

Seattle Sufi Community Project in Support of Syrian Refugees

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Dear Friends on the Path,

We are all aware of the terrible plight of the Syrian people in the current time. We have all seen the heart rending photographs and read the sad stories. We feel helpless when we see this large scale human terror. But, we are not helpless. There is much we can do. And if we don't do it, nobody else will.

So, in this spirit we have been raising money and seeking donations for the Syrian fund since September 15th, 2015. We joined a friend of our Mevlevi teacher, Suleyman Scott Hoffman who was already engaged in this effort. Rita Zawaideh and her team have been doing humanitarian work in the region via their non-profit, Salaam Cultural - <https://salaamculturalmuseum.wordpress.com/>

We are glad to report that we have already raised \$500 dollars and at least a couple carloads of donated items for the Syrian Fund. But, there is a such a great need, so let's keep the momentum going!

Go through your closets and your garages. If you have not used something in six months, you are not likely to use it again. Give it to someone whose lives may depend on it. Their blessings will reach you a hundred fold!!

What to donate:

Cash or checks to SALAAM CULTURAL MUSEUM — Memo Line: Syrian Relief

Household items like bedding, blankets

Personal hygiene items like shampoo, body wash, tooth brushes, etc. travel size or hotel samples

Clothing and shoes of any and all kinds

Non-perishable food items like granola bars

Medications, like Aspirin and Tylenol, unused prescriptions ok as long as they're labeled

Office supplies — pens, pencils, crayons, paper, notebooks, toys

Exercise equipment, medical devices such as braces, bandages, wraps, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers.

Luggage, hand carts, wagons, strollers – things that move people and things.

(Donated items need not be new. They need to be gently used and in good repair so someone else may use them.)

When to donate:

There is no deadline. Please donate what you can, when you can. If you can make a monthly contribution, please do so; even small amounts help. Details are available on Salaam Cultural Museum website: <https://salaamculturalmuseum.wordpress.com/>

Where/How to donate:

You can contact Shakur (Paul) Sevigny (971-221-2620) for donation pickups in Seattle. He has graciously agreed to do pickups in the evenings or the weekends.

You can make Paypal donations on the Salaam Cultural website, <https://salaamculturalmuseum.wordpress.com/> .

You can drop off donations at the Salaam Cultural office. Their telephone number is 206-545-7307. Their address is 3806 Whitman Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98103. If Rita is not around, ask to speak to Reham Hamoui, who is the mission coordinator. Ask about tax write offs.

Call me Azra (971-226-5829) and I will come pick up the donation.

Please open your hearts and your wallets. Peace and Blessings upon us all.

Azra Rahim