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LETTER FROM CEO

Dear Respected Donors,

Throughout the past 25 years, Life has been committed to its mission of working reliably and dependably to serve humanity in more than 45 countries. Life programs save lives, alleviate suffering, eradicate poverty, enhance water delivery systems, develop strong communities, protect women and children, support health initiatives, and improve literacy.

Although the challenges are many, our efforts have successfully brought food, medicine, and emergency humanitarian supplies to the most needy people around the world. Life makes it a priority to answer the call for help when emergencies happen, like the most recent hurricanes Harvey and Irma in the U. S., hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the hardships of the Rohingya and Syrian refugees. Life's emergency response teams were immediately on the scene of these disasters to distribute emergency food, bottled water and other essential items to vulnerable people.

Life's staff worldwide seeks to achieve the highest efficiency and maintain the utmost effectiveness in its work. We look forward to expanding our outreach to other countries in 2018 in an effort to better serve displaced families, refugees and those experiencing the most need.

On behalf of Life's Board of Directors, employees and beneficiaries, allow me to express our sincere gratitude to each and every one of our generous donors. Without you, this organization would not be able to deliver much-needed humanitarian assistance to those less fortunate.

I would also like to thank all of our partner organizations that have played a crucial role in the success of our worldwide efforts.

Sincerely,

Hany Saqr, M.D.,Ph.D
CEO

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE



ROHINGYA REFUGEE APPEAL

Life distributed winter blankets to Rohingya refugees inside the Kutupolong camp in Ukiah Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and to Bengali families living outside the camp. They opened a medical clinic to treat refugee children for diarrhea, vomiting and other diseases and distributed hygiene kits and mosquito nets to protect families from Malaria. ([see cover image](#))



EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DISPLACED IRAQI FAMILIES

Food, hygiene kits, heating fuel and blankets were distributed to displaced Iraqi families in the Hassan Shami and Khazar camps in Erbil and to families on the western and eastern sides of Mosul during the Mosul crisis.



TWO MILLION DROUGHT-STRICKEN FAMILIES FED IN SOMALIA

Life shipped nine 40-foot containers of nutritious Manna pack, rice and soy protein to drought-stricken families and malnourished school children in Somalia and Somaliland. More than two million meals were distributed to IDP's in the rural areas that were hit hardest by the drought.

“more than 6 million people facing food and water shortages since February 2017”
-CNN

KENYA DROUGHT RELIEF

Life's team traveled 700km northeast of Nairobi, Kenya and distributed critically needed bottled water and non-perishable food items to drought-stricken families. Many of these families had migrated from Somalia to Northeast Kenya in search of food and water for survival.



HURRICANE RELIEF IN THE USA

Life's Emergency Response Team distributed food, water, and hot meals to displaced families living in shelters and community centers throughout Houston and its suburbs after Hurricane Harvey and to families in Naples, Immokalee and Tampa, Florida during Hurricane Irma. Food aid, hygiene kits, solar lamps and batteries were distributed by Life's team to survivors of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico as well.



LANDSLIDE RELIEF IN SIERRA LEONE

Life's team in Sierra Leone distributed rice, assorted cooking items and school bags filled with books, pens and pencils to the landslide survivors outside of Freetown. This distribution initiative took place in the Matormeh Regent Camp and Old School Camp.



ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

“LIFE Sponsors more than 5,000 orphans worldwide”

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AMMAN JORDAN

Life sponsored an Eid Al-Adha carnival for Palestinian, Syrian and Iraqi orphans, and refugees in Amman, Jordan. The children enjoyed a full day of fun activities and games, and each child was given an Eid gift at the end of the event.



LIFE'S ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Life recently received Ministry approval to expand its Orphan program in Palestine and is now accepting sponsorships for Palestinian orphans. Life's Orphan program continues in Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Haiti and Syria.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR YOUTH IN MICHIGAN

Life started a “Drug Awareness” program to address substance abuse issues among youth in Michigan. Through this program, Life is empowering a drug-free community coalition of committed individuals and organizations working to prevent the negative effects of substance abuse. Life is licensed by the State of Michigan to provide Informational Training to the community and members involved.



NEW MODERN HOUSES FOR THE BLIND IN UGANDA

Life is always finding new ideas to improve living standards around the world. Life built 19 houses for blind parents and their families to replace their existing cottages built with mud and hay inside Uganda during the 4th quarter of 2017. The roofs of the cottages were not protecting the families from the rain or hot rays of the sun. Life introduced new modern houses that were near water wells allowing for protection from the environmental elements and to provide a clean living environment.

HELPING TAXPAYERS SAVE THEIR HOMES FROM FORECLOSURE IN WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

Life helped homeowners facing financial hardship in Wayne County, Michigan. Homeowners received monetary gifts that allowed them to pay their taxes, avoid foreclosure, and stay in their homes.

*“businesses (like) Life for Relief and Development, provided the money and paid taxes for 106 families”
-Wayne County Treasurer’s Office*



MARY LEWIS
HOMEOWNER



THREE COMMUNITY CENTERS CONSTRUCTED IN MALI

In May, Life finished construction on three new community centers in Mali. All three centers were opened before the beginning of Ramadan, giving families the chance to attend social gatherings during this month.

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USA REFUGEES

SUDANESE REFUGEE IN MICHIGAN HEARS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Ihab, a 23-year-old Sudanese refugee living in Dearborn, Michigan, lost his hearing due to Encephalitis when he was 9 months old. Life helped Ihab regain his hearing again. Ihab was fitted with hearing aids and was able to hear for the first time. He was so thankful to finally be able to hear and will now be able to go to school and make a life for himself in the US.



WINTER WARMTH FOR SYRIAN AND IRAQI REFUGEES

Life helped Syrian and Iraqi refugee families in Toledo, Ohio. Warm winter blankets and gift cards were distributed to those who attended the event.



OVER 30 WATER WELLS DUG IN 6 COUNTRIES

Life dug thirty-three water wells with hand pumps installed to draw the water from the wells in 2017 in the following countries:

Somalia: fifteen wells were dug in rural villages in Somalia and Somaliland

Ethiopia: six wells dug for rural communities

Senegal: one well dug in Touba Falls

Pakistan: eleven wells dug in rural areas

Uganda: two wells were dug in rural communities

Bangladesh: two wells dug in Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar

Ghana: One artisan well with an electrical pump was implemented

CLEAN WATER PROJECTS

“115 people in Africa die every hour from diseases linked to poor sanitation, hygiene and contaminated water.”
-UN

HEALTH

A healthcare worker wearing glasses and a grey shirt is examining a young boy's ear with an otoscope. The boy is sitting in a black plastic chair and looking towards the camera. The background shows a blue metal railing and other people, suggesting a clinic or community center setting.

HEARING AID MISSION TRIP

Life sent teams of audiologists to Jordan and the West Bank to fit hearing impaired refugees and local communities with hearing aids.



MEDICAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY DISPLACED FAMILIES IN IRAQ

Displaced families living in the Khazr and Hassan Sham camps near Mosul were experiencing widespread illness due to a lack of medicine and medical supplies in the camps' medical centers. Life purchased and distributed medicine and medical supplies to treat sick families.



HEMODIALYSIS DEVICE DONATED TO HOSPITAL IN IRAQ

Life distributed 220 medical devices for hemodialysis to the Al Salam Hospital in Mosul, Iraq that was constructed as a result of many of the cities hospitals and medical centers being destroyed during the war.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN

Life sent a container of medical supplies and equipment to the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation in Karachi.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO SOMALIA

Life sent two 40ft shipping containers of medical supplies to hospitals and clinics in Mogadishu, Somalia and Hargeisa, Somaliland.

EDUCATION

BOOKS SENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN COLLEGES

Higher education books in political science, history, social science, business, economics, mathematics, psychology, art, literature and science were sent to indigenous colleges in Nebraska, Oklahoma and Michigan. The books were donated by McGraw-Hill Publishing in partnership with Brother's Brother Foundation.

FURNITURE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Life provided dorm room furniture to the Flanderau Boarding school in South Dakota and the Shiprock Boarding school in New Mexico. The furniture was donated by International Recycling Network.



CLASSROOM FURNITURE FOR SCHOOLS IN THE USA AND CANADA

Life donated classroom furniture to give to 17 indigenous and non-profit schools in New York, Michigan, South Dakota, Texas, California, New Jersey, South Carolina, Arizona and Ontario, Canada.



LIBRARY BOOKS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Life donated a shipment of apple books to 13 Native American schools and colleges and community libraries in Montana, Michigan, New York, South Dakota and Texas.



RAMADAN 2017

Life's Ramadan program was one of the most successful in its 25-year history. Staff and partners in Haiti, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Egypt and the USA distributed food baskets and hosted Iftar meals for thousands of displaced, refugee and poor families.



IFTAR DINNERS HELD IN JERUSALEM

Iftar dinners and Souhur meals were given to 4000 people in the last 10 days of Ramadan at Masjid Al-Aqsa and food baskets were distributed to over 300 families in several locations in the West Bank.



FOOD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR DISPLACED IRAQI FAMILIES

Food baskets and boxes filled with cleaning supplies and detergents were distributed to 3000 families in Mosul and Erbil.



FOOD BASKETS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES IN IRAQ

Emergency food baskets were distributed to 1150 Palestinian refugee families living in a youth center in Iraq and also to Iraqi families in Kasnezan area, Erbil, Bansalawa area, Erbil and Bashiqa District, Mosul.

UDHIYAH/SHARE 2017

LIFE UDHIYAH DISTRIBUTION 2017

Life sacrificed and distributed fresh Udhiyah meat to families in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Niger, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda, the USA, the West Bank and Gaza.

Life started a new SHARE program to allow community members to sacrifice animals at over 1,000 locations in 39 states in the US and leave a share of the meat for people in need.

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

SHARE

NATIONAL UDHIYAH/QURBANI PROGRAM



EVENTS



Twelve Charity Concerts Organized Across America

For the first time in Life's history, it held 12 successful charity concerts over 4 weeks in 12 cities across America. These concerts featured the Arab Idol superstars Ameer Dandan, Ahmed Fahmi and a professional Arab Debkah troupe, Turab Beladi. The charitable funds collected during the event will be used to provide MRI and X-ray equipment for clinics in the West Bank and Syria.



LIFE PRESENTS AN AWARD TO AHMED FAHMI

Life presented Arab Idol host, singer and actor, Ahmed Fahmi with the Life Humanitarian Award for his efforts and for his participation in a nationwide fundraising tour to raise funds for a medical clinic in the West Bank.



LIFE PARTICIPATED IN DIHAD 2018

DIHAD (Dubai International Humanitarian Aid & Development Conference & Exhibition) is an annual international Aid & Development conference and exhibition that started in 2004 as the Middle East's first humanitarian aid and development event. Life has been participating in the DIHAD since 2004. This year as a sponsor and participant Life staff displayed its global humanitarian work in the exhibition hall as well as attended the conference and workshops to share/gain knowledge on this year's theme, The Sustainability of Emergency Aid: the intensifying search for the strategies, methodologies and resources to meet global humanitarian challenges in the years ahead. Life interacted and exchanged knowledge with organizations and vendors on the latest trends in delivering humanitarian aid.

WHERE WE WORK

- AFGHANISTAN
- ALBANIA
- ALGERIA
- BANGLADESH
- BOSNIA
- CANADA
- CHECHNYA
- EGYPT
- ERITREA
- ETHIOPIA
- GHANA
- GUINEA
- GUINEA BISSAU
- HAITI
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAQ
- JAPAN
- JORDAN
- KASHMIR
- KENYA
- KOSOVO
- KYRGYZSTAN
- LEBANON
- LIBYA
- MALAWI
- MALI
- MEXICO
- MOROCCO
- MYANMAR
- NEPAL
- NIGER
- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE
- PHILIPPINES
- SENEGAL
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SUDAN
- SYRIA
- UGANDA
- USA
- YEMEN





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