency

The Uplift team is excited to share that we have helped six families obtain employment this month. We would like to thank our community partners that provide us with various job openings for our applicants.

### **Food Pantry** – 277 meal kits distributed

This month Uplift Charity provided 277 food boxes to our community members, who otherwise resort to consuming food with very little nutritional value. We would like to thank our volunteers for their efforts and dedication in allowing this program to run smoothly. We would also like to thank Al Ansar Masjid for its continued support to this program.

### **Tutoring Program** – 6 to 8 Students Attended Weekly

Our Children's Refugee Tutoring Program is offered throughout the regular school year from 10:00AM to 11:30AM every Saturday at ISOC, or Garden Grove mosque. Our team has been working to open up a new Anaheim location. We will be resuming this program in the Fall and will be in need of tutors. Please contact us directly if you are interested!

### **Community Connections** – Refugee Forum of Orange County

Our team was in attendance at the Refugee Forum of Orange County meeting this month. We discussed the recent news of the supreme court decision, upholding the travel ban and what we can do as a community to speak out against it.

### **Community Connections** – Orange County's United Ways

At this enlightening meeting, we reviewed the staggering facts about financial struggles in Orange County. Based on the cost of living, the household income in Orange County should be \$84,500 in order to meet food security, medical needs, average rent prices and basic needs.

### **Community Connections** – Shurah Council of Southern California

Sr. Dalia Mogahed spoke to us about creating welcoming Muslim spaces for the community. This is especially important for newly converted Muslims and those members of our community who feel marginalized due to their economic status.

### **Prison Outreach** – Monthly Jail Visits

Our team has taken part in numerous jail visits in the city of Irvine. We assist detainees, providing emotional support, books, and financial assistance. If interested in becoming involved with this work, please connect with us for more details.