WELCOME

When good intentions and ideas are put to work, amazing things happen.

HCI came as a result of well intentioned Canadians who wanted to make a difference in this world. Their goal was to help in whatever small way they could. Little did they know they were sowing the seeds for the first ever Canadian charity that would go on to deliver over $200 million in aid and help in 46 different countries.

01 EVENTS

Toronto

Halal Fest 2019
Markham Fairgrounds

(July 2019)

HCI was the title sponsor of the largest Halal Food Festival in the East End GTA. The event sizzled with Delicious Halal Food, Halal Fashion, Halal Family Entertainment and much more. Entertainers such as Boona Mohammed, Siedd, Ilyas Mao sparked the day with fire!
Vancouver

**Yemen Famine Relief**
Bakery Project Fundraising

(August 2019)

The Yemen Famine Relief: Bakery Project was a fundraising dinner event to help alleviate the famine crisis in Sana’a, Yemen. The bakery project aids Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), as well as vulnerable and affected communities in the city. This project will provide appropriately 1,200 beneficiaries with 4,000 loaves of bread for free on a daily basis. Shaykh Moutasem Al-Hameedy shed light on the ongoing crisis in Yemen.

Toronto / Ottaw / Montreal / Edmonton

**MAC Eid-ul-adha Festival**

(August 2019)

Human Concern International was glad to support the MAC Eid Festival in Ottawa, Montreal and Edmonton. Thanks to all the volunteers who raised awareness about HCI.
Edmonton

**River Boat Cruise for Hope**
(September 2019)

The River Boat Cruise was a fun afternoon on the Edmonton River Boat down the North Saskatchewan River. This special Cruise included a Buffet Dinner, and a 90 minutes journey of the river valley! All proceeds went towards supporting the education of orphans in Palestine and Yemen.

Toronto

**Kajama Boat Cruise: Rising with the Stars**
(October 2019)

HCI held a donor appreciation cruise on the beautiful waters of Toronto for Imams, their families, and organizations throughout the GTA.
Toronto

HCl’s Indigenous Water Initiative
Sh. Omar Suleiman
(October 2019)

Droplets of Mercy in Association with Human Concern International presents **ALI: From Cassius to Muhammad** an evening of insightful discourse on one of the greatest athletes of all time. The Fundraising Gala twinkled with stars such as Shaykh Omar Suleiman alongside The Reverend Dr. Michael Waters as they reflected on Ali’s journey from champion in the ring, to champion of the people.

The evening was in support of Droplets of Mercy’s Indigenous Clean Water Initiative supporting over 100 communities in Canada that lack a basic human
Global Water Crisis
Multi City Tour
(October 2019)

The Global Water Crisis raised awareness about water crisis and global poverty. Wisam Sherieff gave an inspiring speech in Toronto. Sr. Razia Hamidi delivered inspiring speeches on raising awareness on the need for clean drinking water. Sh. Ala Elsayed fundraised for HCI Wash Campaign in four different cities.
Montreal

Donor Appreciation Dinner 2019

(December 2019)

The Donor Appreciation Dinner 2019 was an opportunity for Montreal to reconnect with the community, especially some of HCI major donors, and introduce its new Regional Director, Bouazza Mache.

It was also an opportunity for the donors to learn about our achievements during 2019, but an occasion for us to thank them for their continuous support.

HCI Executive Director Mahmuda Khan expressed the importance of implementing more sustainable projects around the world and she presented Sister Sabriya with a plaque in recognition for her services to the community.

Toronto

Transformation Tour:
Honour the Orphan

Shaykh Musleh Khan

(November 2019)

The HCI event was in collaboration with CBMC (Canadian Bangladesh Muslim Community) in support of Orphans in Bangladesh and the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). Funds raised went towards transforming the lives of orphans around the world. Inspirational Speaker Musleh Khan joined us for an amazing night in honouring orphans.
Toronto / Edmonton

“Share the Warmth” Campaign

(December 2019)

HCI in collaboration with Beyond Our Streets Riding Club and The Gambit Barbershop distributed winter relief packs consisting of gloves, scarves, hats and blankets to the homeless in Downtown Toronto. Over 100 winter relief packs were distributed.

Toronto

Fundraising Dinner for Rohingya

(December 2019)

Our Executive Director Mahmuda Khan, our Director of Programs, Mohammed Noorani and Humanitarian Activist, Ovais Iqbal shared their reflections on their recent trip to Rohingya Camps in Bangladesh. HCI raised $120K to support the building of 24 learning Centers providing safe space to 2162 Children at the Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh.
Building Allies

HCI gave a gift of $10,000 to the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa

These funds will help advance CHEO’s mission of providing exceptional care to children, youth and families through partnership, research and education.

Human Concern International presented a $10,000 cheque to a pool of $100,000 to Muslim Association of Canada

Islamic Relief Canada, Human Concern International, ISNA Canada, & Muslim Welfare Centre stood as allies to contribute towards poverty alleviation and community growth.
Featured Fundraiser

Sisterhood Softball league raises $12K for HCI

“Sisterhood Softball League (SSL) is a non-profit, volunteer organization, providing Muslim women the opportunity to play softball in the City of Mississauga. This year we partnered with HCI to raise awareness and raise funds for their water well campaign.

As athletes, we understand the importance and satisfaction of hydration, especially during those hot summer games. We wanted to build upon this cause with the amazing women in our league, who are always ready and eager to give their time and efforts to help others.

Our intention was to raise funds to build one well. However, the incredible women of SSL pushed past our goal for an overwhelming response and raised $12,000 for not just one, but 4 wells! The winning team who raised the most funds was the one and only Gritty Garnets, who were showcased at this year’s SSL’s charity All-Star Charity game, as they presented the check to HCI.

Through this incredible partnership with HCI, SSL players were also able to enjoy our End of Season Gala at an incredible venue with subsidized tickets, since HCI was not only our title sponsor this past season, but also a sponsor for our end of season celebration.

Thank you HCI for being an integral part of SSL’s 2019 season, for not only giving back to us, but for also allowing us to give back to a worthy cause!”
Featured Fundraiser

Youth Speaker Academy raises 24K for water wells

“Youth Speaker Academy (YSA) is an initiative that focuses on leadership and public speaking. YSA teaches the youth to give back to their community, in addition to nurturing their individual goals. As the brand ambassador of HCI, I found the idea of merging HCI and YSA as an opportunity for the youth to learn by action.

The youth of YSA were incredibly excited to fundraise for a water campaign that catered to building wells in impoverished communities. They competed with each other and were eager to fundraise as much as they could by reaching out to their friends and family. They were inspired by some of the lectures that I gave on the importance of giving back to one’s community and gradually became more excited to reach higher targets as the weeks went on. MashaAllah, I’m very proud of the enthusiasm and dedication of the youth as they fundraised 24K in weeks.”

- Hassan Wadi, Founder of Youth Speaker Academy & Brand Ambassador of HCI
Child Sponsorship Success Story

A village boys’ dream comes true: How Abdisamad escaped the war and now works for an international company.

“My name is Abdisamad Mohamed Hassan. I was born in Hargeisa in 1994 and my father died before I was born. After the civil war broke out in Hargeisa in 1994 my family and I fled to Ethiopia.

As a refugee living in Ethiopia my beloved mother died when I was two years old. My aunts and uncles brought me up.

In 2002 we returned to Hargeisa and luckily, I was sponsored by HCI. This was an excellent opportunity for me because I was able to attend my primary, intermediate and secondary schools as HCI paid my school fees and clothing.

After completing my secondary education, I began my job-hunting activities and fortunately I landed my first job as a graphic designer.

Later I became a hospitality services officer in one of the most prominent hotels known as Adams’s inn. I was promoted as a general manager in the hotel. Now I am a university graduate and I am employed at international company known as CMA CGM particularly in the department of import and customer service.

HCI will stay in my heart as long as I live.”

“Success isn’t just about what you accomplish in your life; it’s about what you inspire others to do.”
- Winston S. Churchill

We sponsor 4000 orphans around the world including countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Kashmir, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Rohingya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia & Yemen!
upwards of 1,000 persons to access clean water on a daily basis. This will not only help save human lives, but provide much needed sanitation and encourage healthy hygiene practices. Moreover, it will ease the burdensome journey of 5-6km that women have to make everyday to collect clean water for their communities. It will also allow them to manage their menstruation and maternity in dignity and in safety.

At Human Concern International, global projects like these allow us to deliver aid to where it’s needed, when it’s needed.”

- Haya Khan

Donate and help contribute to #Sauga4Somalia build a well here!

www.launchgood.com/sauga4somalia

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### Featured Volunteer

“I decided to start working with HCI because I am committed to making our community a better place with the sacrifice of my time and efforts. After meeting them this past summer, I was invited to guest speak at their Sail with the Stars Cruise and the Global Water Crisis in hopes to inspire, connect, and motivate youth to get involved and give back to the community. Now, on behalf of HayaHelps, I have started a campaign with them called #Sauga4Somalia, to raise $5000 to build water wells in Africa, more specifically Somalia. This project will enable
Free Education & Skills Training For Girls in Munshiganj, Bangladesh

The project funded school fees and education materials for 150 girls.

With the help of our local partner, the project evaluated applications, monitored academic performances and ensured career counseling for the girls. As a part of the skills training program, the girls received computer and sewing lessons.
Medical Treatment for Palestinian Refugee Children in Nahr el-Bared Camp, Lebanon

This project aims to promote better health among children living in NBC for Palestinian refugees in North Lebanon and adjacent areas.

By supporting the paediatric clinic run by Beit Atfal Assoumoud and the National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training. The beneficiaries of this project are 4,400 vulnerable children aged 14 and under who are unable to cover the cost of treatment.
Scholarship for Orphans in Dhaka, Bangladesh

This project aims to financially support 100 poor orphan students to continue their education & sharpen their skills.

This project will help reduce early marriage and child labour. This falls under the UN Sustainable Development Goals “Quality Education”.

Qurbani 2019

This year HCI gave around $400,000 in Qurbani around the world!

76,000 people benefited from 12,000 meat packages.

Families who do not have the luxury to eat meat have the chance to eat meat once a year by HCI’s eid-ul- adha project.
It has been an honour for me to help HCI because they have been helping others for years now. Simple fact is that it is a noble cause. It is a beautiful organisation. I love them because they wipe the tears of a lot of eyes and put a lot of smiles on many faces. So may Allah reward them and support them in which way He can. JazakAllhu Khairan.”

- Sheikh Alaa Elsayed
HCI visits East Africa

Our Director of Programs meet with local partners.

“This is one of the IDP (internally displaced people) camps in Mogadishu. Mogadishu alone is home to around half a million IDP families! People from all over Somalia have fled their homes due to conflict, drought, or famine, and taken refuge in IDP camps.

The crowd of people you see are new families that have arrived at this camp, escaping the drought. However, there is no shelter for them so they are sleeping under the trees.

The living conditions are very heart breaking. They have absolutely nothing! There are so many old people and children, including infants, here. Something as simple as a pillow or mattress is not available.

Our aim is to try and build more shelters, provide appropriate sleeping materials, give food baskets, as well as set up mobile health clinics.”

- HCI Programs Director, Mohamed Noorani
HCI at the Rohingya camps

HCI Executive Director, Mahmuda Khan, Director of Programs, Mohammad Noorani, and Programs Officer, Md. Jinnah flew to Bangladesh to visit the projects.

“Mahmuda Khan, Executive Director of HCI visited the Rohingya camps today and met with the children HCI supports. After hearing their stories, she just couldn’t hold back. She explained in her own words:

“Many of them saw their parents and relatives killed right in front of their eyes. They told us how their villages were burnt, and how they were beaten. These traumatic incidents have left a scar in their hearts that can only be healed by showing them love and care. Above all, the Rohingya children are yearning for education, for a place to play and run. They WANT to go to school. But their childhood has been snatched from them, and their dreams were put on hold.

If you are sponsoring a child through HCI, know that you are now their parents. Your love and support means the world to them! HCI’s CSP covers the basic needs of these children, and opens up opportunities for education for them if possible.”

HCI team visited the temporary learning centres (TLC) that HCI built at the Rohingya camps. The TLC serves as a safe space for children. Here children receive schooling through innovative programs.

During our visit, the children were learning numeracy through digital technology. They dwindled away on their learning pads. Everyday 90 children come here to learn, all dressed up in a neat blue uniform.

We have built five TLC’s so far. But our aim is to build 50 more!
**HCI visits Pakistan**

HCI Team member, Abdullah Hasan went to Pakistan to visit a project that deals with restoration of sight for 1,475 cataract affected women.

This project will provide free vision restoration cataract surgeries for poverty stricken women in Punjab, Pakistan over the course of 6 months.

**HCI goes to Lebanon**

HCI team member, Ahmad Kabbara visits refugee camps in Lebanon.

Ahmad visited the Syrian Refugee camps in Lebanon and talked to the families and the orphans about their life at the camp.

The refugees expressed their struggle with family loss and everyday survival. They thanked HCI and the donors for sending them meat, clothes in Eid and food parcels in Ramadan, and asked for further donations like food, blankets, and heaters for winter.
HCI flies to the Bahamas

In response to Hurricane Dorian

The HCI GTA team was on the ground buying relief kits for the victims suffering from Hurricane Dorian. HCI team bought the emergency relief kits from Orlando, flew to the Bahamas and took a plane to the devastated areas affected by the Hurricane in Freeport. HCI team distributed emergency kits directly to the victims of the Hurricane.

Houses in Freeport were submerged by the 27 feet flood and destroyed. Furniture and electrical appliances were demolished, unusable and contaminated. The sewage water had destroyed everything, leaving them homeless.
HCI at the Rohingya Camps

HCI Executive Director, Mahmuda Khan, Director of Programs, Mohammad Noorani, and Programs Officer, Md. Jinnah flew to Bangladesh to visit the projects in Bangladesh.

Our Executive Director says, “I have a story to share! We visited a water well site in Chandpur village today. On the way there we passed by many ponds that were filled with dirty, contaminated water. This is the water that people were using to drink, cook, wash clothes, and bathe. This same water was also being used by animals!

This was leading to diseases and illnesses in the village. Can you imagine using this water? Or giving it to your children to drink? Several children showed me their hands and how the water was affecting their skin.

So HCI stepped up! We have built several wells in Bangladesh that are providing clean water to the village. Hundreds of households are benefiting from this, and expressed their gratitude to us.

But I learned something new. Building water wells is not enough. These villages also need shower facilities and toilets. Despite the well being there, children were still showering in the pond.

Second is the importance of community awareness activities. I was shocked to see a girl washing her clothes in the pond, despite the well being right next to her. I asked why this is the case, and the team
informed me that people are used to this. They don’t understand the concept of using clean water for everything. They think it’s just for drinking. I spoke to the girl and explained that she should wash her clothes using the clean water from the well.

So you see, building a water well is not enough. In order to address the global water crisis, a comprehensive approach is needed. This is why we have launched Water for Life. Under this program, we will provide clean water to remote villages, build latrines, shower facilities, and run awareness sessions.

Contribute to our program so that we can make sure our children live healthy lives, and become the leaders of tomorrow: humanconcern.org/water.

Upcoming Campaigns 2020

The Water Campaign:
Make a Splash!

WATER IS LIFE. Everything begins with water. It’s the foundation for all other levels of development. That means—for the millions of thirsty people throughout the developing world—safe water can ultimately transform their lives.

Water, something each and every one of us uses daily, and most likely takes for granted, yet many in the world are still without this basic need. Access to clean, safe water, is a basic human right and a lifeline out of poverty which affects the sanitation, hygiene, food security, health, nutrition, inequality and the livelihood of a peoples.
**OUR PEOPLE**

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