

2024 Giving Circle Application

Member-Nominated Nonprofit



ESONA Relief Fund

Leader

Parisa Popalzai, President



Summarize what is the core mission & vision

Education and Service Organization for those Needing Assistance (ESONA) Relief Fund aims to alleviate the hardships faced by families in Afghanistan and America due to poverty, war, illness, or natural disasters. We provide food packages, monetary assistance, support for healthcare and education for those in dire need.

Briefly explain when your nonprofit was founded, why and by whom.

ESONA Relief Fund was founded by a team of concerned individuals who wanted a way to give directly to families in need in the most transparent way and to provide 100% of the donations to the recipients. Founders include Parisa Popalzai, President and Said Sekandari, Board Chair. Additional volunteers include our past Director, Yameen Sekandari, and our Vice President, Edrees Sekandari as well as our two board members, Cathy Huang and Habiba Saadet. Our other volunteers help with fundraising and social media posts.

Who is your constituency and approximately how many people are served by your nonprofit?

Currently our constituency are families living in Afghanistan who are facing starvation due to the economic and political situation. We have served over 10,000 families through our Ramadan and Zakat Programs.

What is the impact of your nonprofit over the past five years?

In the past 5 years, we raised and distributed over \$100,000 in aid to people in need. We are a small organization and all our expenses are covered by the Board.

What is your goal for the next 1-5 years?

We are working hard to establish an orphan training center that will allow girls and women to earn a living now that the prospects of higher education have been taken from them. They would learn sewing, craft making, and business basics to run a small business.

What is one key item our giving circle members should know?

ESONA Relief Fund is founded by an Afghan woman to help women, children, the sick and unemployed struggling in Afghanistan and USA.

If you receive funding from the Women's Giving Circle, how would you plan to use the funds?

We would put it towards building a training center serving orphan girls and widows.

Learn More About ESONA Relief Fund

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Youtube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4AZItHfYAVuTEp_GkC9Jgw

Additional Information

-  ESONA Emergency Relief 2022 - ESONA Relief Fund.pptx
-  2023 ESONA Annual Impact Report - ESONA Relief Fund.pdf

Videos

-  Video from Project Recipient - ESONA Relief Fund.mp4
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Pictures

