



Statement on Palestine

In the name of God the Merciful and Compassionate
“Surely Allah doesn’t change a people until they change what’s in themselves.”
(Qur’an 13:11)

10.19.2023. Over the past two weeks, heart-wrenching images and news have unfolded out of occupied Palestine. The American Muslim Community Foundation (AMCF) is deeply disturbed as we witness a genocide happening before our eyes. The humanitarian situation is worsening in each passing moment with innumerable breaches of international law being relentlessly perpetrated against the 2.3 million innocent civilians of Gaza including continuous bombings, forced displacement and a complete blockading of basic necessities such as water, food and electricity.

Our concern moves us to act. As stewards of Muslims values and ethics, we have an imperative to stand against oppression, injustice and attacks on innocent human lives wherever they happen. We at AMCF join the voices of countless organizations across the U.S. and around the world calling for an immediate ceasefire and halt to violence against innocent civilians. AMCF joins 70+ organizations in urging President Biden to call for immediate ceasefire, protection of civilians, and an end of anti-Muslim, anti-Arab, and anti-Palestinian rhetoric.

As a community foundation that supports dozens of humanitarian nonprofits ready to help in Gaza, but denied access, we also call for an immediate opening of safe passages into Gaza allowing for the transfer of desperately-needed life-saving supplies.

Everyone has a role to play in standing up for justice and the sanctity of human life in this moment. To the many thoughtful action lists that have been circulated in our community, we add ours tailored specifically for our donors and nonprofit partners.

Finally, we call on our mainstream philanthropic partners to support and fund organizations listed in the Individual Call to Action below to show your solidarity.

We thank each and every one of you for being a supporter, donor, or nonprofit in our network. Our collaboration and work together makes us stronger and more impactful. We have no doubt in our minds and hearts that justice, mercy, and humanity will ultimately overcome oppression and injustice.

Sincerely, American Muslim Community Foundation Team
amuslimcf.org/team



Individual Calls to Action:

1. ***Make heartfelt dua*** (supplication) and pray. As human beings, we all collectively are experiencing the anguish of witnessing unspeakable injustice and the ongoing loss of numerous innocent lives in our time. Nonetheless, our faith in the power of prayer (dua) remains unshaken. We know that Allah is All-Seeing, All-Hearing and is in control of all affairs with His Infinite Wisdom. Let us turn to Him for strength and aid. See [Islamic Relief](#) and [Yaqeen Institute](#) for resources.
2. ***Donate*** through your Donor Advised Fund or directly to the following organizations. AMCF has begun processing donations from our donors and we encourage our community to continue giving. Here is a list of trusted nonprofits that AMCF has vetted with active advocacy, humanitarian, and medical campaigns for Palestinians:
 - 2.1. [Action Aid USA](#)
 - 2.2. [American Muslims for Palestine](#)
 - 2.3. [ANERA](#)
 - 2.4. [Arab Resource and Organizing Center](#)
 - 2.5. [Baitulmaal](#)
 - 2.6. [BuildPalestine](#)
 - 2.7. [Council on American Islamic Relations](#)
 - 2.8. [Doctors Without Borders](#)
 - 2.9. [MPower Change](#)
 - 2.10. [Emgage USA](#)
 - 2.11. [Helping Hand for Relief and Development \(HHRD\)](#)
 - 2.12. [Human Appeal](#)
 - 2.13. [IMANA](#)
 - 2.14. [Islamic Relief USA](#)
 - 2.15. [Jewish Voice for Peace](#)
 - 2.16. [Kinder USA](#)
 - 2.17. [Muslim Aid USA](#)
 - 2.18. [Palestinian American Medical Association \(PAMA\)](#)
 - 2.19. [Palestine Children's Relief Fund \(PCRF\)](#)
 - 2.20. [Penny Appeal USA](#)
 - 2.21. [UNRWA](#)
 - 2.22. [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#)
 - 2.23. [World Central Kitchen](#)
 - 2.24. [Zakat Foundation of America](#)
3. ***Contact your representatives*** to voice your concern for innocent civilians at risk of imminent death in Gaza and ask them to support an immediate ceasefire. You



American Muslim
Community Foundation

can use templates such as [this one from CAIR](#), [Emgage Action](#), [Americans for Justice in Palestine \(AJP\)](#), and others being circulated in your networks or write your own message. In addition to email messages, make daily phone calls to your representatives offices and ask to speak with staff members to leave your comments.

4. **Get informed** about your rights related to speaking out, attending protests and rallies, advocacy and how to respond to bias, discrimination or Islamophobia in the context of the workplace, university, school and other settings relevant to your daily life. [Palestine Legal](#), [Muslim Legal Fund](#) and [CAIR](#) are both great resources on these topics.
5. **Thank our allies** in the community who have been raising awareness about the situation in Gaza.
6. **Take care of your well-being**. This is a difficult time for any concerned human being, but we must not forget to take care of ourselves and our families physically, mentally and emotionally so we can continue our journey for justice together. [Maristan](#), [Sukoon](#) and [Cornerstone Counseling](#) are all great resources on mental health for the Muslim community- check out their social media in particular. Also check out [Noor Kids](#) for resources for talking to children about the current events.



American Muslim
Community Foundation

Nonprofit Partner Calls to Action:

1. **Share your work** with us. If you are a nonprofit organization receiving this message and you are doing or planning to launch work relating to the current humanitarian crisis, please feel free to share it with us. We would love to help amplify your efforts and share with our networks. Contact us at NonprofitEngage@amuslimcf.org.
2. **Collaborate** where it makes sense. We encourage our nonprofit partners to collaborate and share resources as much as possible. Our unity is our strength and the more we show a united front, the more effective advocacy and humanitarian efforts will be in the long-run. Here are three great articles on nonprofit collaboration from [Indiana University](#), [Charity Village](#), and [Nonprofit Megaphone](#).
3. **Uplift each other** and when we differ, let us differ with kindness. It is a tense time for all. It is easy for division or disagreement to arise in the current climate, even among organizations supporting a common mission. We encourage all individuals and organizations to empower and uplift the efforts of others whenever possible and, if there is disagreement, to disagree with courtesy and respect.

ABOUT US:

Founded in 2016, American Muslim Community Foundation (AMCF) is an innovative and award-winning national community foundation dedicated to creating Donor Advised Funds, Giving Circles, distributing grants, partnering on fiscal sponsorships, & building endowments for the American Muslim community. AMCF has committed to social basic needs, racial justice, and health equity initiatives by distributing more than \$10,000,000 to over 600 nonprofits.

AMCF's vision is to lead sustainable & strategic Muslim philanthropy for today and future generations.

To learn more, join AMCF virtually at the Annual Symposium & Muslim Philanthropy Awards on Saturday November 18, 2023 from 2-4 PM Eastern. amuslimcf.org/awards