

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



The Light of Mercy

15th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION





MISSION STATEMENT

GiveLight builds beautiful homes and futures for orphans around the world. Founded in the wake of the 2004 tsunami, GiveLight now supports over 1000 orphans in 11 countries. Our goal is to reach 10,000 children in the next 10 years.

Invest in a child's future

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends and Family of Givelight, Greetings of Peace!

I write these words with a heart full of gratitude. First and foremost, I'm grateful to our most merciful Creator for inspiring me to turn my broken heart into something that benefits others. I'm also deeply grateful to all of you who choose to join me in this beautiful journey of giving.

Fifteen long years have elapsed since that fateful day; the day that changed the destiny of thousands, including mine. More than 200,000 lives were taken away in an instant, 40 were my own family and friends. My heart still aches every time I hear the word "tsunami." The images of my birthplace shattering into a million pieces are vividly preserved in my mind as if it happened yesterday.

From this immense pain and by His grace, something beautiful came into fruition. Today, we are caring for 1,045 orphans spanning 11 countries. What was a dream in the wake of the tsunami has transpired into a miraculous reality. God has truly blessed our work by connecting us with thousands of generous hearts. We grew from having only one home in Indonesia to five homes across the globe; from supporting 50 children to supporting more than 1,000; and from having the support of 20 donors in the San Francisco Bay Area to more than 6,000 donors all over the world.

We have grown from ten volunteers to over 300 globally, beginning with the San Francisco Bay Area to now having chapters in Baltimore, Chicago, Seattle, Socal, South Africa, Orlando, Toronto and Paris. Our corporate employee-matching grants continue to expand from Google, PayPal, Adobe, Nvidia, Microsoft, GE, LinkedIn, Qualcomm, Salesforce and now include Disney, Clorox, Intel, Twitter and many more.

These results bear testament to our belief that with a clear vision and strong work ethic, we can accomplish great things together. Although we are happy with our achievements thus far, we know we currently only touch the lives of a mere fraction of the 153 million orphans in the world. It will take continued commitment and dedication to reach more. Our dream is to change the lives of 10,000 children in the next 10 years.

We are profoundly grateful for your continued support and prayers. We closed 2019 with a deep sense of happiness and gratitude. We welcome 2020 with a conviction that GiveLight will continue to soar to new heights with God's blessings and your trust. May the source of all love envelop you and yours with His light of mercy.

With gratitude and prayers,

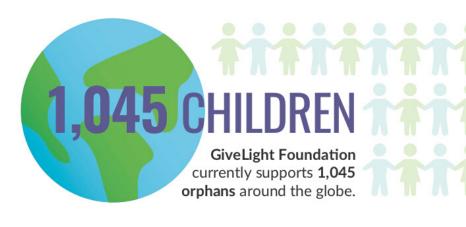
Dian Alyan CEO/Founder

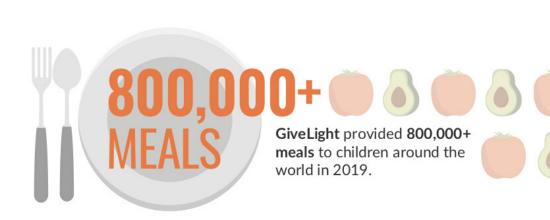




GIVELIGHT FOUNDATION 2019 IMPACT REPORT

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All GiveLight children go to school full-time. GiveLight is proud of our 15 college graduates. 6 GiveLight children are currently in college.

MATCHING COMPANIES

42 companies currently match all employees donations to GiveLight Foundation.

300+ **VOLUNTEERS**

GiveLight is blessed to have more than 300 volunteers committed to supporting our work and children.

GiveLight currently has 3 U.S. employees and saved over \$500k by waiting until year 8 to hire full-time staff.

GLOBAL CAMPAIGNS

BLANKETS



GiveLight shared more than 17,500 blankets with Syrian orphans and refugees in Turkey.

#WARMHUGS



GiveLight provided over 1,200 coats for children in Istanbul. Amman, Bangladesh, Mexico, Gilroy, and Baltimore this past winter.

BOOKS OF LIGHT





GiveLight collected more than 1.000+ books for children in Gilroy, San Francisco, Mexico, and Morocco.

OUR GRADUATES, OUR PRIDE

Nothing gives us more joy than seeing our kids succeed, both in education and in life. We are so proud of their hard work, perseverance and accomplishments. Each of them has worked hard to attain a bright and promising future.

Congratulations to all our graduates!



Mahyana Sari
Bachelor of Education
in English



Ariana Aristi & Rizki Ramadhan Associate's Degree in Pharmacy



Ratna Mutia
Bachelor of Science
in Biology



Nika Ayuwanara Bachelor of Education in English



Abdullah
Bachelor of Science
in Fisheries

OUR GRADUATES, OUR PRIDE

At GiveLight, we invest in the long-term success of our children. We take their hands from the moment they enter our home until they are ready to go to college. We don't just feed their bodies, we nourish their minds and spirits as well. Our children's emotional, mental and physical well-being are the long-term impact of our collective investment. We thank you for your trust, generosity, and prayers.

Congratulations to all our graduates!



Khairuddin Bachelor in Computer Science



Hidayati Bachelor of Science in Engineering



Bayuni Agustina Associate's Degree in Pharmacy



Dedek Yulia Fika
Bachelor of Education
in English



Arifin
Bachelor of Science in
Information Technology

OUR GRADUATES, OUR PRIDE

Congratulations to all our graduates!



Dewi Sartika

Bachelor of
Science in Physics



Fitriani
Bachelor of Science in
Information Technology



Nursamawi
Bachelor in Islamic
Banking



Hayati Arafah Bachelor of Education



OUR GROWING FAMILY

How beautiful it is to see our kids getting married and having children of their own. They are giving back to their GiveLight family by mentoring and making financial donations. It is truly a wonderful cycle of life.



Yana



Miko



Alvin



Nursamawi

OUR GROWING FAMILY



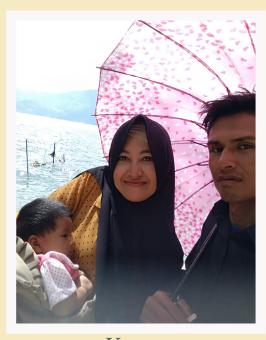




Nursamawi



Nika



Yana

GiveLight Highlights - Our Success Stories

RAHMAT



We are so thrilled to share three amazing stories of success from our first home in Aceh, Indonesia. Meet Rahmat, Samha and Alfin and see how they were able to overcome their hardships through perseverance and our unwavering support.

Rahmat is a bright young man who has shown clear signs of leadership since he was young. He is creative and always loves to smile even when things don't go his way. After graduating from high school, he told us he was not interested in going to college. Instead, he wanted to become a businessman and was looking for options. He decided to take a course in Japan on business and entrepreneurship, but first he needed to learn Japanese. He found a way to take an intensive course to master the Japanese language. After three months, he made his way to Japan and worked and studied there for six months.

He returned home in 2018 and started a business. In our hometown, we have a traditional embroidery that was produced by local artisans as handmade souvenirs. Overtime, this art was dying off as the youth prefer other more lucrative professions such as coffee trading or retails. Rahmat saw a business opportunity and seized it. He opened a workshop to do computerized patterns of the embroidery and produce beautiful pieces at a much faster speed and less cost. He received orders from schools, police departments and other local institutions for uniforms using the embroidery as accent pieces. Within four months of running his business he was able to hire employees and buy a car. He drove Dian around town when she visited last year. We can't be more proud of Rahmat for his resilience and ability to turn the adversity of being an orphan into a successful and fulfilling life. We hope one day he can take some of his younger siblings from the GiveLight home as interns. We all wish him continued success and we are dreaming that perhaps he can start exporting his products to the US market with some proceeds benefiting GiveLight.





$GiveLight\ Highlights$ - Our Success Stories

SAMHA SALMAWANI

Four years ago, our amazingly gifted girl, Samha was accepted to one of the best universities in Aceh on a full scholarship. She is majoring in Science.

She came into our GiveLight family not long after we built our first home. A bright star, Samha clearly has all the traits of a winner. She is smart, polite, driven and she has won all kinds of competitions, in not only her school but the entire town. We opened bank accounts for all our kids and she managed to save almost all of her pocket money that she won in various competitions. What did she save it for? To buy a motorbike so she could go to all of her after-school lessons.



Samha is now in her final year with a 3.6 GPA. If all goes well, she will graduate this September and become a scientist. She is now doing a field service in a remote village in Aceh in preparation of her final thesis.

Apart from her academic achievements, she has also memorized 16 chapters of the Holy Quran, and she recites it beautifully. In fact, she won third place in a National Quran memorization competition among 2,500 contestants. Samha is definitely a shining example for all of GiveLight's children around the world to follow. We love her and are immensely proud of the young woman she is becoming. She wrote a beautiful letter (featured on the next page) to Dian as a token of her deep love for her "mother."

GiveLight Highlights - Our Success Stories

SAMHA SALMAWANI



My beloved mother, Dian

You are my inspiration and my motivator.

The sincerity of your love made me and everyone love you, adore you and want to follow in your footsteps.

My mother, I really really want to be like you.

To be your daughter is a pride that equals none in my life.

To know you made me understand God and to thank Him to learn that life presents its challenges and that we have to face them to become the best.

My mother, this self has limitations to thank you for your generosity.

Only God, the most gracious and merciful can compensate for your sacrifices.

I pray that He gives you much much more than what you have given to us all.

May He answer this prayer.

With love from your girl, Samha

GiveLight Highlights - Our Success Stories

ALFIN



Alfin was a brilliant student whose drive and determination impressed us since the day he came into our GiveLight family. He lost both parents and a younger sibling in the tsunami. This huge personal loss led Alfin to us and we supported him for ten years since he was 13 years-old.

We asked Alfin to share his experience and he wrote the following:

"When I joined GiveLight, I felt really happy that I would receive the support I needed to pursue my studies. I worked hard and I was able to achieve high marks in all subjects. After completing my advanced teaching degree at Al-Azhar University, I went back to my hometown. I have been able to use my knowledge by teaching others, kids and adults alike. My dream is to now to go back and pursue a master's degree to gain more knowledge and implement it."

Alfin got married in 2017 and was blessed with a baby girl who is now three years old. He and his wife are expecting another girl this January. Here are pictures of his wedding day and the birth of his first baby. What's next? Alfin is planning to start his master's degree this fall, God willing.





NEW HQ IN SILICON VALLEY, CA

We are filled with joy and gratitude to announce the purchase of our new HQ in San Jose, California. This marks a major milestone as we were able to make a long term investment and believe that the value of this property will appreciate over time. This purchase also allows us to save money for our office rent and as we grow, we will be able to accommodate more staff and volunteers.

Rula Sai, a real estate agent found this property and she donated 10% of her fee to us. We are thankful to our team, supporters, and volunteers who were able to come to our open house and celebrate this important milestone. Special thanks to Natasha Tufail from Cakes and Stuffs for the beautiful cake, Zeba Siddiqui for the Moroccan tea and Sameena Chisty for the decorations.

May this be a beautiful new beginning in achieving our mission to reach more children around the world. Once the pandemic is over, we plan to hold regular events to build stronger connections with the GiveLight community.





GLOBAL ART CONTEST

We are so excited to announce the winners of our Global Art Contest! The theme this year was "The Light of Mercy." Thank you to everyone who submitted the artwork, to the judges and those who voted. Congratulations to all of the winners. Your work is beautiful and you make us proud!

OUR WINNERS

1. Monalisa, 12 - Bangladesh

Monalisa is one of our girls from the Bangladesh home. She is in 7th grade, a wonderfully creative girl and really good at drawing. She loves art & crafts and enjoys making flowers, flower vases, and greeting cards. She is also a very good and diligent student. She lost her father at a young age and has been in our loving care since 2015. She wants to be a social worker when she grows up and help young girls like her.



2. Rana, 7 - America

Meet our second winner, Rana, who is seven years old and lives in San Jose, CA. She is homeschooled and is an extremely curious girl, whose dream is to be a scholar. Reading books, baking and art are her favorite things to do. Because she read Heidi recently, she is planning to live in the Swiss Alps.



GLOBAL ART CONTEST

3. Maksuda - Bangladesh

Our third winner is also from our home in Bangladesh. Maksuda is a girl with many talents. Her Quran recitation is excellent. She is also good at drawing and singing. She can pick up any song including Gazal and Nasheed. She lost her father when she was very young. She and her younger sister have been in our home since 2016. She is now in 7th grade and dreams to be a teacher to uplift girls like her to have bright futures.



RUNNERS UP

1. Azrah, 13 - South Africa

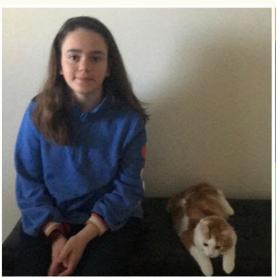
Azrah is 13 years old and attends Islamia College in Cape Town, South Africa. Her hobbies include reading, drawing, painting and baking. She aspires to a career in either the arts or in the field of maths or science, which are also her favorite subjects at school.



GLOBAL ART CONTEST

2. Jana, 11 - America

Jana is a sixth grade student at Granada Islamic School in Santa Clara. Jana enjoys drawing, crafting, and baking in her spare time. She aspires to go into either graphic or architectural design.





3. Falah, 12 - Pakistan

Falah studies in Generation's School in Karachi, Pakistan and is currently studying in 6th grade. Her hobbies are sketching and reading books. Her aspiration is to become a successful person in the future, and someone who can help others.



Congratulations once again to all the winners. May you all grow to be amazing leaders who will continue to benefit humanity.

GiveLight Highlights - Corporate Partners

SALESFORCE GRANT

REFLECTION FROM MOROCCO





Recently, a team of volunteers from Salesforce went to our home in Oujda, Morocco. During their four day visit, they were able to facilitate arts and crafts activities, computer lab setup, internet tutorials, cookie baking and decoration, games, Kung Fu, dancing and ultimately creating memories that will last a lifetime.

GiveLight Volunteer Ansa Obaid shares her reflection with the GiveLight team:

"In 2018, at Salesforce's first Eid celebration, Dian shared her fascinating story of love, courage and transforming her pain into a lifetime of good. Among the audience was Betty Yip who connected instantly with me when I shared my desire to some day visit Givelight Morocco. She and I brainstormed the proposal and fast forward to December 2019, we embarked on a journey of our lifetime along with two other colleagues, Aruna Dhall and Momina Haider. We were excited that Noura Oughanem and Asmaa Kheroum from Salesforce, Casablanca would also join our volunteering team at the Givelight home in Oujda. Nothing would have prepared us for the next four days. We were blown away by the love, hugs and kisses that we received. Firstly, the shy encounters at the lunch tables transformed into curiosity to get to know each other as the evening approached. Aruna was treated as a Bollywood celebrity when the girls found out that she is originally from India. They inquired why she wasn't wearing a sari and if she has ever met Bollywood actors. Ayesha, one of our girls from the home brought a storybook in English for us to read and slowly we all bonded through the story. The girls became so excited with the gifts we brought them. At night, a game of musical chairs and later dancing made us all at ease. It felt that we were also at home.

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The next couple days were packed with activities. On the second day, we started setting up the computer lab. Noura and Asmaa brought seven laptops as donations from the Casablanca office. We taught the older girls how to find videos in Arabic and French and to learn Math through Khan Academy. Betty engaged with younger girls through ABC learning videos. After dinner, Aruna led a session of arts and crafts. Day three, the girls had an early dismissal at school. This also was the only day in Oujda where we got a break from the rain for a couple hours. We made the most out of this opportunity and played games in the courtyard and blew bubbles. Afterwards, it was cookie decoration time where the girls loved putting sprinkles and M&Ms on the cookies and, of course, in their mouths. We made the Salesforce logo and every girl got a chance to decorate with art.





Goodbyes are always the hardest but Noura shared many beautiful life lessons, one of which, advising the girls to be generous about everything in life except for shedding tears. We came back with our gratitude buckets overflowing. What we got in return was far more than what we were able to give. The staff is the most caring and generous. The delicious tagines Sister Mahdiya cooked for us, the endless cups of moroccan tea that Sister Amina takes pride in making, Kehk and Ghareeba cookies, Amou' picking up from the airport at midnight, Sister Fatima taking us shopping, Meryem for her smiles and kindness, uncountable priceless moments that I'm forever grateful for. May the light that emits from this home never dim."

~Ansa Obaid

Thank you Ansa and the team for the love and time you shared with our girls. May this lead to more beautiful openings that benefit us all for many years to come.

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INTUIT IN RAMADAN

Last Ramadan, Dian was invited to speak at Intuit about GiveLight and the importance of charity in Islam. The organizer did such a great job in creating a set of activities that educated and engaged non Muslim coworkers about Islam, Ramadan and its essence. Intuit supports our work through employee-matching grants.

Dian shared how Ramadan shaped her as a young girl growing up in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country. Raised in a family of Muslim scholars, Ramadan was so special and beautiful. Apart from having the most delicious food for iftaar (breaking of the fast) every single day, it taught her about self discipline, moral integrity, compassion and empathy. Ramadan is immensely important because it was the month in which the holy Quran was revealed. It is about refining one's character and having the love for the poor. Her work at GiveLight is the culmination of everything that Ramadan has taught her.

Now that Ramadan is just a few weeks away, we hope that those who observe will be able to benefit from all of its blessings. May our worship make us better human beings who benefit humanity.

Thank you, Arshed Syed, Amy Abulatta and Intuit, for including GiveLight in your beautiful and meaningful event.



YEAR BUILT: 2005 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 40 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$600



From day one, we decided to build not just a shelter or an orphanage. We wanted to build something beautiful, a place to call home, a loving sanctuary for the children who have lost everything in the devastation of the 2004 tsunami.

Today, our very first home – the symbol of our hopes and dreams – is filled with light and laughter. We saw how our children grow under one roof, sharing a happy childhood and being grateful for how destiny brought them together. Their bond is stronger than their pain, their aspirations bigger than the crashing waves of the tsunami.

The above picture was taken in front of our beautiful home. The children were holding booklets of their savings accounts as we opened individual bank accounts for each of them. They get invited to birthday parties and weddings and receive pocket money, which they save.

Their happiness and success are our rewards. Our dream is to see all our kids continue their education through college or find their own way to pursue a passion. As long as they rise to their fullest potential and use their innate talents to uplift themselves from poverty, we consider them successful. This is the only way to end the cycle and to usher these precious children to their bright future.



INDONESIA



Dian's uncle, Samsudin, donated the land in 2005 and since then he became the central figure, a loving and wise father for our children. They adore him and he loves them all like his own. All of the volunteers who have gone and stayed in our home were witness to his undying devotion towards this cause. We are all indebted to him and pray that he lives a long, healthy life – not just for himself but also for the benefit of our children.

This home truly represents the foundational principles the rest of our global operations are modeled after.

Sofia and Ramadan (pictured below) are very proud of the new motorcycles they purchased with the money they saved!





BANGLADESH

Dian first traveled to Bangladesh in 2008, and she was deeply impacted by what she witnessed on the streets of Dhaka and at the orphanages she visited. She wrote the following about her visit:

"I had never seen more poverty in my life than what I saw in Bangladesh. I went to visit a slum where I saw first-hand the sufferings of the poorest. I was introduced to a local family whose father had founded "Darussunat", an orphanage in 1965 for 600 boys. But since the father's passing, the orphanage had deteriorated and could now only now support 300+ boys. During my visit to the orphanage, I learned two hard and cold realities:

- 1) 300 boys shared only three bathrooms
- 2) They ate only two meals a day breakfast, lunch and NO dinner

I could not bear to go back to my comfortable life in Silicon Valley and pretend I hadn't seen the unthinkable suffering of so many."

Right after Dian returned home, GiveLight decided to adopt this orphanage by building ten bathrooms, a spacious dining space and sponsoring meals so that the kids could eat three meals a day. GiveLight also sponsored many special iftaars (breaking of the fast), new shoes and clothes.

This past winter, the kids were so happy to receive their own warm hoodies as part of our "Warmhugs" project. Their smiles, as pictured below continue to warm our hearts.



BANGLADESH

YEAR BUILT: 2014

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 54

ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$1000



The second stage of our efforts was to build a new home from the ground up on donated land. We partnered up with a local Bay Area Bangladeshi community whose family members donated the land for us in the suburban area of Dhaka. We opened our home in December 2014 for 50 girls who come from the poorest of the poor. We also built a school onsite as there are no good schools in the area. Dian had the opportunity to visit the home in 2017 and spent a blessed time with our wonderful girls during the holy month of Ramadan.

She taught the girls Math, Geography, English and also did morning and afternoon yoga with them, which the girls enjoyed very much. During her visit, the local team arranged for a dinner with the Malaysian ambassador to Bangladesh, High Commissioner Nur Ashikin M. Taib. The girls enjoyed a big family feast with so many delicious dishes to choose from. Every day we provide nutritious, home-cooked meals for the girls as we do in each of our homes. That night, however, was extra special because it was Ramadan and we were celebrating our time together. Dian bonded with the children over many games, lessons, yoga and sharing special meals. It was monsoon season and rain was pouring down from the sky as if to symbolize the endless blessings that God has showered us with since the inception of GiveLight.

Impact by Country CAMBODIA

YEAR BUILT: 2013 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 70 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$700



We completed our home in Cambodia and opened our doors to 50 children at the end of 2013. The home was built on donated land amidst two hectares of rubber plantations in the beautiful village of Kampong Cham, about a two-hour drive from the capital, Phnom Penh.

Dian's father, Zaini Wahab, decided to visit Cambodia in 2012 to learn more about the condition of Muslims living in a land dominated by communists. He wanted to see if there was something he or GiveLight could do in light of the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge and the ongoing discrimination against minority Muslims.

As fate would have it, he found a hotel by the bank of Mekong River, run by a young Muslim couple. Zul and Mariya Weasna were immediately drawn to his pleasant demeanor, eloquence, and rare combination of gentleness and determination. After hearing about GiveLight's global work, they became very interested and decided to donate a piece of their land.

Dian has visited the home twice - once in 2014 along with her dad and another volunteer, Nahlah Kokailah, and more recently in July 2019. Both visits took place in the summer when the heat was intense, but Dian managed to enjoy her visit as you can read from her following account.



CAMBODIA

"I was grateful that there was electricity in the house as there was none in 2014 when I first visited. Back then, I remember having to use a candle during the night and when we woke up for dawn prayers. Before I arrived I had asked the kids want they wanted as treats. They all wanted apples and their favorite drink – such small requests to make them smile and create joy. We spent the first day reading, playing and enjoying our time together despite the scorching heat of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The next day was just as hot and humid. We decided to play outdoors under the shade of the trees. The first game was to blow up balloons and throw them in the air. Some of the balloons popped, which resulted in lots of giggles. The kids were so excited as they jumped to catch each other's balloons. I was happy I managed to capture these magical moments with my phone camera.

Next, we had a water balloon fight. Each child got to play with me by trying to run away as I threw the balloon on the count of three. Some got away; others got soaked. I got to play with all the kids one by one. Amazingly, the balloon always burst when it was the turn of one of the kids to catch. They wanted so badly to see me get soaked, but somehow I managed to dodge every balloon! After two hours of playing in the heat, we were thoroughly exhausted. It was time for another treat: more favorite fruits and drinks.

We ended the day by having a delicious traditional Khmer soup called Laksa, which is made with rice vermicelli, vegetables, chicken, coconut milk, turmeric, and other local spices. We all ate heartily and many of the kids asked for seconds. As I watched them enjoy the food, I felt a surge of gratitude in my heart, first and foremost to our merciful Creator, and second to my GiveLight family. What a blessing to be able to turn their sorrow into joy, and hopelessness into dreams. As always, the most difficult part was saying goodbye. I do hope to return soon. In the meantime, I leave these children in the hands of God and our generous Cambodian team."

Thank you for being a part of our beautiful journey.



SYRIAN CHILDREN IN JORDAN

After providing over 17,500 "blankets of love" to Syrian orphans and refugees in Istanbul, we expanded our program to Amman, Jordan to help thousands of Syrian orphans who were taking shelter there.

Dian and three GiveLight volunteers went on this mission to visit and assess the ground realities in Amman. We distributed over 1,000 jackets and winter necessities to orphans. Since then, we also started a sponsorship fund to give scholarships to 50 children and pay for rent of an apartment that hosts 60 orphans and 16 single mothers.

One of our volunteers was Shaan Mukhtar, a Bay Area resident who happened to be studying in Amman at that time.

He reflected on his account of the visit:

"I went to visit my orphan brothers and sisters with the mentality that they needed me...that I would offer them MY help. Ironically, I left them realizing that they didn't need me at all. It was actually I who needed them

It was necessary for me to witness what true perseverance looks like...to see hope in a seemingly hopeless situation...to experience the raw power of the human spirit. Those orphaned children helped me much more than I could ever hope to help them.

One thing that stood out about these children was that -- despite their terrible circumstances -- they were so eager to smile. When I saw their warm and loving interactions taking place, I knew that I simply HAD to be a part of it. I was determined to convey to others what I had witnessed so that they could experience sincerity and mutual love as well".



YEAR STARTED: 2017 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 110 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$500



MEXICO

YEAR STARTED: 2018 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 15 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$900



Our team of twelve, including our founder, Dian Alyan, traveled to Baja, Mexico to hand-deliver books to children at an orphanage.

The following is a personal reflection from Dian about her trip:

"Our team went to visit Ranchos El Ninos orphanage to pilot our "Books of Light" project. The Books of Light project combines two of my great passions: children and books. I know first hand how reading can influence a child's mind and life trajectory. We drove from Orange County at the crack of dawn in order to catch a bus from San Diego. We were excited to spend the day with more than 80 beautiful children of all ages and sharing over 200 books. The pure joy was visible in their eyes and smiles.

We toured the orphanage to assess the facilities available to the kids. The Project Director of Corazon De Vida, George Perez, shared the story of a young mother who had left her 2-week-old baby at the orphanage. I felt the calling and decided to help the precious little angel until she gets adopted. I also felt inspired to do something bigger for the orphanage."

Today, we are sponsoring fifteen babies and toddlers at the cost of \$75/month, which covers food, clothing, school-related expenses, and medical care. This is just the beginning and we look forward to giving more of our collective light in Mexico.

Impact by Country MOROCCO

YEAR BUILT: 2018 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 40 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$1000



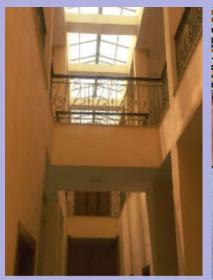
By the grace of our merciful Creator and your generosity, our beautiful dream home in Morocco became a reality. Our founder, Dian Alyan, along with volunteers from Capetown, Paris, Oujda as well as our Moroccan children, attended the grand opening on July 28, 2018. Below is Dian's reflections of the gathering, which left a permanent glow in the hearts of everyone who was there:

"The phone rang at midnight in Oujda, Morocco on Friday, July 27th. The voice at the other end announced that his majesty Mohammed VI, the King of Morocco, would be sending me a letter on the occasion of the grand opening of our new home and that I must be ready to receive it the following morning. Between disbelief and excitement, I found it rather difficult to sleep that night. I kept thinking about how amazing and full of mercy our Lord is – He continuously blesses me and my GiveLight family in our effort to build yet another beautiful home.

I was given the honor of cutting the ribbon first, followed by the Mayor, then our local partner, and finally the Governor. We then walked into the spacious lobby, where the letter was presented to me in a beautiful red leather binder. I was asked to read the letter aloud. All cameras zoomed in as I read every word, in awe of how our Creator orchestrated every detail."









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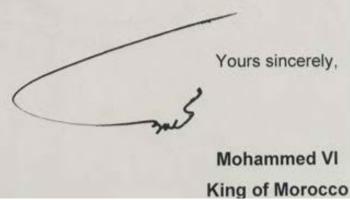
The home is definitely one of the finest in the whole country of Morocco, which was probably why his majesty wrote this letter and sent one of his Governors to deliver it along with marching bands and TV coverage.

Dear Ms. Alyan,

First of all, I should like to commend the GiveLight Foundation and some Moroccan institutions on their initiative to build an orphanage for girls – Maison de Lumière – in Oujda.

I deeply appreciate the charity work carried out by the GiveLight Foundation and would have been pleased to accept your invitation to attend the official opening of the orphanage, had it not coincided with previous engagements.

I send you my greetings and my best wishes for continued success in your charitable mission.



Our children, staff, volunteers and the entire GiveLight Morocco team were over the moon.

NEPAL

YEAR STARTED: 2015 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 10 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$360

After the earthquake in Nepal in 2014, we felt compelled to help the Nepalese children who had lost their parents. Our research led us to Ama Foundation - a small but thriving foundation that shares our passion and philosophy for helping orphaned children. With your generosity and a trusted partnership with Ama Foundation, we have been sponsoring 10 children since 2016. Meet a few of our children and learn about their interests and aspirations below.



BADIRAM, AGE 8, CLASS 2

Badiram is active in all Ama Ghar activities, especially Tae Kwan Do, which he practices conscientiously. He loves to be in the middle of group activities such as sports, board games and card games. He uses his heart-melting smile to his advantage when faced with any adversity.

ALISHA, AGE 12, CLASS 3

Alisha is doing better in school since her ear operations but still needs extra attention from our tutors. She's a socially-adept, fun-loving girl who enjoys being in a group or in her own imaginary world. She loves to reach out and try new things, and we seldom see her sad or upset.





RAMIT, AGE 8, CLASS 3

Ramit is "Mr. Athlete" and there is no stopping his energy and constant sportsmanship. When he does choose to stop moving, he can be found playing a guitar. He does very well in school, but challenges the staff with his independence. For all his bravado, he is a very sensitive young boy who needs consoling when things don't go his way.

LEELA, AGE 7, CLASS 1

Leela is waiting patiently for her two front teeth to grow in but continues to smile. An energetic little girl, she is always in the mix of activities and keeps her watchful eye on what is happening during play time. Leela is always eager to go to school, where she is doing well and has many friends.



PAKISTAN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 40 COST ESTIMATE: \$350K







We began our work in Pakistan right after the 2005 earthquake and supported more than 150 orphans. Over the years, our work has evolved and today we are excited to announce the start of a new home near Lahore on donated land. Additionally, in early 2018, we partnered with The Citizen Foundation (TCF) to sponsor 200 orphans throughout Pakistan. Our focus is on two fronts:

2. BUILDING A NEW HOME

We received a land donation from a generous family near Lahore in a city called Muridke. It is 4 kanals or about 20,000 sq ft. Our goal is to establish a GiveLight chapter in Pakistan and to register for a non-profit status. We have formed our leadership team in Lahore consisting of trusted individuals as our Board Members for the NGO formation. We are happy to share that the architecture department of the University of San Francisco (pictured above) has created a beautiful design for our home, pro bono. The home will reflect the tradition and the rich heritage of Pakistan while making sure it is green and provides modern functionality. Once we receive the permit to build, we will be breaking ground. We estimate the home to cost about \$350K to build, and it will house 40 children.

PAKISTAN



2. SPONSORING 200 ORPHANS

We began our partnership with TCF in 2018 to provide a brighter future for 200 orphans in Pakistan. TCF is the largest educational non-profit in Pakistan, running close to 1500 schools, providing quality education to 220,000 students (50% of which are girls) in the most underprivileged areas of the country.

We are providing full scholarships to 200 orphans attending primary and secondary schools. We are honored to be working with the dedicated team at TCF. Our hope is to double the number of students we are supporting within the next few years.

Impact by Country SRI LANKA

YEAR BUILT: 2013

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 60

ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$90



In Athulugama, an hour from Colombo, the capital city of Sri Lanka, stands our beautiful GiveLight Home. The project was launched in June of 2013 when a generous family from Sri Lanka donated 20,000 square feet of land. In partnership with AAM Marleen Foundation, we built this sanctuary for 60 boys. The complex also has a free medical clinic for the community, a spacious play area, and a prayer hall. The architect who designed this home is renowned in Sri Lanka, and he put so much love into this work.

Our kids' ages range from 7 years to 13 years old. They attend public schools because we want them to integrate with the community and not feel isolated. We hire private tutors to teach them English and Quran. We have a live-in cook, a nanny, and a loving retired couple who fulfill the role of being father and mother to the kids. We have strict rules that there is no spanking and shouting and that each child has to be treated with love and dignity. The boys enjoy cricket, chess, and going to the beach. We are fortunate that one family from Australia is sponsoring a quarterly outing.

SRI LANKA



Over the years, we have had a few volunteers visiting our home to teach English and Math. One of them was Emad Raghib is now studying Business in NYU. He wrote the following about his experience: "My time at the GiveLight home is an experience I will never forget. The home itself is kept very clean and everything ranging from the beds to the bathroom are good quality. The home is a place even I would be comfortable living in. Out of the 40 faces I kept seeing, I don't think I met a single boy who didn't smile at me. As I walked through the hallways, every kid gave me a high five. We all had fun with activities like playing badminton and chess. On my last day there, we took them to a swimming pool and the beach. They were so excited and happy to be there, even if most of them couldn't swim. As energetic as the kids were, they were also very well-behaved. I would definitely visit the home again, to see how much the kids have grown since the last time I saw them. Even though there was a language barrier, I know that I made 40 new friends"





SYRIAN CHILDREN IN TURKEY







YEAR STARTED: 2017 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 136 ANNUAL COST/CHILD: \$600

We all have shed tears for the Syrians, but for the longest time, we had no idea how and where to help. One fateful day, we saw the news of an innocent boy whose body was brought to shore. We couldn't sit around and wait any longer. It was time to take action.

In the fall of 2016, millions of Syrians fled to Turkey. Winter was coming and we decided to provide them with warm blankets. We set a goal for 2000 blankets and launched an online campaign called "Blanket of Love." It generated such an outpouring of support from the community that we were able to provide 17,500 blankets. Dian and a few volunteers traveled to Istanbul to hand-deliver the blankets. One of the volunteers, Lujane Musadi, shared her experience below:

"The trip to Turkey was an experience I will never forget. Seeing Syrian refugees living and surviving firsthand was an eye-opener. The faces of the orphaned children, the widowed mothers who lost everything, a father who lost his wife and is now caring for five children alone, are just a few examples. You could sense the feeling of failure and absolute despair in the surroundings. The simple act of giving out blankets that meant so much to these families never ever had so much meaning."

It was heartwarming to see the impact of our collective generosity but we couldn't help thinking "what's next?" After meeting the orphans and seeing how they were struggling to survive, we came back with a new mission to do more. Our focus shifted from providing one time support to helping the kids with their education.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, in 2017 we began sponsoring the education of 120 children through an afterschool center in the Fatih area of Istanbul and another center for 16 children on the Asian side. We are confident that we can help support even more children. It's time to wipe away the tears and build dreams for these precious children who deserve just as bright a future as the rest of us.

UNITED STATES



Several orphans in the Bay Area were introduced to GiveLight by our own supporters. We provided them with scholarships, mentors, and various enrichment activities such as trips to the snow, dining out, and picnics to the beach. They were orphans who came from overseas as refugees. We launched this project in 2010 with 10 orphans. Some of the kids we helped have now gone to college and are doing well. The younger kids we supported have now moved to public schools, hence they do not need a scholarship anymore. We stay in touch with them and give them Eid gifts and financial support as needed to complement what they get from the government and community.

In 2019 we started a local project to support children in foster care centers via "Books of Light." One of our long term supporters and friends Javed Mohammed launched this project along with Tooba Ahmed, another very dedicated volunteer.

Javed Mohammed shares more about this new project:

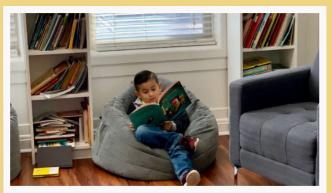
BOOKS OF LIGHT

Building libraries is no small feat, and as I am just a middle-class family guy living and working in the Silicon Valley, what could I do? After all, I am no Andrew Carnegie, who helped lay the foundation for public libraries in the United States. Serendipitously, I mentioned my love of books and my desire to help the underprivileged to Dian Alyan a few years back during a personal downturn.

Then in the fall of 2019, out of GiveLight and Sister Dian's imagination, emerged "Books of Light," a project which I have the honor to participate in. The idea is to take books (and bookshelves) and help build libraries for children in need. It is an inspiring way to not only donate books but to give children here in the US, Mexico and around the world the gift of reading. The precursor to the first project was the El Nino Orphanage in Guadalupe, Mexico, where the GiveLight team from our Southern California chapter traveled with a boxes full of books in Spanish and established a library for local orphans.

UNITED STATES





We also initiated a second project in Gilroy, California at Rebekah Children's Services. For the project, I teamed up with another GiveLight volunteer and project manager, Tooba Ahmed, who made things happen behind (and in front of) the scenes.

Having had a successful first project, Sister Dian asked Tooba and me to look into other venues in the Bay Area in order to expand the program. After researching and discussing with various non-profits, Tooba identified Edgewood Center for Children and Families in San Francisco. Established over 150 years ago, Edgewood began as an orphanage and has since transitioned into different roles, one of which is to provide mental health services for children from first grade through high school.

Books of Light started off as one small idea, but within a short expanse of time, it has turning into multiple successful efforts that benefit the wider communities we live in. I would like to thank all of you who have been a part of this journey with us. We hope that you will share your hearts and your books and make this a gift of perpetual rewards.

~ Javed Mohammed





AFGHANISTAN

YEAR STARTED: 2010 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 10 TOTAL COST: \$31,405

GiveLight had a project in Afghanistan through a partnership with Omeid International supporting nine children for eight years. Now the kids have grown and are ready to go out into the real world to work as adults and to pursue a higher education. We thank all our friends who supported this project, and we hope to start another long-term project in Afghanistan in the very near future.

January 21, 2019 Dian Alyan, Founder GiveLight Foundation

Dearest Ms. Alyan and the GiveLight Foundation,

We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank you for all your hard work and dedication to helping communities in need, providing aid to struggling families as they work to re-build their lives.

This includes our modest family at Omeid International. Our 10 children had each been orphaned or destitute as the War in Afghanistan raged on. On top of the dangers of wartime to their personal safety, our children were malnourished and ill. Many had never picked up a book or used a pen or pencil.

Thanks to contributions from the GiveLight Foundation, the staff at Omeid International was able to provide these children with the care they deserved. Whereas our boys were malnourished and ill, they were given the gift of nutrition and healthcare. Whereas they had grown up uneducated, they were given the gift of accelerated schooling. For eight (8) years, GiveLight provided financial support to our foundation, totaling \$31,405 in the form of annual sponsorships and donations. These funds covered annual tuition fees for our children's education and healthcare expenses, as well as clothing and small gifts. Thanks to your support, our kids from Afghanistan matured into healthier, working young men.

Your contributions had not only helped save the lives of these young men from the dangers of wartime and poverty, it had given them the gift of a home. GiveLight's support helped transform their lives and develop invaluable bonds of friendship and family. Your contributions have enlightened their hearts and put smiles on each of their faces.

May GiveLight Foundation continue shining its nurturing light upon those in need. With love and respect from our team, thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Omeid International staff P.O. Box 1124 Livermore, CA 94550





GiveLight Chapters

BALTIMORE

Our Baltimore chapter is growing and flourishing. Meet our wonderful team lead, Fatima Jaber, who has organized three successful events for us.

"I always wanted to be part of something meaningful. Dian's story affected me deeply and I knew right away that I wanted to be involved in any way possible. Allah had a plan for me to move to Baltimore from the Bay Area and start a chapter here. I'm blessed to have a very supportive team who share the same passion as I do. We are all in it to please God and to help as many orphans as possible.

Our first ever event was an all ladies gala. Since no one yet had heard of GiveLight, we were hoping to have at least 50 women attend, but we were surprised to have 100 women attend and it was a success and raised \$11,000.

Last December we held our second gala and it was another big hit, attended by 120 women. Together we raised \$15,000 to support our children in Istanbul, Turkey. We look forward to doing more."

~ Fatima Jaber

Thank you, Fatima and the Baltimore team, for your amazing dedication!





GiveLight Chapters ORLANDO



We are so excited about our newest chapter in Orlando. Meet our talented team lead who did such a great job with the launch last September. Thank you, Laila and the Orlando team, for your passion and for raising over \$11,000 at this beautiful event. Read below a reflection from Laila:

"My name is Laila Maali, and I am one of 10 children. I was born and raised in Syracuse, NY, and moved to Orlando after getting married to my wonderful husband of almost 17 years. Together we have three amazing boys. I have been involved with different nonprofit organizations for about 10 years, mostly working with children who have cancer and muscular dystrophy. I became aware of GiveLight's work through my cousin, Fatima who leads the GiveLight chapter in Baltimore.

Through social media, she posted about what GiveLight does for the orphans around the world. This sparked an interest in me as I loved the idea of being a light to orphans. This spark led me to not only becoming the lead for GiveLight Orlando, but also hosting an event to bringing the community together in celebrating and raising funds for GiveLight.

GiveLight is helping so many beautiful orphans in so many ways. If I get involved with any organization, it means that I believe in its work, its vision and its commitment. I truly believe in the work that GiveLight does because all the activities are made public via social media, annual report, etc. I see what I'm working with and where the money is going. I love helping anyone in need. If I can just help one person, I will be happy. But helping multiple orphans fills my heart with so much joy. My purpose in life is to help others, and I hope to instill this in my sons as well. One day, I would love to visit GiveLight homes in any country! I wish for these angels to be happy throughout their lives. I hope these kids will continue their education and make a wonderful life for themselves. We can do as much as we can to help all of these children. It is our responsibility to make these children feel loved and appreciated in this world. I pray they stay happy and safe always!"

~ Laila Maali





GiveLight Chapters

PARIS

UNE SOIRÉE DE LUMIÈRE" A PARIS

We were invited to an amazing and sponsored dinner at Le Medaillon, the only halal Michelin-starred restaurant in Paris! Upon hearing our story, the owner and chef, Djamel B wanted to volunteer and cook for our children at our global homes. While in the restaurant, another guest, a manager in Euro Disney by the name of Assia Ali, overheard our discussion regarding GiveLight. She timidly requested the chef to ask Dian if she could have a few minutes to talk to her. After a five-minute conversation, the bond was formed. After a few follow-up calls and emails, Assia decided to travel to GiveLight's home in Aceh, Indonesia. She applied her knowledge from Sorbonne and taught our kids math and French. After returning to Paris, she asked to go again - this time to our home in Cambodia.



Since then the Paris team has sent children's storybooks to our children in Morocco. We also started a pen pal program between a school in Paris with our girls in Morocco. Last summer, we decided to hold an awareness event at this great establishment. The event was sold out, and the guests savored every bite of the three-course gourmet menu. GiveLight's Paris team, led by Assia, planned the entire evening, which included testimonials from volunteers and a presentation by Dian about the history, impact and future plans of GiveLight. It was a fantastic evening of fine dining and inspiration.

Thank you, GiveLight Paris, for creating a delicious evening with a purpose. We look forward to seeing many of you in one of our homes soon.







GiveLight Chapters SEATTLE









In early 2019 we welcomed our newest GiveLight chapter in Seattle, Washington thanks to a dedicated and generous group of women. In February, Dian was invited to meet with and introduce GiveLight's story to a group of 30 women at a brunch gathering graciously hosted by Sarah Karim. Dian shared the story of her personal journey as a female professional in the corporate world and as a mother which resonated deeply with those in attendance. More than half of the guests were ready to join in and form a new chapter of GiveLight in Seattle. Following this gathering a core group launched the Seattle chapter of GiveLight and jumped right in to support the Books of Light program GiveLight had recently introduced.

Winters in Seattle can be long and isolating, with the wet weather lending itself more to quiet nights at home rather than social gatherings. With this in mind, the organizers of the Seattle chapter of GiveLight chose to host their inaugural event in early November, inviting women from all across the community to gather, discuss, and learn more about GiveLight before the commencement of the rainy season. Inspired by the stunning beauty of autumn in the Pacific Northwest, the idea of "Tea-Giving" was born. The gray tone of the Mercer Island Community Center was transformed into a unique tea party setting filled with beautiful fall florals and decor in metallic hues of gold. Thirty women from all walks of life filled the room as guests were invited to enjoy a wide selection of savory sandwiches and desserts while core members of the Seattle organizing committee shared stories of their personal involvement with GiveLight. Although most of the guests present had a basic understanding of the mission of GiveLight, organizers took the opportunity to further explain Dian's story as well as the amazing work that GiveLight does throughout the world. This first GiveLight event ended with a call to action for guests to get further involved with this amazing organization.

A big thank you to our Seattle Chapter team leads – Uzma Abedi, Sarah Dandia, Raafia Gheewala, Sarah Karim, Nadia Khawaja, Yumna Qureshi, Manaal Razaque, and Mariam Sami. We look forward to seeing more wonderful work from this passionate team. May God bless everyone who took part in getting this chapter off the ground.

GiveLight Chapters SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA





We have an amazing team in SoCal led by the dynamic duo: Roohe Ahmed and Khadija Harsolia. Over the past few years, the team has raised over \$50,000 by holding various events including game nights at individual homes, a "World Cuisine" extravaganza, "Lunch at the St. Regis," a live performance of "Unveiled" by playwright Rohina Malik at the Laguna Playhouse Theater, as well as a comedy night with comedian Jeremy McLellan. All of these events have lent to greater awareness of GiveLight's critical work with orphans and brought aboard several more enthusiastic and dedicated supporters.

In helping others, we first benefit ourselves. And this is exactly what GL SoCal has seen occur when extending efforts just south of our border to orphans in Mexico. The GiveLight SoCal Team has had the pleasure of serving as a GiveLight base for reaching orphans in Mexico. In this effort, we've witnessed the community come together at a grassroots level spanning not just SoCal, but all of California to support the orphans, whether that be by spreading the word, fundraising, or physically purchasing and transporting items in need for the children.





GiveLight Chapters

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In partnership with Corazón de Vida, we have visited various orphanages bearing gifts in hand including an array of enriching Spanish-language books for teens and young children to launch a community library. And this past winter, we were able to hand deliver much-needed coats and socks for each child residing in a Tijuana orphanage.

"A Culinary Journey" was an event we held in a lush garden setting at the foot of the San Gabriel mountains. GiveLight members gathered in support of orphans all over the world. Guests enjoyed a 7-course meal curated by Fiona Motala pro bono. A gastronomic journey highlighted every course with a different cuisine representing the various countries in which GiveLight houses our beloved children. On behalf of the entire SoCal GiveLight team, we would like to thank everyone who joined us and continues to support our work. It is impossible for us to solve all the problems in the world, but with our focused effort and unceasing passion to help orphans, we will continue to make a significant impact, God willing.







GiveLight Chapters TORONTO



We are delighted to form a chapter in Toronto. Our founding member, Uzma Khan, did a great job bringing her close friends together to launch the chapter to coincide with Dian's visit to Toronto for her talk at the Parliament of the World Religions. Below are the highlights as recounted by Muneera Qureshi.

"Most of us had heard of GiveLight from Uzma and had heard beautiful stories of Dian's orphans and their many achievements. As Dian was visiting Toronto for a conference, this was a chance for all of us to meet her in person and officially kick off the Toronto chapter. Uzma made arrangements for a beautiful Sunday brunch at Bluffers Park restaurant. It was a beautiful sunny day, the restaurant was located on the top floor with all glass windows and we could see the beautiful harbor and calm lake.

As the 20+ ladies made their way through the restaurant, they were greeted by Uzma and her daughter Sanaz. The restaurant staff came to get final orders from the guests and the program got started with Dua and Quran by Sanaz. Then Uzma introduced Dian to everyone and elaborated on why it was important to introduce GiveLight to new people in Toronto. It was a great opportunity for the guests to have Dian in attendance that morning. The program focus was to raise awareness across the Greater Toronto Area and introduce initiatives GiveLight is taking around the world.

Dian began by speaking about what GiveLight stands for. She then spoke about some of the latest events GiveLight has hosted and initiatives they have started in different countries. Dian herself had just returned from Morocco. She expressed gratitude for our community and explained how different initiatives have changed her life and how our efforts are changing children's lives in so many different places. There were some wet eyes after listening to Dian's heartwarming stories of children who had lost their parents and how GiveLight is helping them rebuild their lives.

After Dian's speech, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions. She announced the start of our next home in Lahore, Pakistan. A committee is being formed there and a few job openings have been posted for the project. It was an amazing event. We should all be continuing our efforts towards this great cause, whether by physically helping or giving donations of money and time. It is very inspirational to see women like Dian and Uzma stepping up and being role models for our community and also for the next generation. We will be looking forward to upcoming events for this great cause."

~ Muneera Qureshi





GLOBAL BISTRO

When we combine our passion with purpose, magical things can happen. We witnessed this at our annual Global Bistro hosted in 2019 in the city of Cupertino, where we had the pleasure of hosting over 400 people to try foods from every corner of the world under one roof.

Our talented bakers and chefs delighted us with cuisine from Afghanistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Palestine, Indonesia, Morocco, Italy and more. We had students from Granada Islamic School showcase their skills and bring their own sweet treats. To make the event even more enjoyable, our volunteers had face-painting stations, henna, and craft stations where students were able to make bookmarks and bracelets. In addition, we had a fantastic décor team transform the venue into a room full of vibrant colors and beautiful artifacts representing different countries.

Our long time partners such as Mirchi Cafe, Zareen's, Neelam's as well as new friends such as Caiim Coffee, The Port of Peri Peri, and many more contributed to making our event a great hit. Passion truly brings beautiful results. For that, we would like to thank our Bistro team for another amazing event and our bakers and chefs for their time and talent.





WALKATHON

We have held many walkathons to engage our community in a fun and personal way. Here's what our friend wrote about our last one held in April 2019: "Walkathons allow GiveLighters (a title bestowed upon all who come to embrace the Light) to gather not only to demonstrate our ability to run a 5K or 10k, but it is a time we all look forward to seeing familiar faces, oohing and aahing over the new baby, congratulating the young adult heading off to college, discussing where next we will be seeing each other – all the while enjoying the bounty of fruits, bagels with cream cheese, juice and coffee that the hardworking volunteers set up for us at the crack of dawn!

You can see the labor of love each volunteer puts in to making sure the event runs smoothly from start to finish. Countless hours of preparation have gone into ensuring that we all receive our t-shirts with name tags, that the check-in process is smooth, and that the lines do not take so long that we cannot mingle prior to the race.

Chase the light, the light that enters your heart to make it full, and then pass it on. This light keeps many children around the world fed, educated, and warm -- from the Syrian refugee child who had to flee his home with nothing but the clothes on his back, to the young lady in Aceh who eleven years ago was not sure where her next meal would come from but today has an education and a career and is lending a hand to make sure another child is loved and supported as she was. Next time you see Dian, founder of GiveLight, ask her, "How can I chase the Light?" You might just be surprised by how your heart feels once you hold the hand of a person who holds onto the hand of another, all to spread the Light of love, kindness and knowledge."

~Humera Nawaz



YEAR-END GALA 2019

What an amazing year it has been for us at GiveLight. God the most compassionate keeps blessing our work by bringing together those who are passionate for our cause. We ended 2019 on a high note: in December, 50 women gathered to celebrate our successes and to renew our intentions for greater accomplishments in the year 2020, God willing. Each person brilliantly came up with one unique idea to raise awareness and funds for GiveLight.

The goal of each project is to raise \$1000 per person by summer 2020. We are grateful to our generous host and friends for sponsoring the venue and dinner, and a special thanks to Mariam Holt for donating her talent to make the beautiful cake. Since all costs were covered via donation, the ticket price went to our cause, and we all ended the evening feeling inspired to do more. We thank you all for the love and support and look forward to another great year!









YOUTH TEA PARTY

A lovely tea party was organized by Aysha, Safa, Noor, and Raabia to raise awareness and funds for GiveLight. It was a fun afternoon of friendship, conversation and purpose. There were silent auction, games, and henna.

The girls had a wonderful time and were inspired by GiveLight's mission. Since their parents sponsored the food and the venue, all proceeds from ticket sales went to support our cause. This event inspired many girls to host a similar party with their friends to benefit our children.





WORLD CUISINE



One of our innovative ideas to bring our supporters together is "The World Cuisine" project. This project centers around gourmet food, friendship and a commitment to benefit our children. Approximately seven chefs prepare food from various countries, most bringing their signature dishes to the event. The host only provides the venue and is responsible for creating a pleasant ambiance. Each meal has a theme from around the world, including Afghan, Indian, Indonesian, Moroccan, Pakistani, Palestinian, Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese and many more. A maximum of 40 guests attend with a \$30 suggested contribution, 100% of which goes to our children.

So far, there have been 26 events hosted, each with a different flair but with the same unified purpose - to find unique and fun ways of giving that create a deeper personal connection to the cause. Our host list includes: Arie Quick, Ayesha Rania, Fatima Jaber, Fatima Ozgun, Fifi Mussadi, Fowzigiah Abdolcader, Humera Nawaz, Iffat Abbas, Javi Ramani, Khadija Harsolia, Mahira Razzak, Mai Vu, Maram Bata, Naeema Ilyas, Natasha Tufail, Rami Mojadidi, Rula Sai, Sameena Chisty, Sameena Usman, Sheila Bari, Uroosa Jalal, Yasmine Mian, and Zeba Siddiqui. We are so grateful to each of our generous friends for opening their hearts and homes to us. May His Light be with our friends always.







Special Projects

A THOUSAND RAYS OF LIGHT IN GAZA





Our rays of light have reached Gaza!

We had been dreaming of doing something to help the children of Gaza. It was so wonderful to finally be able to host a dinner in Ramadan for 1330 orphans and widows. We received these heartwarming images from an uncle of a dear friend, Sami Breem who is a Professor in Gaza. He took the ownership to mobilize the youth and form GiveLight Gaza team.

Thank you, GiveLight Gaza Team and PCRF, for being our extensions on the ground.

Thank you to all of our wonderful friends for the love and support. May the blessings continue and may your hearts dwell in happiness seeing how your generosity has made a direct impact.





Special Projects

WARM HUGS



WINNER OF THE GRATITUDE NETWORK FELLOWSHIP

The Gratitude Network Fellowship is a 12-months leadership development program for Social entrepreneurs. Dian was invited to apply and after an intense application process, we received the news that Dian was chosen as one of the winners. There were over 700 applications from all the world, so it was a fairly tight competition. Howard Goldman, an accomplished consultant, coach and author was selected as Dian's coach.

Dian and Howard worked together on sharpening the strategy for GiveLight to continue to grow and scale. There were monthly meetings and coaching sessions as well as the Leadership summit where cohorts from all over the world came together to share ideas and best practices.

Here's what Howard says about the partnership:

"Dian has expanded her visionary leadership for the benefit of our children. As importantly, she employs the discipline, and no nonsense business skills that bring vibrancy and economic viability to GiveLight. It has been my privilege to partner with Dian to amplify these skills and drive new levels of accomplishment throughout this social enterprise."

Last fall, The Gratitude Network held their Annual Gala, which was attended by 300+ supporters. Dian was invited to speak to address the VIP guests and shared success stories in implementing some big ideas as a result of the fellowship: building the team capacity, growing our chapters, investing in Digital Marketing.

Thank you Randy Haykin, founder of the Gratitude Network and the whole team for supporting our work. We look forward to working together to benefit more children across the world.





SCHOOLS SUPPORT

We are immensely grateful to many of the outstanding schools that support our work. The amazing individuals who are a part of these school systems have donated to GiveLight and have sponsored our public events like our walkathons. Campaigns such as "Blankets of Love" and "#Warmhugs," plus mentoring our children through on line tutoring, would not be possible without them, and for this, we are beyond thankful. We are especially grateful to the following schools for their support:

- 1. Peace Terrace Academy for holding movie nights for GiveLight over the past seven years
- 2. Granada Islamic School for sending six Seniors and three teachers to our Morocco home last summer
- 3. Ilm Academy for sponsoring ten of our children for the entire year.

Thank you for your generosity and we look forward to building a lifetime of friendship with all of you.



























BUSINESS PARTNERS

One way to ensure a sustainable revenue for GiveLight is business partnerships. We are blessed to have on going support from our wonderful friends at the following businesses.

Zapier - Zapier assists GiveLight in our backend integration efforts at a discounted rate.

Nominal - Nominal provides people with an avenue of expression, and a modern way to exhibit their passion through fashion. Nominal has donated many pieces of their beautiful jewelry for silent auctions. They are also donating 20% to us with every purchase if you mention GiveLight.

Nida Adil Real Estate - Nida is passionate about helping people and works tirelessly on behalf of her clients so that they can achieve their real estate milestones. Nida contributes a healthy portion of each sale to Givelight Foundation.

Wabry Organic Syrups by Nadia Khan - Nadia found a unique way to link her new venture to support GiveLight. She turned her homemade fruit syrup into a business. She decided to give 30% of her net proceeds to GiveLight Foundation.

Layla's Delicacies - Layla's shares delicious handmade Mediterranean treats from Tunisia. Their treats are fresh, authentic, and handcrafted by the best Tunisian artisans. They give a portion of its proceeds to bring sweetness to GiveLight.











RESTAURANT CAMPAIGN

We have had great success with restaurant campaigns by partnering with more than 15 restaurants through out the Bay Area. The idea is for our friends to come together and enjoy a "blessed meal" while the restaurant donates 20%-30% of the proceeds to us. Our partners include PF Chang, TrueFood Kitchen, Falafel Corner and many others. We launched this campaign at Mirchi Cafe Fremont in 2017 and since then, Mirchi has hosted additional events for us including at their new restaurant in Dublin. We've also done a few events at Zareen's, one of our long time supporters. Most recently, we had a delicious lunch at The Port of Peri Peri in Milpitas. Each event was attended by 10-30 women and usually takes place on a week day to bring in more traffic.

Thank you to all of our restaurant partners especially Lisa Ahmad and Zareen Khan for your ongoing generosity and delicious food.



Personal Milestones

MAHIRA'S BIRTHDAY

We feel so incredibly blessed that many of our friends (some we have not met in person) decided to embrace our cause in such a personal way. From celebrating birthdays to graduations and even weddings, all for the benefit of our children . Here are a few stories that really warmed our hearts.

"This year for my birthday, I got an extra special surprise, planned with much love and details by my husband and daughter, a treat I will cherish forever.

The venue, International Culinary Center, was set for a unique competition theme, Iron Chef-Style Cooking. My friends welcomed me with donning chef uniforms. The competition was to make a creative and delicious dish using a mystery ingredient of blood oranges. It was a fun-filled evening spreading waves of laughter and delectable aromas were spread in the air. I loved watching each one of my friends' enthusiasm in choosing ingredients, scurrying through spices and showing off their culinary skills. Some of them were paired with faces they had never met before yet they worked together seamlessly.

The result of their efforts was an array of colorful and scrumptious dishes, prepared with affection, plated exquisitely and an absolute treat for us judges. They say, 'Cooking is love made visible' and there was a whole lot of love visible that night. The evening came to an end with another surprise, a beautiful video message from GiveLight children in the Aceh home, singing a very special birthday song just for me! As I was trying to hold back my tears of happiness, another surprise came from Dian announcing that my friends had donated to GiveLight in my honor and had raised over two thousand dollars.

The icing on the cake was that the amount was to be matched by my husband's employer. Words can not describe my emotions at that very moment, I felt nothing but love and honor. I am blessed to have friends and family who have touched my heart with their kindness and generosity. I am over the moon thinking how all my friends came together to support a cause that is very near and dear to my heart. Growing a year older never felt so good! "

~ Mahira

Thank you Mahira for sharing your beautiful light with our children!





Personal Milestones - Age Forty: Sharing a Milestone

AAMIR & HINA







"When we celebrated Aamir's 40th birthday last year, we held a gathering of about 100 friends and relatives. Instead of material gifts on the occasion, we asked our guests to consider making a contribution to GiveLight. For us, GiveLight was a natural choice to express gratitude on the occasion.

Turning Forty

Age forty marks an important milestone in numerous spiritual traditions. It is an age at which a person is deemed to have reached maturity, and is at his or her prime to contribute. One has gained a measure of experience and the judgment that comes with it, while having the energy and resolve to undertake some of life's most important endeavors. In fact, some of the most important missions in life – including the message of the Prophet Muhammad, upon whom be peace, – began at age forty. The Qur'an relates a prayer specifically connected to age forty: 'And We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents. His mother bore him in difficulty and she delivered him in difficulty, and the time of his bearing and his weaning are thirty months. Until, when he reaches his strongest, and reaches forty years, he says, 'Lord, enable me to be grateful for the blessings you have bestowed upon me and my parents, and to do righteous [deeds] with which You are pleased. And make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed I have repented to You and indeed I am from those who submit to God." (Qur'an 46:15)

Why GiveLight?

We felt that supporting Givelight was especially appropriate as it is a time we remember the great care and sacrifices our parents made. It is a time we recognize the great bounty and fortune we had to be raised in a home in which we were loved, protected, nurtured, and inspired. These are the kinds of homes that GiveLight strives to provide children around the world. Age forty is also a time when many of us have children of our own, and are deeply engaged in raising them. We strive to raise them with spiritual strength, noble values and character. These, again, are goals towards which GiveLight strives each day.

Reflections on Forty:

Dian Alyan, founder and CEO of GiveLight, contributed a touching piece. She shared – perhaps not surprisingly – that starting GiveLight was linked to her efforts 'in search of a greater meaning' around the age 40 milestone. With that, she wrote, 'GiveLight and the idea of spending the rest of my life serving Him through His orphans became a beautiful reality.' It is a great joy for us to support the noble cause of GiveLight, especially on this milestone. As we remember the blessing of a nurturing home and seek to raise happy and healthy children, we cherish and embrace GiveLight's vital work." ~ Hina Ghory

Thank you Hina and Aamir for your amazing generosity and passion for our cause

Personal Milestones

SONYA'S GRADUATION



Sonya Maharaj has been volunteering for Givelight since the age of 11. She was very passionate about our cause and exhibited a strong drive to make an impact in the lives of our children, though she herself was still a child. Fast forwarding, she recently graduated from the University of Texas with Magna Cum Laude majoring in Marketing. She held a graduation party for forty of her friends and dedicated her special day to honor our children. In lieu of gifts, she asked her friends to donate to GiveLight and was able to generate enough funds to feed seventy children for a whole week!!

"When I was 11 years old, I met Sister (Sr.) Dian for the first time. As an awkward and clumsy pre-teen, I was used to people often overlooking me. But even at such a young age, I always possessed a fiery passion for justice, helping others, and dreamed of becoming a lawyer who would help to make the world a better place. Sr. Dian inspired me with her passion, professionalism, and dedication to helping orphans around the world."

We are so grateful to Sonya for carrying her passion throughout her life. We are also grateful to her family and friends for supporting her. We wish her nothing but the best in all her future endeavors.

Personal Milestones - Weddings

FARAH WEDS SHAMEL



Here's a beautiful account from Farah and Shamel who created a wedding registry exclusively for GiveLight:

How did you first hear about GiveLight?

We first heard about GiveLight Foundation from a friend at MIT who had been volunteering for the organization. We learned about the amazing work GiveLight Foundation has been doing to support children across the world. Shamel also volunteered for Skype lessons to teach mathematics for sometime and really enjoyed the experience.

What inspired you to support our work in such a personal way?

GiveLight Foundation's growth has been well reflected by their smiling children who have been achieving academic and personal success - we are inspired by all the good GiveLight is doing and would like to see it grow and support every orphan unable to support themselves.

How did you feel when you know that so many orphans benefited from your generosity?

We are grateful to God for giving us the opportunity to be able to influence and support the lives of so many children. We hope we can keep supporting GiveLight in the future.

Thank you Farah and Shamel for dedicating your special day to our children! We pray that God blesses you with a lifetime of happiness.

Personal Milestones - Weddings

HANEEN WEDS AHMED



"There is nothing like breaking barriers and boundaries. Bridging the gap and bringing two cultures together shows the absolute beauty of Islam. I am Palestinian American and Ahmed is full Sri Lankan. When Ahmed and I got married we knew right away that we wanted to make a difference. In lieu of favors we decided to donate to various charities which represented both of our cultures. The GiveLight home was our obvious choice for Sri Lanka, which was a joint project with The AAM Marleen Foundation. We love Dian Alyan's beautiful work Masha Allah and without a doubt this home was our first choice.

Knowing we made a difference in our wedding matters to us. We are so blessed living this life, praise be to God, that we made sure to give back to those who need it most. These orphans and the families we've helped along the way deserve it and so much more. It is known that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Serving our community is what we're here for. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said 'One is not grateful to God, who is not grateful to the people' and what better way to give back and celebrate that than on our wedding day.





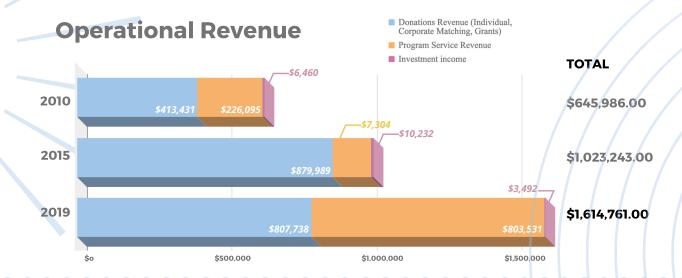
We encourage you to give what you can and to help support GiveLight Foundations projects. Please keep these orphans, GiveLight Foundation as well as Ahmed and I in your continuous prayers."

-Haneen Hammad

We are so grateful to Haneen and Ahmed. We wish them a lifetime of happiness!

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Since our inception, we have worked passionately to maximize and diversify donation sources. Our efforts, God's mercy, and your generosity have resulted in healthy growth over the years with 2019 being our best year so far. Despite not hosting any major fundraising events since 2016, individual and corporate donations, along with hosting smaller, personally engaging events yielded an income of \$1.6 million in 2019.



HIGHLIGHTS

New Property

• In 2019 GiveLight Foundation purchased a 1,761 square foot property in San Jose that now serves as the Global Headquarters. The property was purchased at a great value priced around \$700K in a prime Bay Area location.

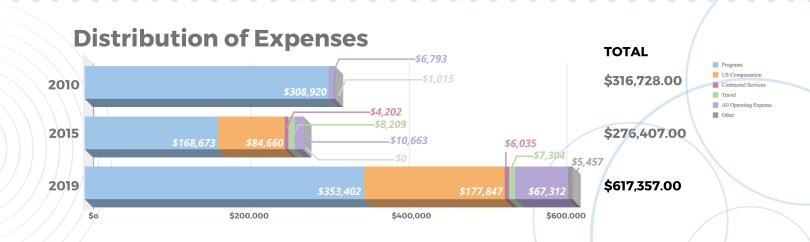
Staffing

- In the first eight years, our US operation functioned with no staff and was 100% volunteer run, saving over \$500K in overhead and administrative costs.
- To support GiveLight's growth, we currently have 1 full-time and 2 part-time employees, while keeping payroll expenses low at around 11% of income.
- As GiveLight expands to serve more children around the world, we will need to increase the number of staff to build
 in-house talents and reach our long term goal of supporting 10,000 children.

New Home in Lahore, Pakistan

- · GiveLight received a land donation for our next home in Lahore, Pakistan from a generous donor.
- The University of San Francisco designed the blueprint pro bono.
- The goal is to break ground on GiveLight's Lahore home in 2020 with a completion date slated for 2022.

GiveLight Foundation is recognized by GuideStar and earns a Gold Seal of Transparency.



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Basil is VP of Product Development at Yotascale. He has held the position of VP of Strategy and Advanced Development at VMware, in addition to leadership roles at several Silicon Valley technology startups.

"I have always maintained a passion to help child-focused causes by democratizing and providing basic needs and education. Helping those who are not as blessed is a constant reminder for me to be thankful for what I have. And when it comes to orphans specifically, we have an obligation to recognize how important it is to help each other as one union and as a family."

FIRASAT ALI



Firasat is a Patent Attorney. He has worked in that capacity at Motorola, International Trade Commission, and several other law firms. He is presently the Managing Partner at Creso Legal, San Francisco. He also enjoys teaching Patent Law.

"My passion for the cause stems from my firm belief that "it could have been me. I have been helping GiveLight in its efforts to expand and increase awareness."

JOHANN NOOR



Johann began his career with a public accounting firm where he earned his license as a certified public accountant. His experience includes working in various technology and life sciences companies in leadership finance roles.

He received his accounting qualification from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Glasgow, United Kingdom and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Babson College, Wellesley, MA.

MATTHEW MENGERINK



Matthew Mengerink is a technology executive in Silicon Valley who has had executive roles at Uber, YouTube, PayPal and eBay. He is also a founding member on the board of Directors at Bayan Claremont University.

"After the Indonesian Tsunami, I asked Dian how I could help her family. She said, 'We are fine, but can you help me to help the Indonesians.' We met the next weekend and founded GiveLight."

NOSHABA AFZAL



Noshaba has served California Public Schools for 20 years as a teacher, counselor, and Educational Consultant. She is the CEO and President of a company that has provided Professional Development trainings to over 5,000 teachers and administrators across the country. Noshaba also volunteers at Silicon Valley Academy as their Site Director overseeing curriculum and instruction for the past 14 years.

"I have had a very blessed life and I enjoy using my experiences and educational background to support the orphans that are part of the GiveLight family. My own three children and husband motivate me to plant the seeds for future generations."

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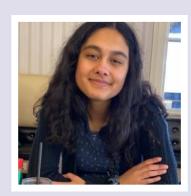


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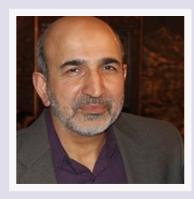
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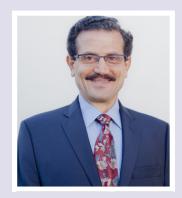


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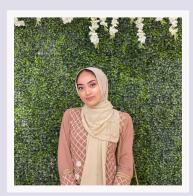
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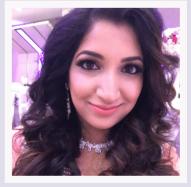


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