

MY PROJECT USA

PROTECTING & EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH

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5 YEARS OF AMAZING SERVICES & ADVOCACY



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ABOUT MY PROJECT USA

MY Project USA is a 501 (C) (3) organization, registered in the State of Ohio and tax exempted by IRS. We registered in Ohio on October 28, 2014. We launched our organization in public on March 1st, 2015. We are located at 3036 Sullivant Ave. Columbus 43204.

In this very short time, MY Project USA has already been recognized as one of the most active youth empowerment organizations in the City of Columbus. We are endorsed by Columbus City Council Members, Mayor Andrew Ginther of City of Columbus, Mayor Nan Whaley of the City of Dayton, and Ohio State Representative Adam Miller. We work collaboratively with The Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, United Way of Central Ohio, Columbus Police Department, Mid Ohio Food Bank, Homeland Security Department and many interfaith and other community organizations. We have launched programs in Dayton also at the request of Dayton Muslim community and the City of Dayton.

WHAT WE DO:

We are focused on protecting and empowering our youth by addressing hunger, poverty, human trafficking, drugs, gangs, bullying, violence, radicalization and others social issues that are facing the American youth, specially in refugee and other poor communities. We have launched several programs to protect and empower these undeserved youth and families. We aim to empower them by creating opportunities for them to become productive citizens and strong community leaders of the USA. It is a national initiative. The west-side of Columbus is our pilot program area.

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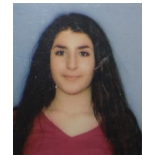
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THIS IS HOW WE PROTECT & EMPOWER OUR YOUTH!

Celebrating Five Years of Amazing Services & Advocacy



Dear Community,

Five Years ago, I dropped every thing else to create a new kind of an organization that would focus on the protection and empowerment of the refugee and under-served kids and families. It was a dream that I saw with my open eyes. It's humbling to see that in just five years, we have become the largest Muslim social services organization in Ohio. We are the only youth organization that is empowering Muslim and refugee youth through social services and civic engagement in Ohio.

As the Founder and the Executive Director of My Project USA, it's an honor to present to you the Five Year Report of the organization. I am so very proud and humbled by the outstanding progress we made in so many different areas, especially in addressing the violence in the Wedgewood Village Apartment on the westside of Columbus, OH, and fostering several youth as leaders and advocates for their own communities.

I want to thank and congratulate each and every partner, volunteers, donor and community member, young and old, boys and girls, for their role in bringing us to this day. Thank You.

Congratulations to MY Project USA youth leaders, board members, donors, sponsors, partners and all community members that supported us in different ways.

A Huge Thank You to the Columbus City Council, especially former Councilmember Michael Stinziano and current President Pro Tem Elizabeth Brown for their full support in turning the Wedgewood community for better. We couldn't do it without their financial and moral support.

As we celebrate our progress today, I want to remind everyone that our fight is against the pimps, drug dealers, criminals and all others that want to prey upon the vulnerable youths and children. Our fights is against hunger, poverty, unemployment and all kinds of other injustices. We might have saved a few with our programs, but we have to still go a very long way. Today we must renew our commitment to the Wedgewood children and families and other similar neighborhoods across Columbus, Dayton and beyond. With God's help, we will do everything possible in our capacity to protect and empower them. Our community is Bound to Rise.

In Solidarity with Youth & Families,

Zerqa Abid,
Founder & Executive Director

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- 2.5 million+** Meals & Snacks delivered
- 53,000+** Community Service Hours Contributed
- 114,000+** Individuals Served
- 15,000+** Gifts, Coats, Other Basic Supplies Passed
- 2,500+** Volunteers & Youth Activists Engaged
- 500+** Muslim Youth Leaders Trained
- 101** Youth and Adults Trained & Employed
- 75** Youth Became League Soccer Players
- 16** Soccer Players became Champions at Mid Ohio Select Soccer League
- 21** Social Services Projects Launched



2015-2020











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2015-2020 IN PROGRAMS

- ✓ MY Family Pantry
- ✓ MY Soup Kitchen
- ✓ MY Helpline Services
- ✓ MY Deah's Warehouse & Store
- ✓ MY Toys Drive
- ✓ MY Landscaping Services
- ✓ Earth Action Days
- ✓ Wedgewood Kids Club
- ✓ Wedgewood Girls Club
- ✓ Wedgewood Reading Warriors
- ✓ Hilltop Tigers Soccer Team
- ✓ Wedgewood Boy Scouts Program
- ✓ Wedgewood Festival & Parties
- ✓ Wedgewood Parents Workshops
- ✓ Adult ESL Classes
- ✓ Wedgewood Resident Association
- ✓ Wedgewood Youth Leaders Programs
- ✓ MY Project USA Dayton Chapter
- ✓ Dayton Domestic Violence Muslim Task Force
- ✓ Hilltop Task Force
- ✓ Muslims Against Human Trafficking
- ✓ Community & Police Relationship Initiative












2015-2020 Community Engagement & Advocacy Highlights

- Organized Muslim Youth Summits & Town Hall to organize Muslim Youth
- Organized Youth Summer Camps, Conferences & Concerts to Foster Muslim Youth Leaders
- Participated in Several MLK Parades and Events by different Cities & Organizations
- Participated at Airport Rally Against Muslim Travel Ban
- Started Columbus Unity Forum to unite Social Justice Activists in Central Ohio
- Organized Columbus Expanded Sanctuary Rallies to save people from ICE
- Co-Founded The Hilltop Coalition For Stronger Neighborhood
- Co-Organized, Participated & Sponsored several Earth Action Days, Spruce Up Days and other initiatives to foster cleaner, healthier neighborhoods
- Campaigned nationwide to organize Muslim Community against human trafficking.
- Co-organized Columbus Feed the Hungry 2017 & 2018
- Participated In March For Our Lives against Gun Violence
- Testified at the State House Against Gun Violence
- Testified at the State House Against the State Aide & Trade Agreements with the State of Israel
- Testified at The City Council for the Clean Water Bill and Policies
- Joined the Interfaith Coalition for One State ID
- Participated in Women’s March Ohio to Protect & Empower Women
- Organized See Something Say Something Campaigns to foster safer, crime-free neighborhoods
- Co-organized Hilliard United Against Hate Rally
- Co-organized Hilltop Unity March: Stop The Hate & Violence
- Organized Wedgewood Festivals & Cook Outs to Foster Safe Neighborhoods
- Exhibited, presented and/or campaigned at:
 - Annual Conventions of Islamic Society of North America
 - Annual Conventions of Islamic Circle of North America/Muslim American Society
 - Ohio TEOSL Conference,
 - Best Neighborhood Practices Conferences,
 - Religious News Association Conference,
 - Ohio Crime Prevention Association’s Conference,
 - Reinvest Ohio Summit by National Community Reinvestment Coalition,
- Launched the Hilltop Task Force to Address Human Trafficking and Drugs at Sullivant Ave. corridor in Columbus
- Co-organized Columbus Feed the Hungry 2018
- Organized 7 Big Tables with The Columbus Foundation
- Engaged hundreds of activists, community leaders, public officials & community members at different forums
- Trained and Empowered 100+ youth through different programs and initiatives in Columbus & Dayton
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Hungry Children Are Easy Prey!

MY Family Pantry & MY Soup Kitchen Provide Nutritious Uncooked Food, Hot Meals, Fruits and Vegetables Throughout the Year

More than 2.5 Million Meals & Snacks are Being Distributed to About 114,000 Clients Since 2015

We all know that hungry children are easy prey.

Food Insecurity is a real issue. A warm meal could give leverage to a drug dealer, a pimp, any criminal on a child as they lure them in to committing crimes in exchange of meals. sometimes sex slavery cases start simply by providing meal to a hungry child.

In the Hilltop area which is recognized as a food desert, it is even a bigger issue because of the high number of pimps and drug dealers on the Sullivant Ave and the surrounding area.

That's exactly why we started food distribution as soon as we embarked our journey of protecting our youth.

We started with MY Iftar Kitchen in Ramadan 2015, when we daily packed hot meals in the homes of community members in Hilliard and Dublin area that we would distribute door to door in Wedgewood. We also organized a food basket distribution to the needy families at the end of Ramadan that year.

In 2016, with the help of Sister Dorothy Hassan, we partnered with the Mid Ohio Food Bank and kicked off the formal pantry on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Since then, we closed on one Saturday only due to severe snow storm.

According to PantryTrack, we have served:

- 18,781 Households**
- 98,325 Individuals**
- 58,353 Children**
- 3825 Seniors**
- 3,000+ Volunteers**
- \$290,000+ Contributed in Labor Hours**

These numbers do not include the clients served through MY Soup/Iftar Kitchen, Ramadan Basket Drives and other initiatives in Columbus & Dayton. We serve 4-5,000 hot meals in Ramadan each year. We also serve food through various other initiatives and programs.

Pantry's fresh produce come from the Mid Ohio Food bank for free, but we add more to

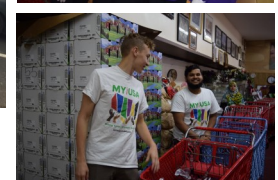
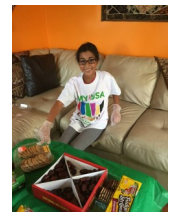
it as frequently as possible. So far we have spent about \$100,000 on operations and the additional dry staples and other supplies that we have passed to our clients.

So many of our clients have shared with us that they did not eat fruits for years until we started provided them through our pantry. Many children have shared with me that they did not know the taste of certain fruits until their parents got them home from our pantry.

So far this pantry is mostly funded by the Columbus Muslim community. It's open to all neighbors of different faith or ethnic backgrounds.

The services provided by our pantry are way more than just providing food. It has become a place for all of our clients to seek any other services/goods that they might need. In the last three years, at several occasions, our clients have received hundreds of free clothing, household items, Eid toys and games, financial aid to pay their rents and bills, legal aid, dental supplies, winter gears and so much more.

Our pantry is hundred percent led and managed by youth volunteers, mostly college and high school students. In the last three years, about 50 young adults have been trained into different leadership roles, team work, conflict resolution, time management, customer services, cultural competency, money management and in general how to run a successful pantry efficiently for a very long term. This itself is a great investment in our community and we are so proud of it.



Earth Action Days & Neighborhood Spruce Ups

Sullivant Avenue, Camp Chase Trail, Wedgewood Complex, South Central Hilltop, Masjid Omar Ibn El-Khattab & Abubakar Assidiq Islamic Center
We Have Spruced Them Up All!

MY Project USA Youth Join Community Leaders & Organizations

Environmental Action and Advocacy has been part of our main agenda from day one.

In Islamic faith, keeping earth clean is an obligation. Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) once said that “the entire Earth is like a mosque to be him.” Muslims are encouraged to be the most responsible in taking good care of earth in general.

In our line of work, it makes more sense because we all know that clean neighborhoods are safe neighborhoods. That’s why, in our war against pimps, drug dealers and gangsters, we give a lots of emphasis on keeping all neighborhoods clean.

We adopted a part of Sullivant Avenue, our prime neighborhood, from the Keep Columbus Beautiful in 2015. Throughout the years,



we have cleaned it several times. In addition, we have also organized Earth Action Days to help spruce up our mosques and their surrounding area.

One of our major Earth Action Day back in 2015 was at the Riverview Dr neighborhood. It helped uplift a community of hundreds of Muslims and non-Muslims at that time.

We also join our neighbors at the Annual South Central Hilltop Neighborhood Cleanup

events organized by the legendary Hilltop leader Lisa Boggs. Our Hilltop Tigers Soccer Team along with Coach Siyat Mohamed and other youth leaders team up with other neighbors, police officers and many elected officials to spruce up the entire neighborhood every year.

These activities also help our youth get out of their comfort zones and become part of the mainstream community. We are so very proud of our youth. They are our present and our future. We are committed to Protect and Empower them.



Wedgewood Clean Building Initiative In Partnership With Columbus Police Helped Reduce Drugs & Crimes

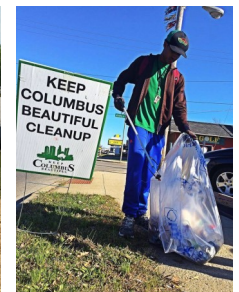
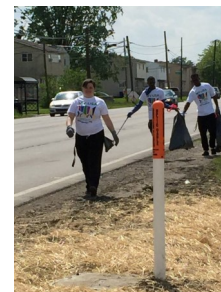
One of the initiatives launched by the Wedgewood Youth Leaders in 2017 was Clean Building Initiative.



In addition they also planned to have a community spruce up day once a month. Since then, several spruce ups have been organized in the Wedgewood.

Youths in our Soccer team, Reading Warriors, Boy Scouts or any other programs are required to participate in these and other activities organized by partner

organizations and neighbors. These kids wants to see their neighborhood clean and they are willing to step up and do the work it takes and we commend them for their hard work and dedication. Because of them, Wedgewood is a greatly improved neighborhood!



MY Helpline Helps Families Get Back On Their Feet

Provides Legal, Health, Housing, Job Training, Employment & Other Assistancess

From the very beginning MY Project USA has been focused on being accessible to individuals and families in need. We started a Help Hotline in 2015 that was attended by several volunteer mental health professionals and social workers across the States. They helped with cases of domestic violence, suicidal thoughts, food, housing, health and other issues. Due to the lack of funding to hire and unavailable volunteer force, we discontinued that service in 2017.

In 2018, we decided to modify the services for our pantry clients. Therefore the latest addition to MY Project USA's transformative structure, MY Helpline is an initiative that provides Legal, Health, and Housing services primarily to underserved communities.

Pioneered by Director and Executive Board member Eman Eltobgy, MY Helpline seeks to improve the quality of life of its clients by providing logistical support that allows families to overcome crucial, and often daunting, obstacles. Each case is analyzed by an esteemed team member on a case-by-case basis to create an action plan best suited specifically for the client.

Each of the three main facets of the program includes a comprehensive and in-depth collaboration with programs ranging from the local to the city level.

Under the Legal domain, clients enjoy access to a team of wonderful attorneys from the Legal Aid Society who work tirelessly to support and provide legal counsel to underserved and underrepresented members within the Columbus community. Client confidentiality is held at the utmost priority, followed by a diligent review of a client's legal needs in order to navigate the complexities of the law. MY Helpline is currently in the process of, with the collaboration of several wonderful Columbus-based organizations, providing Financial Literacy courses in addition to legal services to ensure that each family has a well-rounded understanding of what oftentimes is complex financial vernacular within much of their legal dealings.

Within the Health domain, MY Helpline further provides no-cost opportunities for community members to gain a better understanding of their health status. Team mem-

bers understand that much of their clients come from backgrounds, that often times have experienced tremendous loss, pain, and suffering that renders the conversation of health as secondary. With respect to their



its clients go beyond the food on their plate, but to the day-to-day care including access to free clinics.

Lastly, under the Housing domain, MY Helpline provides urgent and critical financial support, a thorough analysis of poor housing conditions and is representative of clients' interests to landlords and works on a personal to the city level to ensure that each family has a stable roof over their heads and the tools necessary to maintain its integrity. The Housing domain has been exceptionally successful this past year. MY Helpline raised effective funds to save several families from the brink of eviction through successful fundraisers. This included the payments towards rent, utilities, medical costs, groceries, supplies for infant care, and even funds for car maintenance. Before funds are allocated, each case is thoroughly and meticulously screened to ensure legitimacy. In extension, the majority of MY Helpline's client base does not have English as their primary language; this often is taken advantage of by landlords who are able to profit off of residents and not address poor housing conditions of their property.

The program has started a new initiative with collaboration from the City Attorney's Office Zach Klein to create Code Enforcement Task Force specific to addressing subpar living conditions and hold difficult landlords accountable for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for their residents.

My Helpline works tirelessly to ensure that every family has the best chance towards a stable and productive quality of life. By addressing the three biggest facets that contribute towards achieving stability, clients have access to a worthy ally that is willing to not only be their representative, but will also connect them with additional resources that also provide a similar care as well. Most importantly, because my Helpline invests in the longitudinal success of its clients, they become an integral part of the MY Project USA family and are thought of fondly, as well as checked on, long after achieving their goals. Team members take pride in their work and in the confidentiality between client and representative and commend every client that seeks MY Helpline's support.

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experiences, MY Helpline helps recentralize the conversation of health gaining by informing clients of the wide access to care the city of Columbus is rich with. Several initiatives include collaborating with the Wexner Center and Ohio Health to provide free mobile breast cancer screenings and the launch of student-led, in-depth research analyzing specific factors that contribute to the health of clients. Understanding one's health status can also be gaining a better understanding and often translating insurance policies to clients. MY Helpline works tirelessly to ensure that the health needs of

MY Project USA Serves Youths From Different Demographics

Youths From Different Socio-Economic Classes Work Hand In Hand With Each Other At MY Family Pantry, Reading Warriors, MY Soup Kitchen and Other Spaces Within MY Project USA

From Youth Conferences To The Wedgewood Kids Club, All Programs Help Protect & Empower Our Youths, Ages 7-20



In the last five years, we have trained and Empowered 500+ youth through different programs and initiatives.

We have Organized Youth Summits, Retreats & Town Hall to foster strong Youths. We have also organized Youth Summer Camps, Conferences, Restorative Justice Circles & Workshops to Foster Youth Leaders & Advocates

We have created several Service-oriented spaces for youths and adults and provided them with hands-on training of project management, client services, financial sustainability and more.

We have arranged meetings of youths and elected officials in the City Hall and the State House

We have participated in Several MLK Parades and Events by different Cities & Organizations

For the younger kids in Wedgewood, we offer several different types of programs, activities and events. In 2018, more than 150 children were served on weekly basis through different programs in Wedgewood. These are the children at the high-risk of drugs and gangs violence, therefore we make sure that we take care of them with a holistic approach.

In addition to helping them with their home work and reading skills, we also help them and their families with basic needs, food and any other issues they might have had.

Wedgewood Youth Leaders:

We are super proud of some of the youth in Wedgewood for all of their hard work they have put into their community, making it a more safe, clean and prosperous environment. These amazing group of individuals are the Wedgewood leaders and their efforts should be admired. They rose up from being just a teenager to the community leaders and organizers in their crime-ridden and under-served neighborhood. They took the roles of tutors, teachers, mentors, big sisters/ big brothers organizers, advocates, and Boy Scout Leaders. They attended meetings, workshops and job trainings at MY Deah's store and warehouse. They took little kids under their wings and tried to organize parents to kick off a social change movement in the community. May God always protect, guide and bless them and their families abundantly. Because of these talented and incredible individuals, we have a bright future, God willing.



Reading Warriors Protects & Empowers Wedgewood Youths

Raifa Alhag-ali Shares Her Own Story of Empowerment & Community Service

My name is Raifa Alhag-ali. I am the Director of Reading Warriors.

When I took over Reading Warriors—initially titled Wedgewood Reading Warriors, I was so excited to play more than just a small part in this initiative under MY Project USA (MYPUSA). I have been volunteering with this non-profit since Summer 2017, and I still remember my first experience working with MY Family Pantry—a different initiative under MYPUSA—like it was yesterday; the most vivid memory being the kindness and dedication of the other volunteers and their genuine love for helping people in need. Although that was what pulled me in to begin with, I found an entirely different motive when I began to contribute to this organization myself.

Founded by Samira Mohamud in 2017, Reading Warriors is an after-school program held every Wednesday from 4-5:30pm that is dedicated to not only enhancing the reading abilities of the youth in underserved communities in Columbus, but also to providing them with a safe, accepting, and empowering space. Upon being given the responsibility of taking over operations and running the program after Samira could no longer do so herself, I had no idea what I was in for—and I was very excited to find out. In its initial stages, the takeover was quite challenging, especially since I was doing it alone. So, Sr. Zerqa, founder and President of MYPUSA, connected me with other motivated youth

from diverse backgrounds. Safa Mohamed, Simon and Roman Joseph, Qali Ahmed, and Abdi Bakari were all members of the initial team, and we were able to run the

pinpoint the weaknesses of the program, brainstorm ideas to tackle those weaknesses head-on, and develop ways to take the program to the next level. The only next move that seemed appropriate was to develop an executive team for Reading Warriors—with each member focusing on a specific weakness. After many planning meetings with Safa, we put out an application that displayed open positions for other dedicated youth to join our team.

After reviewing applications and successfully interviewing all applicants, I was faced with the difficult task of selecting the best candidate for each position. At the time, it seemed like each of the interviews went well enough to consider each person for the positions they applied to, and it only made the decision-making process more complex. However, as a leader and Director of the program, I came up with the decision and was very confident in the selection I made for each position. As a team, we had our first board meeting on January 18th and re-launched the program the following Wednesday January 22nd. I have noticed a lot more success with the team-tackle approach where each team member has their individual, focused role and responsibilities and expectations associated with that role. This year, within the first four weeks, we registered 33 kids aged 10-15 in our program, and that number is expected to continue growing as we continue working on improving the program.

program smoothly and adapt to any necessary changes. However, after a couple of months, inconsistencies started arising and many of the original team members were unable to make the time commitment. As the Director of the program, after the school year ended, I decided to put the program on hold after noticing attendance rates dropping. My aim was to

We Uplift Refugee Parents Through Education

ESL Classes, Parenting Workshops & Citizenship Exam Prep

Over the span of years, we have offered several ESL classes in Columbus and Dayton areas. We have invested into an ESL curriculum that our instructors use in their classes.

Our students have reported that after taking our classes, they were able to listen to co-workers with a higher comprehension of the communication. Students also reported that they were able to discuss issues with their doctor more easily after

the medical unit. Better command on English language heled the parents to better understand their children’s activities. It also opened up more doors to better employment for many of our students.

Per the community request, we have also offered citizenship test prep classes. The goal of the citizenship unit was not to improve skills in communication, but rather to pass the U.S. Citizenship test.

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Wedgewood Rise From Gang & Violence To Soccer Championship!

MY Project USA's Hilltop Tigers Become The Pride Of The Community

Coach Siyat Mohamed started the Hilltop Tigers Team in 2017. Thanks to Bayan Shalash for raising initial money at the Hilliard City Schools, we spent about \$2000 on our first team to play indoor soccer in winter 2017. This experience was wonderful. More parents came forward and asked the same for their children. Our young advocates were convinced that the soccer would be the program to engage and save their community in so many ways. That's what they communicated to the Councilmembers.

Columbus City Council approved a grant to fund a soccer/sports program for the youth of the Wedgewood community.

Our Executive Director Zerqa Abid proposed to the property owners to transform the vacant parcels on the property into proper soccer fields. This would help engage hundreds of children without being worried about transporting them to any other recreation center. Property owners agreed to the proposal. Russ Harris, a community leader, stepped up to lead the newly formed Soccer Advisory Board of MY Project USA.

While we sorted through the logistics of building a soccer field, we decided to take our teams to the Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League tournament in fall 2018. About 50

kids from Wedgewood played in four different teams in the MOSSL league. All teams played phenomenal games, but the U13 team actually won the championship.

The entire community is thrilled by this great achievement and positive development in their community.

My Project USA created an opportunity for Wedgewood youth to participate in a highly competitive soccer league based in the central part of Ohio. In this travel soccer league players come from community soccer clubs. Most of these clubs are organized in relatively affluent communities.

The goal was to create a pathway to higher competition for the youth of the Wedgewood community. As the grant from the city council is implemented, a regulation soccer field and practice areas have also been established on the Wedgewood property. The program seeks to involve hundreds of Wedgewood youth in positive sports and wellness programing.

This is part of a much larger program intended to engage hundreds of Wedgewood and Hilltop youth in organized physical and well-



ness activities. We hope to have a regulation soccer field, volley ball areas and obstacle courses available in the spring. These sports and wellness programs are part of a much bigger alliance of city and community partners working to improve opportunities for Wedgewood youth.



Team Building and Community Awareness

All of the soccer players learned to play together as a team. They focused on collaboration and communication to accomplish a greater goal. They learned individual responsibility in terms of what their position on the field had to contribute for the team to be successful.

Tangible proof of the programs value came in terms of individual kids volunteering that they were choosing soccer and this oppor-



tunity instead of being involved in gangs,

drugs and community violence. They not only recognized that they were making an explicit choice, but they communicated it frequently.

Each time the teams would return from games, kids and adults would gather round the teams to learn about their success. The positive demonstration effect of this early component of the soccer program is evident throughout the community.

Employment Is The Heart Of Long-Term Empowerment

We Have Created Spaces To Train & Employ Underprivileged Youth & Adults

We Also Hire Former Felons, Drug Addicts, Human Trafficking Survivors & Others

MY Deah's Store & Warehouse, MY Landscaping Services, Boy Scouts, Soccer & More Places To Work

Capacity building of our community members through employment and entrepreneurship is at the core of MY Project USA's mission. We are committed to provide job trainings, create employment opportunities and supporting our community members in starting their own businesses. To achieve this goal, we have partnered with

neighborhood struggle to provide basic needs to their children here. MY Deah's store quickly became a source of free or cheap household items, clothing, food and other kind of support for not only these families but also for homeless, drug addicts and other trafficking victims on the street.

Throughout the last five years, we have also hired several individuals from the underprivileged community, former felons, human trafficking survivors, refugees with no job experience and former drug addicts to help at different departments including MY Deah's store, warehouse, adult and youth



We have hired people from this community to run the store. We also have partnered with COWIC, Godman Guild, Goodwill Stores, City of Columbus, United Way of Central Ohio and other agencies at different times to offer internships and jobs to underprivileged youths and adults.

Summer internships for youth between 14-24 have included several positions ranging from staffing MY Deah's store, providing landscaping services, social media marketing, video production, community organizing, and more.

programs, community organizing, MY Hilltop Tigers soccer program, Reading Warriors, etc.

We are now very excited about being a partner of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) to offer formal job trainings and help with the small business loans and training to the individuals in need. These trainings will be offered at various mosques and community centers as needed.



In 2015, at the request of several youths, we launched **MY Landscaping Services** initiative that would create job opportunities for many of the underprivileged youth and adults. Many of whom got interested in to starting their own landscaping business. We are now looking in to partnering with ECDI to help those individuals getting their loans to start small businesses of their own.

Among all other initiative, MY Deah's warehouse has been the most expensive and yet bold venture so far. Following the Goodwill Stores model, we are building a used clothes and shoes container business that would help us sustain our own organ-

several organizations and agencies from day one.

We proudly report to the community that in five years, we have invested more than \$400,000 in job training, employment and entrepreneurship. We have trained and/or hired 101 individuals through various programs and initiatives.

MY Deah's store was our very first social enterprise that we opened at the Sullivant Ave. on the west side of Columbus. This is a very poor neighborhood that is also very high on sex trafficking, drugs and other crimes. Hard working families in this



MY Deah's Store & Warehouse Follow Goodwill Stores Model

Your Donations Create Jobs & Security For Youth & Families

ization for years to come, inshaAllah, (God willing).

We have rented a 20,000 Sqft Warehouse close to our store. We store, sort, sell and



bail our donations for different purposes. Thanks to our generous community, in addition to the used clothes and shoes, we also receive all kinds of household items, medical equipments, furniture, books and appliances.

These things are provided for free of cost or very cheap to any needy family or individual per their situation.

All merchandise that is beyond the immediate needs of our needy community members is sold to regular buyers online, in store and in the warehouse. The money generated from these sales help us pay for our operations. At this moment, this money is nowhere enough to support us, therefore, we are indebted. But once we are able to sell two containers a month, we will be making additional \$100,000 in profit. That money would help us not only sustain our organization, but also grow more programs. This a tested business model, that we have adopted for the sake of a better, stronger, self-sufficient future.



Donation Drop Off Locations

10 Locations In Columbus & 2 Locations in Dayton
We Collect New & Gently Used Clothes, Shoes, Toys & Books
Truck Pick Up Available For Large Donations

Central Ohio folks can now drop off their donations of new and gently used clothes, shoes books, toys and other small non-breakable items in a donation box near them. These location Include:

- Noor Islamic Cultural Center** - 5001 Wilcox Rd. Dublin 43016
- Masjid Omar Ibn El-Khattab** - 580 River-view Dr, Columbus, OH 43202
- Masjid Nimrah** - 4501 Refugee Rd, Columbus, OH 43232
- MAS Youth Center** - 4615 Northtowne Blvd, Columbus, OH. 43229
- Turkish American Society of Ohio (TASO)** - 2885 W Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235
- Ahlul Bayt Society** - 2580 W Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235

- The First Congregational Church** - 444 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215
- Quick & Easy Mart** - 4197 Cleveland Ave. Columbus
- MY Deah's Store** - 3036 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, OH 43204 - During Business Hours Only
- MY Deah's Warehouse** - 4004 Fondorf Dr. Columbus, OH 43228
- Dayton Mercy Society** - 2277 Maue Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
- Osman Gazi Mosque** - 1508 Valley St, Dayton, OH 45404

We are looking for more locations. If interested in helping us or have any other question, please contact us at info@myprojectusa.org.

MY Project USA Partners With Mosques & YWCA Dayton To Protect & Empower Muslim Women, Youth & Families In Dayton

Your Donations Create Jobs & Security For Youth & Families



In 2016, we were invited by the **Mayor of Dayton Nan Whaley** to help in addressing domestic violence within the Dayton Muslim community. At the insistence of several Dayton Muslim Leaders, we launched Domestic Violence Task Force and other programs in Dayton.

We partnered with the YWCA Dayton and trained 18 Muslim adults and youth from 8 different mosques/schools in Dayton.

These individuals were trained to act as liaise on between the social workers, agencies, police officers and the Muslim victims of domestic violence in the greater Dayton area. They have also committed to work on the prevention of domestic violence by starting various programs and initiatives in their mosques and other respective social networks.

In 2019, we hired Sr. Arwa Saleh to directly help the domestic violence victims. She

was able to help 7 sisters under our program last year.

In addition to that we also partnered with the Dayton Police Department, Dayton Mercy Society, Osman Gazi Mosque and Islamic Society of Greater Dayton and organized various programs and workshops including Youth Summit, Public Safety Seminar, Spring Fling and many other important events to strengthen Dayton Muslim community.

All of this work was possible only because of the generous donations of the Dayton Muslim community that raised \$42,000 to help these initiatives. In five years, MY Project USA has spent \$51,000 on Dayton Programs.

Dr. Sarah Hussain, Mehreen Ahmed Raja, Dr. Irshad Hussain, Ismail Gula, Dr. Saeed Albezreh, Arwa Saleh, Bassel Elnamara, Eldor Muradov, Jenna Albezreh, Salma

Albezreh, Ahsan Subzwari, and Sr. Gulrukh Ajwan have played major role in Dayton so far.



FREE EVENT ★ FREE FOOD ★ FREE TRAINING

DAYTON MUSLIMS SAFETY SEMINAR

BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY

WITH DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MY PROJECT USA

SATURDAY FEB 2 | 10 AM | OSMAN GAZI MOSQUE

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- CHIEF RICHARD S. BIEHL, DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- ZERQA ABID, MY PROJECT USA
- ELDAR MURDOV, OSMAN GAZI MOSQUE
- ARWA SALEH, ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER DAYTON
- FAZAL KHAN, DAYTON MERCY SOCIETY

FEATURED TRAININGS:

- “RUN, HIDE, FIGHT” UNDERSTANDING WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION
- “HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT” DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE CLUES THAT PARENTS MAY BE MISSING



REGISTER NOW AT MYPROJECTUSA.ORG

EVENT IS FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRE-REGISTERED CHILDREN ONLY.

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PROGRAM

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

DAYTON MUSLIM ADVOCATES



OLD NORTH DAYTON SPRING FLING

OSMAN GAZI MOSQUE

SUNDAY | APRIL 14, 2019 | 12:00 PM



Are You Abused? Do You or Someone You Know Need Help? Not Sure?

Call 937-409-8927

all calls are confidential.

UNDERSTAND DOMESTIC/FAMILY VIOLENCE

Violence is unacceptable no matter what the relationship is, and no other person is responsible for it as long as it is not an accident as a physical blow. We have listed some signs of a victim below to help you better assess a situation, as well as understand the subtleties that can be subtle.

Does this Person:

- Consistently cancel plans with friends or other family for reasons that don't sound true?
- Always worry about making their spouse angry?
- Give up things that were previously important to them?
- Show signs of physical abuse, like bruises or cuts?
- Get pressured into having sex, or feel like a sex object?
- Feel they must be available all the time for their spouse?
- Become isolated from friends or family?

There are some of the signs of a victim. When they are present, a sign of abuse that characterizes an Unhealthy Relationship is often also present. If you recognize these symptoms for yourself or for your friend, for the sake of Allah and that of your friend, your family and your own well being, seek help in Allah and get help now.

For More Information about Domestic Violence, please visit ProjectUSA.org

How MY Project USA Can Help In Dayton:

We connect a victim with a Case Manager, a Social Worker, a Lawyer and more as needed. We can also help with housing and Transportation arrangements per need and request.

In case of emergency, please call 911 immediately. To seek local help in case of non-emergencies, please contact Arwa Saleh at MY Project USA Dayton Office, between 1pm to 5pm, M-F. 937-409-8927 | Dayton@MYProjectUSA.org | 141 W 3rd St. Dayton, OH 45402

Disclaimer: We are not there for "client" information with any party without client's written permission. A direct charge may request for help anyone they want. We are not responsible for providing any services or for any hardship that our clients face that they may need to report to their police. A client's case always requires their cooperation with the attorney responsible of any complication, due to their lack of emergency.

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MY Project USA Is The Legacy Of Its Donors & Volunteers

Our Volunteers Contributed \$1M Worth Of Hours In 5 Years

MY Project USA is a true story of a startup business/organization that was started with zero dollar in account. It's first office was the kitchen table of our Founder and Executive Director, Zerqa Abid. First year was the hardest year financially. Abid borrowed thousands of dollars on her personal credit cards to support the cash flow. Almost all incidentals and supplies were paid by ZAPS Technocrats that billed these expenses to us and still has to be paid for some portion of those bills.

Slowly but surely, the donations started pouring in. Our beautiful, generous community started supporting us more and more as they saw the outstanding services and their outcomes in the communities.

We are humbled to report to you today that MY Project USA has spent more than \$930,000 in uplifting, protecting and empowering our youth and families in the last five years. This number does not include the fiscal estimate of the in-kind donations and volunteer service hours.

In the last five years, we have spent more than \$300,000 in payroll and small contractor fees. This payroll could have been way more, if all our officers, board members, executive committee members were also charging us money for their time and other resources.

Volunteer Contribution:

In five years, our volunteers have contributed more than 53,000 hours. The monetary value of these hours alone is more than ONE MILLION DOLLARS according to the IRS guidelines.

The major volunteer contributor is Ms. Abid who has working voluntarily 60-70 hours a week for five years and has contributed thousands of dollars in in-kind service hours to the organization. Because of her, our expenses associated with administration,

parent development and other social services areas are very low.

Mrs. Rukhsana Ansari and Mr. Russell Harris, our past and present treasurers have also given hundreds of hours to the organization for free over the years. Ms. Morgen Morrisette, our former Secretary of Board is an immigration attorney. She has also contributed a large chunk of volunteer hours from

Kenton Council. We received about \$13,000 in that grant. All of this money was used to uplift and empower Wedgewood youths that were trained and hired to run the program or on the uniforms, incidentals and supplies of younger scouts and cubs in the program. In 2018, Councilmember Elizabeth Brown took a big step and provided us with \$68,850 to grow our Hilltop Tigers Soccer Program in Wedgewood. This grant was later renewed in 2019 for the same amount. We are genuinely grateful to all Councilmembers for supporting us their funds and approval of these grants. They have played a major role in changing the lives of the residents of Wedgewood community big time.

Direct Support of Community Members, Small Businesses:

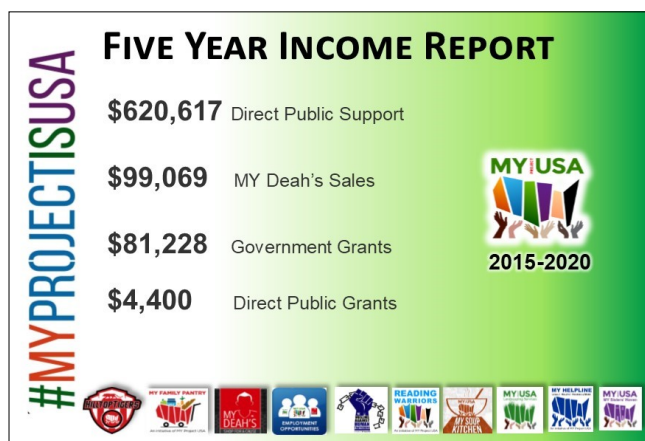
The main contributors are our community members. Our main donor base is the Muslim Community of Central Ohio. A large number of donors are also from all over the United States. Without their generous support, we wouldn't be where we are today. We also have several non-Muslim friends and churches that have supported us by different means. We appreciate all of them. Together, we have made a difference last year. We hope more people would join us this year.

Following are **Our Pioneers & Visionaries** that have played a major role in building this organization through their monetarily donations thus far.

- ▶ Allied Communication Corp.
- ▶ Dr. Nowwar Mustafa
- ▶ Dr. Sondos Al Sad
- ▶ Dr. Shams Khan
- ▶ Mrs. Zerqa Abid
- ▶ ZAPS Technocrats Inc.

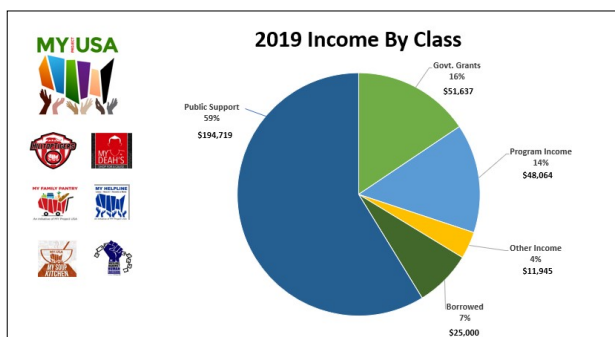
May God bless them and all of us, the contributors, volunteers, staff and well wishers of MY Project USA with His bounties. May each and everyone individual served by our organization becomes a continued charity for us. Ameen

MY Project USA is our legacy. May God bless it with more resources and support that we need to support more ad better. Ameen.



her side in taking care of all of our legal matters.

Our Family Pantry Committee Members also work as volunteers. These college students give 5-6 hours every week to serve more



than 150 families on Saturday mornings.

Reading Warriors Committee Members are following the footsteps of the pantry team and we are looking forward to have new record set in 2020.

Government Grants:

At this point our only source of government grant has been the Columbus City Council. We have received In 2017, former Councilmember Michael Stinziano gave us a joint grant with the Boy Scouts of America, Simon

At MY Project USA Your Money Goes a Long Way!

Together We Have Invested \$930,571 To Uplift \$114,000+ Individuals

On the expense side, so far we have invested more than \$930,000 to uplift, protect and empower more than 114,000 individuals in five years. This sounds so crazy when we remember that we started with zero dollars in our pocket on someone's kitchen table. We are humbled and proud at the same time and ask our God to keep blessing us with more opportunities of serving more families and community members through our services.

On your right side, you will see the breakdown of expenses made in 2019. They are broken by classes. Last year, we spent \$48,000 on youth development and another \$48,000 to address the food insecurity in the Hilltop area. We spent \$22,000 in helping the domestic violence victims and organizing the Muslim community in Dayton area. We spent \$22,000 in helping various families with housing assistance, debt reduction, utilities bill and other urgent needs they had. On job training and employment, we spent \$151,000 last year. In comparison, we had only spent \$20,000 in general admin, mostly because our board members work voluntarily and we don't pay anyone for those admin jobs so far.

Employees & Contractors:

Only people that are hired and paid by our projects are the youth and parents that we are trying to protect and empower through our work. Depending on their situation and nature of jobs, they are paid as employees or contractors. In five years, we have paid more than 50 individuals on our payroll as full-time or part-time employees, contractors or youths on stipends. We are humbled to be able to support 50 households by creating employment opportunities for them. More youths and contractors who worked on our initiatives have been paid by our partners per the agreements or the grant

arrangements. Job trainings and summer programs are part of those initiatives.

Once in a while we hire a person from outside of that pool just because we couldn't find that skill set. We ten try to build capacity of our clients by using that skilled person's services.

Liabilities & Debts:

At this moment we owe about \$65,000 to our founder, Zerqa Abid. She has loaned this amount without any interest over the period of five years. Some of this came out of her personal credit cards, that have been refinanced to buy some more time. This loan needs to be paid back so she could clear her own credit history and could use the rest of the money for her personal and family needs.

We also have \$30,000 plus in loans on organization's credit card. It is on zero percent promotional till the August 2020. We need the support of community members to in paying this back. After God, we place our trust in our generous community hoping to see their continued support this year and for many years to come.

FIVE YEAR INVESTMENT REPORT

\$930,571 Total Investment In The Community

\$437,876 Job Training & Entrepreneurship

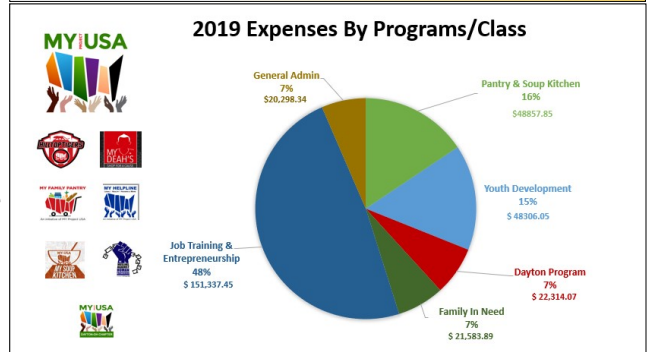
\$307,225 Payroll & Small Contractors

\$150,000 Youth Development

\$90,272 Total Liabilities = Loans & Account Payables (as of Feb. 2020)





Masjid Omar Ibn El-Khattab

and its community members

Support the Mission of MY Project USA!

We are one of the old mosques in Columbus, Ohio.
We are open for everyone!

Visit Masjid Omar on the web:
www.masjidomarohio.org

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY

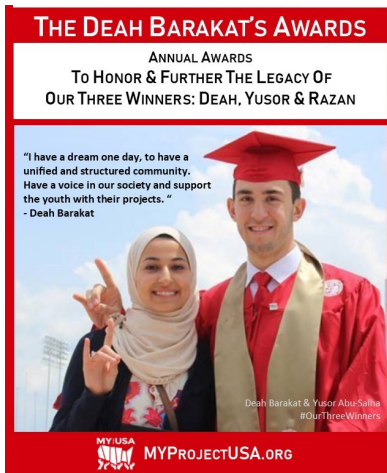
Please Write Your Check to "MY Project USA"
Mail It To:
PO Box 1311, Hilliard, OH 43026

ONLINE: WWW.MYPROJECTUSA.ORG

MY Project USA Present Annual Awards To Youth & Adult Leaders

Awards Honor The Legacies Of Deah Barakat & Chrys Gee Activist

Awardees Also Receive Commendation From The Ohio State House & Columbus City Council



MY Project USA is all about fostering and empowering young leaders and groom them in to community leaders, public servants, organizers and entrepreneurs and anything else that they want to become to positively impact the lives of their fellow human beings. Throughout the year, we create several spaces for youth and adults to help them become somebody by serving the community. Once a year, we recognize their accomplishments by presenting them with awards and certificates of achievements.

In 2018, we started presenting awards honoring Deah Barakat. In 2019, we also started presenting Chrys Gee Activist Award. Please check www.myprojectusa.org/awards to learn more about these awards.

Deah's Change Maker Of The Year Award Youth

- Samiara Mohamud 2017
- Siyat Mohamed 2018
- Erick Bellomy 2019

Deah's Change Maker Of The Year Award Adult

- Adam Quintanilla 2019

Deah's Excellence In Community Service & Leadership Award – Youth

- Karum Abdulrahman 2017
- Khadija Ibrahim 2017
- Farida Eid 2018
- Bayan Shalash 2018
- Heba Raslan 2019
- Khalil Qutifan 2019
- Omar Dahshi 2019
- Raifa Alhag-ali 2019

Deah's Excellence In Community Service & Leadership Award – Adult

- Dr. Malika Haque 2017
- Dr. Mohammed Shareef 2018
- Amina Barhumi 2019
- Mia Lewis 2019

Deah's Community Services Awards 2017

- Siyat Mohamed 2017
- Isha Hussein 2017
- Fadumo Muhammed 2017
- Zainab Abdi 2017
- Asha Bakari 2017
- Mariam Osman 2017
- Bayan Shalash 2017
- Heba Raslan 2017
- Farida Eid 2017
- Omar Dahshi 2017
- Zeenet Ahmed 2017
- Atheer Shalash 2017
- Ayah Shalash 2017
- Rahaf Shalash 2017
- Khamisey Mohamed 2017
- Maryam Habul 2018
- Momina Tashfeen 2018
- Khalil Qutifan 2018
- Omar Dahshi 2018
- Heba Raslan 2018
- Safa Mohamed, 2018
- Ahmed Hussein 2019
- Ayat Ibrahim 2019
- Anera Zec 2019
- Jonathan Galasso 2019
- Noor Al-Hashemi 2019
- Safa Mohamed 2019
- Safia Mateen 2019
- Momina Tashfeen 2019
- Maryam Habul 2019
- Mubina Tashfeen 2019

The Chrys Gee Activist Award

- Mary Louise Hawkins 2018
- Tiffany Sigler Rumbalski 2019
- Thomas Cartwright 2019



5-YEAR REPORT: EVENTS & PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS



Free Food, Games, Fun, Health Screenings, Raffle, School Bags & Supplies And More

Join Us For A Community Building Event. A National Night Out With Law Enforcement Awards & Recognition Ceremony: 6:30 pm Soccer Games With Cops 7:00 pm LIVE MUSIC - GAMES - RAFFLE - BOUNCE HOUSE - PETTING ZOO.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 5:30 - 8 PM

More info: (614) 905-0977 www.MYProjectUSA.org

This Ramadan: Share Your Blessings

Give Your Zakat / Donations to Support Food/Toys Drive & Other Initiatives

- You've Got Their Back!**
1. Feed the homeless and needy - \$10 /meal
 2. Sewed 600s, Clothes, shoes - \$55-250 /item
 3. Sponsor Ramadan Food Basket - \$50/Basket
 4. Help the Survivors of Sex Trafficking, Gangs, etc.
 5. Shelter a homeless/abused sister
 6. Pay for a Youth/family therapy
 7. Sponsor a Mentor to provide free Mentor Services to Eligible Youth
 8. Cause a Friend - Pay for ESL & Learning Workshops
 9. Adopt a Youth Leader - Pay for Leadership Camps & Other Activities
 10. Support General Relief Fund to address these and other needs.

Ramadan Starter Baskets For Eligible Families

Donate Money or Non-perishable Food Items - \$50/basket

Ramadan Iftar Kitchen

Daily Iftar Meal for Homeless and Needy Individuals - \$10/meal

More Info: Call: 614-905-0977 Email: info@MYProjectUSA.org

"EMPOWERING MYSELF & MY COMMUNITY"



MY Leaders Summer Camp 2015
August 5th - August 15th, 2015 | Columbus, OH | Age 13 - 17

MY Leaders Summer Camp 2015 is a collaborative project of MY Project USA and the Institute of Youth Development and Excellence. It is specially designed to empower Muslim youth (13-17) in finding their role and place within their community and society.

TOPICS/SKILLS INCLUDE

- Sense of self - Understanding Power
- Self Discovery - what needs to change
- Sense of others - knowing the community
- Identifying obligations - Nature of responsibility
- Understanding Community Service
- Islamic Ethics of Leadership - Accountability
- Planning, Organizing and Promoting a Community Service Initiative

DATES & TIME

Classes: August 5 - 15, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
No Classes on Weekend (Aug 8 & 9)
Completion Ceremony - August 15, 11:00 AM

REGISTRATION

EARLY BIRDS GET 10% OFF - ENDS JUNE 15, 2015
Registration Closes on July 25th, 2015
or until the seats are available.

#MYPROJECTUSA

COLUMBUS, OH | FEBRUARY 6 - 27, 2016

WE ARE GIVING BACK!
Join Our Annual Interfaith Food & Dental Supplies Drive Support Homeless, Needy & Refugees

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- MY Duah's, 2000 Riverside Park, Columbus, OH 43204
- Noor Islamic Cultural Center, 5000 W. Dublin Rd., Dublin, OH 43016
- Arlington Advanced Dentistry, 2200 Northwest Blvd #103, Columbus, OH 43221
- Al Safa Halal Meat, 4100 Riverside, Columbus, OH 43229
- Khyber Restaurant, 420 Riverside, Columbus, OH 43228

Drop Off Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2016

Most Needed Food Items: Cans of beans, Cans of soups, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables, Soup with vegetables, Peanut Butter.

Most Needed Dental Supplies: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toothbrush holder, Mouthwash, Any other dental supplies will be accepted.

MY DEAR'S RENOVATION DAY
Saturday, February 20, 2016 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SOUP KITCHEN- HOT MEAL DELIVERY
Friday, February 12 | 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONY & PRESS CONFERENCE
Saturday, Feb 27, 2016 | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

THE BIG TABLE

PROTECT & EMPOWER OUR YOUTH & FAMILIES
POTLUCK & COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

8.29.18 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

NOOR ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTER
5001 WILCOX RD. DUBLIN OH 43016
614-905-0977 | MYPROJECTUSA.ORG

WEDGEWOOD SPRUCE UP DAY ONE

SUNDAY | DEC 10
11AM - 3PM

Protect Yourself

self defense for girls 13 & up

Dayton Mercy Society
2277 Maue Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342
Friday, January 4th
7:30 to 9:00 pm

Learn To Live More Safely

This class is being offered in collaboration with the Dayton Police Department. A lady police officer will offer this course. This course is geared toward girls and women and will present techniques and concepts including how to assess and avoid dangerous locations, displaying self-defense techniques and escaping threatening situations.

Course is Free. Space is Limited. Registration is Required.
Register at MYProjectUSA.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING. REPORT CRIMES SAFELY!

JOIN US TO KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE. HELP STOP DRUGS, GANGS & CRIMES

Join the relentless pursuit of a better tomorrow for our neighborhood. See something, say something. Report criminal offenders to local police and send the message crime will not be tolerated here! You can report crime information anonymously if you choose not to have your identity known within any of the below forums.

COLUMBUS POLICE PRIMARY CALL CENTER : 614 645-4545
Limited English speaking persons may request a translator (Say "I need a Somali or Mai-Mai translator") Police dispatchers will arrange for you to talk to the proper detectives with translator assistance.

CRIME STOPPERS: 614 461-8477

WEB PAGE - STOPCRIME.ORG
Limited English speaking persons may go to "Submit a Tip" and click on "in Somali" to have reporting page translated to Somali

COLUMBUS POLICE HOME WEBPAGE: COLUMBUS.GOV/POLICE
Access the Columbus Division of Police home web page at Columbus.Gov/Police. Find "Report an Incident Online" and click on "learn more" link. Limited English speaking persons may click on "Select language" in upper right hand corner of screen for translation.

Columbus Police Narcotics Tip Line: 614 645-4616
(English answering service for Narcotics specific tips)

Homosexuality & Muslim Americans

A Forum to Discuss Our Attitude Towards the LGBT Community

With: **Shaykh Imaeel Chartier**, Clifton Mosque, Cincinnati, OH
Riyad Shamma, Institute of Youth Development & Excellence
Horsed Nooh, AbuBakar Assidq Islamic Center
Zerqa Abid, MY Project USA

This will be an afternoon of discussion about homosexuality - a topic that is not being discussed commonly at our mosques or in the traditional Quran halqas. We will have a good interactive session with Shaykh Imaeel Chartier and other speakers.

This program is highly recommended for middle-school and high-school students, parents, teachers, mentors, imams, community leaders and non-Muslim teachers that are interested in learning about Islamic guidelines about homosexuality and the LGBT community.

About Shaykh Imaeel Chartier:
Shaykh Imaeel Chartier is currently serving as Imam at Clifton Mosque in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was previously an Imam for several years in Denver, Colorado. He attended Al-Azhar University in Egypt and holds multiple Islamic certifications in hadith, fiqh, and aqida from great scholars in Egypt, Morocco, India, Yemen, and Syria. He is also the founder of the Quran Foundation for Dialogue.

Shaykh Imaeel has dedicated himself to the eradication of extremism and is committed to open dialogue with the greater community. He has appeared on Hallaq TV, Guide Tv, and Peace TV. He has also served on the Advisory Board of The Ahle Sunnat, Fath Initiative, Habitat for Humanity's Relations Board, and the Colorado Islamic Council.

Saturday May 16, 2015 2:00 PM

Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway
Hilliard, OH 43026

For Adolescents & Adults Only
No Babysitting Available

Event is FREE.
Space is Limited.
Registration is Required.
Register Now.

More Info: 614-905-0977 info@myprojectusa.org
MYProjectUSA.org



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COMMUNITY IN

CRISIS

Seven people were fatally shot last year at Wedgwood Village. Can activists, politicians, police and residents such as SAMIRA MOHAMUD turn things around?



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FIGHTING BACK
COMMUNITY EFFORT TO TACKLE CRIME PROBLEM
WEDGWOOD APARTMENTS, WEST COLUMBUS



Westside community aims to keep children, residents safe

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COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION
WEDGWOOD VILLAGE APTS.



6:02 55° CONTINUING COVERAGE
SAMIRA MOHAMUD
WEDGWOOD VILLAGE RESIDENT



FIGHTING BACK
COMMANDER SCOTT HYLAND
PATROL COMMANDER WEST SIDE



SLIDE TACKLE TO SUCCESS
PROJECT AIMS TO STOP CRIME WITH SOCCER IN WEST COLUMBUS