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WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

MARAN MA'AY'AH ABUJABER

Dear Supporters and Champions of Hope,

As the founder of our beloved Alhadaf Institute, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible community we've built together over the past ten years. Your unwavering support has been the beacon guiding us in our mission to serve thousands of children affected by trauma, orphans, and refugees on their journey towards safe, loving homes in our region.

Every smile, every milestone achieved, and every transformed life is a testament to the collective impact we've made. Your generosity has not only provided shelter and care but has sown seeds of resilience, healing, and hope in the hearts of those who need it most.

Together, we are not just changing lives; we are building a foundation of love, compassion, and empowerment that echoes in the laughter of every child we reach and their precious families. Thank you for being the guiding light of our shared vision, and for being the heroes these children so desperately need.

With heartfelt gratitude



Who are we?

“In 2008, one video of a child being beaten by their caregiver in an orphanage changed my life forever. It gave me two choices: blame the system, or roll up my sleeves and establish a safe place to help children and families in Jordan suffering from injustice.”

-Maran Maayah Abu Jaber, Alhadaf Founder and President

In 2014, Alhadaf came to life fueled by a deep commitment to support orphans in Jordan and addressing the social and cultural injustices they endure. Alhadaf helps any child who has lost quality care and experienced neglect. This includes traditional orphans as well as social orphans, unsupervised children, and abandoned children. Alhadaf also assists neglected refugees, both adults and children, who are considered war orphans. We define an orphan as any individual who has lost their safe environment due to a traumatic life event. This includes people from all backgrounds and ages without discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, religion, skin color, social class or education.

Peter F. Drucker once stated that all nonprofits share the common goal of influencing human lives, and Alhadaf is dedicated to fulfilling this mission by providing our beneficiaries a secure and safe atmosphere where they can flourish - essentially, by nurturing a supportive and holding environment. A holding environment is a psychological concept based on the notion that people are most capable and autonomous when they feel secure and attached to trusted individuals, a sense tragically stripped from our beneficiaries, and one that we are steadfastly committed to restoring to them.



Our mission:

Our core values reflect our core purpose and serve as an anchor in everything we do. We cherish psychological safety and physical security as paramount principles. We honor each other as fellow human beings deserving of dignity. We prioritize the well-being of our employees, interns, and volunteers, extending care to them and their families. We seek to execute every task with the utmost quality and with a spirit of excellence.



Our vision

Our vision is to live in a society that treats all orphans, both children and adults, with respect and dignity and without prejudice. We believe that every human being deserves to live safely, and to have the opportunity to learn and grow.



Refugee Program

01 Trauma Workshop:

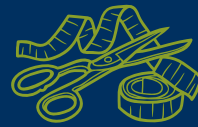
We conducted transformative trauma healing workshops as part of our commitment to the well-being of our community. This specialized training focused on guiding our precious refugees through the journey of healing. The workshops delved into understanding the impact of trauma and provided valuable insights on how to navigate the path toward healing. Participants learned strategies to move from enduring wounds to actively participating in the healing process. The impact of this training was profound, as our ladies shared how it was a life-changing experience for them. The tools and insights gained have equipped them with the strength and resilience to navigate the challenges they face. Through partnerships like these, we strive to create spaces for healing and growth, ensuring that our community members receive the support they need to rebuild their lives. This workshop marks a significant step in fostering a culture of healing and empowerment among those we serve. We express our gratitude to Global Hope International for their collaboration in facilitating several of our trauma workshops at Alhadaf Institute.



02 Art Therapy:

As a practice for the members of our community. Alhadaf offers art therapy sessions directed towards children from ages 3-16. Creation is an innate part of human existence: as we strive to build things around us to flex and strengthen the spirit, we continually return home to a sense of ourselves. It is both a source of joy and reflection, especially during quiet and still moments in the classroom. This restful time opens an opportunity to process traumatic events with nonverbal expression. Likewise, within a class of peer-aged students of similar background, the sessions serve as a bridge, connecting youths with one another and build stronger interpersonal connections to support their process of personal healing and growth.

03 English Courses



The English classes led by Alhadaf have been instrumental in addressing the diverse needs of both the asylum seekers and Jordanians seeking employment whom we serve. Likewise, as an essential life practice and tool for survival, language learning helps refugees more easily connect with local communities, and build social support networks.



This can significantly reduce feelings of isolation many asylum seekers may experience when enduring the drastic transition of establishing a life abroad. Additionally, English proficiency ensures that they are able to express themselves in times of urgent need.

These classes have been conducted with a focus not just on linguistic proficiency but also on fostering a sense of belonging, self-esteem, and personal development. Learning a new language and acquiring a skill has given them a sense of purpose and accomplishment, contributing to improved mental health and overall well-being. The warm and secure atmosphere of the classroom provides a space to ground the students in a collective effort to achieve greater comprehension.

Further, the gradual yet rewarding practice of language acquisition also lends itself as a source of overflowing joy. As their knowledge and use of the language blooms, our students don't only reach their goals but also set new ones, celebrating triumphantly as they exceed their own expectations.



04 Sewing Program:

This ongoing program represents a dual commitment to empowering women with valuable skills while providing a therapeutic space for their holistic development. Beyond the acquisition of practical abilities, it has evolved into a transformative journey where women find both empowerment and healing. As participants engage in skill-building activities, the communal aspect of the program also offers a supportive environment where women can share experiences and challenges that they face. The sewing table acts as more than just a workspace; it becomes a therapeutic centerpiece, nurturing a sense of community that goes beyond learning skills.

The program's sewing teacher is one of the beneficiaries we serve, either from the refugee community or the local Jordanian community; any funds the program receives from donation or sales of sewing products benefit her. We make sure that beyond imparting valuable skills, the teacher extends genuine support to the participants, offering guidance and assistance. This program thus empowers both its students and its teacher; the teacher who most recently filled this role, teaching for the program throughout 2023 before emigrating, expressed that Alhadaf had become her second home. This not only highlights the program's achievements but also emphasizes the strong sense of community and common purpose it has nurtured.



Orphans Program

This program originated from our heartfelt desire to support the emotional well-being of foster children. We also educate caregivers on fostering meaningful bonds of attachment by attentively listening to children, empathizing with them, and providing encouragement through their daily challenges. In Jordan, under Islamic Law, fostering is the equivalent of adoption. However, fostering is not a well-known concept among Jordanians. Alhadaf spreads community awareness of the fostering system. We believe that every child deserves to be a part of a family. We work to prepare families before they foster their child. We also work with families after they begin fostering in order to help both parents and children acclimate to their new living arrangements.





Orphanages:

Al Hussein Orphanage:

One of Jordan's oldest orphanages, predating the Ministry of Social Development, serves as a haven for numerous young ones. Boasting a substantial capacity, the orphanage accommodates approximately 160 children aged 0-10 for boys and 0-12 for girls. Throughout the year, we conducted a series of comprehensive training sessions for the caregivers, covering diverse topics such as vicarious trauma, peace and reconciliation training, and child protection.

Additionally, in cooperation with volunteers, Alhadaf organized a tailored program for the children at the orphanage, featuring delightful activities that not only brought joy to their days but also included shared meals, thereby nurturing a sense of belonging within the group. Despite the challenges posed by the heart breaking stories and backgrounds of these treasured children, our commitment remains unwavering as we strive to make a positive impact and bring about meaningful change.





Dar Al Kathem Orphanage:

An orphanage with which we have collaborated for numerous years. Distinguished by a family-oriented structure, each home accommodates up to five girls and two mothers. With the introduction of new staff to the orphanage this year, we took the initiative to provide comprehensive training tailored to their specific needs. It was heartening to witness their enthusiasm and receptiveness as they eagerly absorbed essential information on various crucial topics. We highlight this collaborative effort and commitment in this report as we celebrate the positive impact made on Dar Al Kathem throughout the year.

Dar Al Hanan Orphanage:

We responded to a request from the Ministry of Social Development to assess and identify necessary improvements at this orphanage situated in the challenging area of Irbid, Jordan. Our visit to the orphanage marked the beginning of this evaluative process, and since then we initiated efforts to address the identified needs and bring about positive changes. We highlight this continuous effort to uplift Alhanan Orphanage in this report to emphasize our commitment to making a positive impact in difficult circumstances.





Orphan Care Center Mary Mother of Hope Children's Home (Anjara)

Another orphanage with which we have worked for many years. In addition to supporting their efforts to provide a home for the children under their care, we invited the children and their caregivers to the institute to share a meal and attend a workshop designed to reinforce the children's sense of their own value and identity. Through various activities, we worked to help build and support confidence and self-esteem in the children who visited us.

Arab Foster Mothers

Alhadaf has been the beating heart for all foster mothers' workshops and trainings throughout the past year. Continuing its support for the foster mother community, Alhadaf provides a safe and secure haven for the mothers to gather, share their experiences and receive valuable training on parenting and child protection. We want to enhance their relationship with their adoptive children and to promote healthy fostering in their families. The Institute holds a monthly meeting where different topics are shared while their children are engaged in art therapy.





Internship Program

In partnership with CET Academic programs, Alhadaf hosts international university-aged students from around the world to assist with Alhadaf's daily operations. It is common for international students to assist with the English courses, enabling community members to learn from, and practice their English skills with the guidance of native speakers. Likewise, international students are provided the opportunity to understand the inner workings of a non-governmental organization within Jordan. In so doing, they simultaneously connect with both the moral and technical aspects of maintaining a community-oriented institution such as Alhadaf.

The intercultural exchange serves both parties by elevating their international consciousnesses and, by bridging geographical and political gaps, facilitating a sense of international solidarity.



Capturing Our Story

We were delighted to welcome Ronnie Mosley and Daniel Dong-Soo Moon, who traveled all the way to Jordan to capture the story behind Alhadaf. Their dedication to filming the stories of our ongoing interactions with refugees and orphans, each with a unique and compelling narrative, inspires us to continue supporting them. Ronnie's exceptional storytelling and photography skills enabled us to share our vision and mission, allowing the world to witness our goals through his lens. You can view the video on our Alhadaf Institute page and website.





Youth Program

Our Alhadaf Youth Program is all about empowering young individuals, inspiring them to be change-makers in their community. We're building in them a heart for giving and the joy of helping others. Through our initiatives, we guide them to actively contribute to positive change around them.

We are thrilled to report the success of our Alhadaf Youth Program, and what makes it truly special is the hands-on involvement of our youth. They actively take part in the English classes for refugees, assist in foster family meetings, and visit the orphanage. Equipped with trauma-informed training, they compassionately handle challenging cases. Their contributions create a supportive environment, empowering refugees and fostering integration into society. The expressive art sessions they engage in provide a beautiful outlet for healing and self-expression, emphasizing the impact of community, compassion, and personal growth.



CAMPAIGNS:

1 Food Distribution with Oak Hills Kindergarten :

In a heartwarming collaboration with Oak Hills Kindergarten, we extended our support to the precious refugees in our care by distributing essential food products. What made this initiative particularly remarkable was the active involvement of the children, who enthusiastically took the lead in preparing and presenting the products to the refugees.

This hands-on approach not only helped in providing essential items but also planted the seeds of generosity in the young hearts of our children. Witnessing the joy and fulfillment on the faces of these youngsters as they contributed to the well-being of others was truly uplifting.

In addition to addressing the immediate needs of the refugees, this collaborative effort created a powerful experience for our kids—an early introduction to the profound impact of generosity. This initiative not only provided tangible support but also sowed the seeds of empathy and compassion in the next generation.



2

Back to school campaign

Our cherished partnership with Al Nisr Al Arabi shines through in our annual "Back to School Campaign." Tailored for both our Iraqi and Jordanian families, this initiative ensures they are well-prepared for the new school year with essential supplies. A heartfelt thank you to Al Nisr Al Arabi for their consistent and wonderful support. Together, we make a positive impact on the lives of the diverse communities we serve.



3 Breast Cancer Awareness session:

Alhadaf hosted lectures to promote awareness surrounding breast cancer. Refugees were educated about the risks of breast cancer. In addition to emphasizing the crucial and life-saving practice of early intervention, participants were instructed on how to perform self-examinations and recognize symptoms associated with breast cancer. Beyond fostering this consciousness of well-being, they were also given the opportunity to receive breast examinations by healthcare practitioners. Those who exhibited concerning symptoms were then offered the chance to undergo a mammogram for a proper diagnosis. Simultaneously, the Dental Awareness event provided valuable insights into oral health for our kids, creating a fun and educational experience. These impactful sessions were made possible through the generous support of the Fuheis Lions Club and the Jordanian Association of Dental Students.





4

Food Distribution with SERV International

Within our Alhadaf community, we understand the profound effects of food insecurity on families. The fear that children may not have consistent access to meals can induce anxiety and depression among caregivers. However, through our partnership with SERV International and as part of Alhadaf's comprehensive community support, we distribute food packages to the precious families we serve.



5 Prevention over Intervention

In collaboration with World Vision and Sense of Community Foundation, we conducted training sessions for a cohort of female students, teachers, and administrators from Hala Bint Khwailid School in the Taj area. This initiative forms part of an awareness campaign aimed at educating individuals on strategies for preventing harassment or assault and providing guidance on appropriate responses in various scenarios.



6

Alhadaf's Participation in Yalla Shabab Conference 'Pay it Forward'

Under the Patronage of Her Highness Princess Alia Tabbaa, we were honored to engage in the annual Yalla Shabab Conference, themed "Pay it Forward," organized by The Ahliyyah School for Girls & Bishop's School for Boys. This conference aims to ignite youth engagement in community service and volunteering, underlining the significant influence of assisting others on society.

At Alhadaf, we firmly believe in giving back and contributing to positive change. Witnessing the younger generation's dedication to making a difference was truly inspiring.

We also had the privilege of hosting students from The Ahliyyah School for Girls & Bishop's School for Boys at Alhadaf Institute. Their meaningful volunteering experience with our precious refugees showcased their commitment to creating positive change. We are grateful for their presence and the significant positive impact they made during their time with us.



7 Medical Campaign

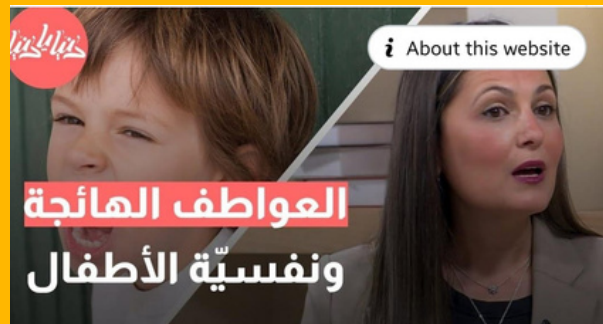
In a collaborative effort with Lions Club International, we seized the opportunity to host a health outreach program for our precious refugee families. The event included blood sugar testing conducted by doctors, as well as dental and eye examinations. Approximately 70 families benefited from this initiative, providing them with the opportunity for essential health assessments.

Moving forward, those in need of further medical attention will be connected with the respective doctors for ongoing treatment as part of our extended medical campaign. Additionally, we distributed warm clothes to the families, ensuring their well-being during the colder months. This comprehensive approach to healthcare and support emphasizes our dedication to the well-being and welfare of the communities we serve.



ALHADAF'S MULTI-CHANNEL OUTREACH:

Alhadaf's founder and president, Maran Ma'ay'ah, engaged with prominent Jordanian channels, including Jordan TV, A One TV, Ro'ya, Dunya ya Dunya, Youm Jadid and Hala FM radio station. Through these interviews, our mission is to heighten community awareness and underscore the importance of encouraging children to express their emotions. This multi-channel outreach effectively communicates Alhadaf's vision and fosters stronger family relationships by addressing the emotional needs of children across diverse segments of society.



STAFF TRAININGS:

1. TBRI PRACTITIONER TRAINING

We're thrilled to share that our team participated in TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) Practitioner Training, a transformative opportunity to deepen our understanding of Trauma-Based Care. This training equips us with the knowledge to better support and positively impact children and families who have experienced trauma. What's remarkable is its applicability to all relational connections between adults and children, regardless of the setting.

We express deep gratitude for the chance to learn from experts and eagerly anticipate implementing the new tools and techniques we've acquired. Witnessing the growth and improvement within our team is truly amazing, and we are excited to provide even more effective support to the children and families we serve.



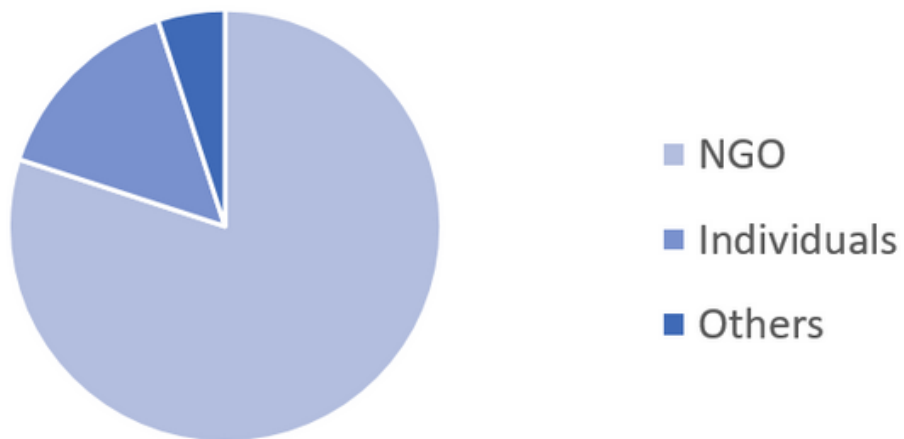
2. SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

Another training our team has successfully completed is a comprehensive social media training, enhancing our skills and knowledge. Special thanks to the Together Digital team for delivering this valuable session. We're now equipped to leverage our strengthened abilities for the benefit of our community.

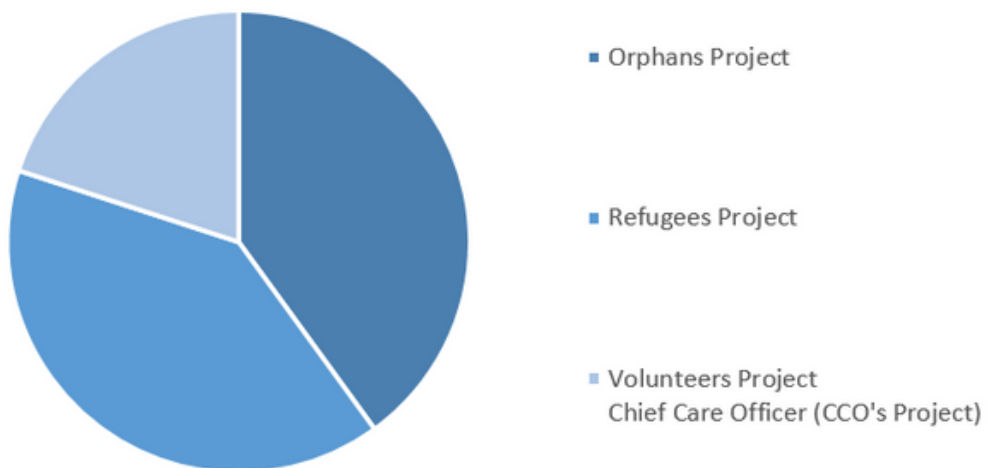


Financial Info & Beneficiaries

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Media Presence



Community Partners



Thank You

In conclusion, a sincere thank you to our dedicated team, volunteers, donors, and the resilient communities we serve. Your unwavering support has been crucial to our success. Here's to ongoing collaboration and shared achievements in the days ahead.

We are deeply grateful for your invaluable contributions and for the positive change we create together.



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