

GIVE BACK GRANT TORONTO



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A JOURNEY OF LOSS, COURAGE AND HOPE

Imagine this: You and your young family are in the midst of a **country torn apart by conflict**. You've been seeking shelter and are constantly moving from place to place as the country slowly tears itself apart.

Now there's no safe place. What can you do? Stay and become a victim, or flee in hope of safety?

What do you take? With many of your possessions destroyed or too large to fit in a small suitcase, you must leave the majority of what you own behind.

Carrying nothing except a few clothes and personal belongings, you look back one last time at what was your home, your safe place, filled with sadness and grief.

Holding tiny hands as you leave your home, you seek safety for yourself and your family.

This is the reality for so many around the world. **Travelling thousands of miles from home, seeking refuge on safer shores.**

Where do they start? The few lucky ones arrive through sponsorship from relatives living locally, and some receive limited support from local governments. It's not enough.

People are settling into their new home without their basic needs met, unable to speak the local language. To whom can they turn?

A WARM WELCOME FOR NEWCOMER FAMILIES

In Toronto, Canada, refugees are increasingly arriving from Gaza, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey and other countries under conflict.

So many have no one to reach out to. Discovering this, the Who is Hussain team, in collaboration with Share2Care and the Hazara Women's Organisation, needed to do something. After all, **Hussain ibn Ali teaches us compassion for all.**



Over the course of five months, from June to November 2025, volunteers welcomed and supported **over 115 families into the city, totalling more than 500 individuals.** They met regularly with families and provided much of what they needed to start their lives in Toronto.

THE IMPACT



Our volunteers took families on **personalised shopping trips**, so they can buy exactly what they need, as well as providing regular food and grocery deliveries.



We also sought other items like children's toys, laptops, **winter clothes, bedding and hygiene kits** to those who needed them.



Organised backpack drives for children admitted into school and **employment assistance for adults**, including resume workshops and English classes.



Organising park meet-ups so families could meet, gather and enjoy spending time together and **integrate within the local community**.

THE CROWNING EVENT

Although this project played out in phases, one highlight was a large-scale event organised by the team, attended by more than 115 families (over 500 people).

Exceeding all expectations, this event allowed all the newcomers and volunteers to enjoy time together, for children to make friends, and for the team to facilitate the backpack distribution. **Attended by Brampton's Mayor, Patrick Brown, this event was recognised as a significant initiative in the local community.** It highlights the significance of such initiatives - they are necessary to ensure newcomers are welcomed and supported appropriately, making their settlement into a new country as safe and comfortable as possible.



HELPING FAMILIES REBUILD WITH DIGNITY

With a focus on education and to ensure we make a long-term, sustainable impact, the project will be ongoing as more families arrive in the country. Volunteers continue to support through monthly grocery deliveries.

However, they are increasingly focused on providing English classes, resume-writing workshops, and supplying items that empower individuals to enter the workforce and generate their own income. **One family received a sewing machine to provide tailoring services, laying the groundwork for long-term success and integration into life in Canada.**

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SOME WORDS FROM THE GROUND...

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"Resumes that were created by the team and the feedback received, have supported me to pursue a career."

SAMIBHA

"Thank you so much for the winter clothing and backpacks, these have really helped my children in school."

MIKE D

"The laptop for my child has helped him with University work, and he can do his homework online and submit to the teacher right away."

TELMA S

"The huge rice bags you gave me have lasted me over three months"

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Inspired by the values of Hussain ibn Ali, this initiative showcased the importance of humanity and compassion. It wasn't just about providing basic needs for families or educational resources for children; it was about **instilling a sense of community, making people feel safe and welcome in their new home.**

Families fleeing danger ask for nothing but safety. Who is Hussain Toronto, Share2Care and the Hazara Women's Organisation came together to welcome newcomer families with the kind of support that only community can provide.

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