

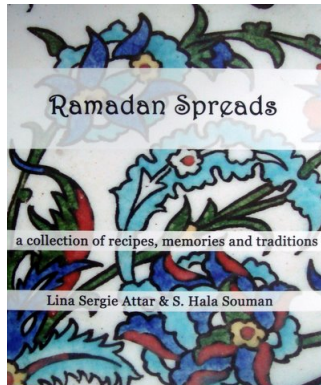
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2008 Newsletter

THANK YOU FROM THE FOUNDERS

Karam Foundation thanks you for Two Years of Karam- Two Years of Giving. In 2008, we had 12 events and raised over \$50,000 for worthy charities. We found innovative ways of giving to cutting-edge charities. Your generous donations have been distributed across the globe, in 23 countries, affecting the lives of over 100,000 people.

We thank you for your continued financial & energetic support. You and your family's attendance at our events brings us closer to our goal- *making Karam Foundation our community's charity*. We are happy to dedicate our time and efforts to plan and execute these social events with a conscience. Gathering our community together to raise awareness and funds for people in need is the platform of our foundation.



We are happy to report that our cookbook, *Ramadan Spreads*, has continued to make its way around the world with new sales in over 15 countries. We are proud that its proceeds have fed over 100,000 needy people.

KARAM FOUNDATION BOARD

Karam Foundation is proud to welcome its 2009 board members: Lamia Katbi, M.D., Amjad Alkadri, M.D., Sahar Tahrani, Lana Meriden, Zeina Atassi, S. Hala Souman, & Lina Sergie Attar.

ONE YEAR OF KARAM

BAKE FOR THE CAUSE! We supported Chicago's SANAD and the AAFS Holiday Drive with Master Chefs Renda Adi and Sally Barakat.

DANCE FOR THE CAUSE! We built 1/6 of a school in Afghanistan and paid for two cleft-palette operations by dancing with the talented Lina Meriden.

PLAY FOR THE CAUSE! While playing cards, backgammon & trivia games, we made 4 micro-credit loans to women in Pakistan, Lebanon and Afghanistan. Our investment has been paid back and redistributed three-fold.

SPRING CLEAN FOR THE CAUSE! KF organized several gently used furniture & clothing drives.

BRUNCH FOR THE CAUSE! We honored our mothers with a lovely brunch. The proceeds of over \$5,000 supported three mothers through Women for Women in Asia & Africa, an Iraqi widow & the AAFS Domestic Violence Unit.

BOWL FOR THE CAUSE! We bowled and sent ten bed-nets through Nothing but Nets to save 10 families' lives from malaria.

YOGA FOR THE CAUSE! We stretched with our yogi, Lana Meriden, in our virtual travel to India, hosted by Mai Hussein. We provided 24 people clean water for 20 years.

FAST & FEED FOR THE CAUSE! We broke bread together this Ramadan with over 165 Karam members. With the help of Zaher Sahloul and your generosity, we distributed \$25,000, feeding 100,000 people & providing 100 Chicago families meat vouchers for Eid.

LUNCH FOR THE CAUSE! We lunched with NAAMA- auxiliary. Thanks to Maya Khater & Yassamin Mekki for their efforts & Mai Hussein for donating painting. Proceeds supported medical initiatives for the needy.

SACRIFICE FOR THE CAUSE! KF distributed lamb vouchers 150 families in Chicago's poverty-stricken areas.

RECENT EVENTS

READ FOR THE CAUSE! We read Malcolm Gladwell's new book, *Outliers: The Story of Success*. Amjad Alkadri lead the discussion. We livened the evening with a fun game night. Proceeds benefit Palestinian Children's Relief Fund.

BRUNCH FOR THE CAUSE! We brunched to celebrate our mothers and launch our \$1-a-day Campaign.

IN THE NEWS

Special thanks to our master chef, Roula Atassi, for cooking an amazing Eid dinner for 125 people. Proceeds donated to KF helped mothers in the Middle East.

Yazan and Muana Kaakaji celebrated the birth of their lovely daughter, Tima, at an elegant dinner. Guests made donations to KF in lieu of gifts which will support orphanages abroad.

HOW CAN YOU HELP KARAM?

Do you have a creative idea? Would you host an event? Do you have any innovative charities to recommend? We would love to hear from you! Please write to: karamfoundation@gmail.com.

If you would like to include Karam Foundation or another charity in your will, consult attorney, Hala Souman. Wishing you all safe & happy holidays!

S. Hala Souman & Lina Sergie Attar, Co-founders of Karam Foundation



"To spread Karam- one good deed at a time!"