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## Our Mission

Karam means **generosity** in Arabic.

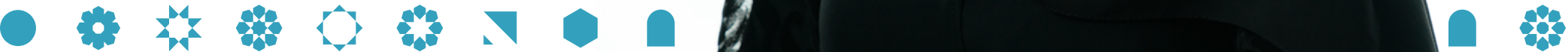
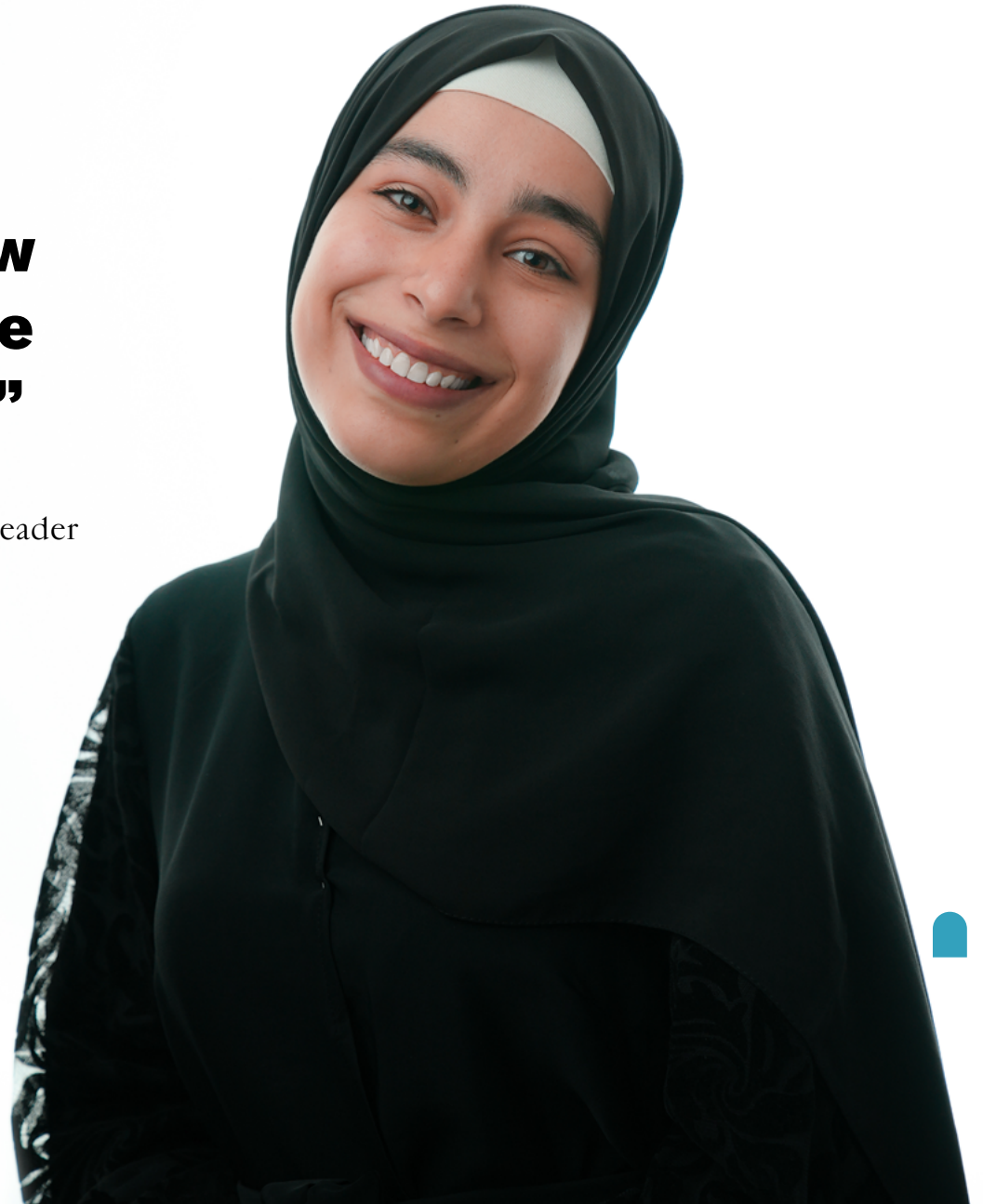
We are creating a generation of future refugee leaders capable of transforming the future of their families and communities, wherever they are and wherever they may go.



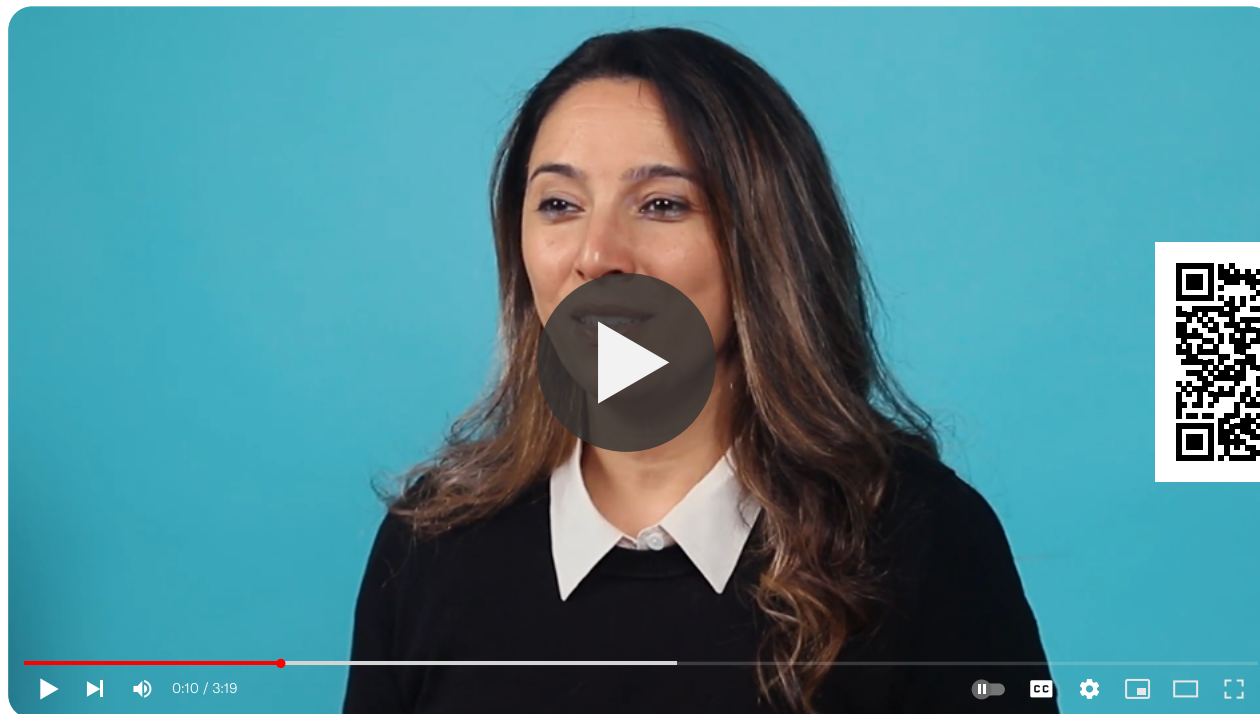


“When I walk into  
Karam House **I know  
this is exactly where  
I’m supposed to be.**”

- Bayan, Karam House student and future leader







## A Message from Our CEO



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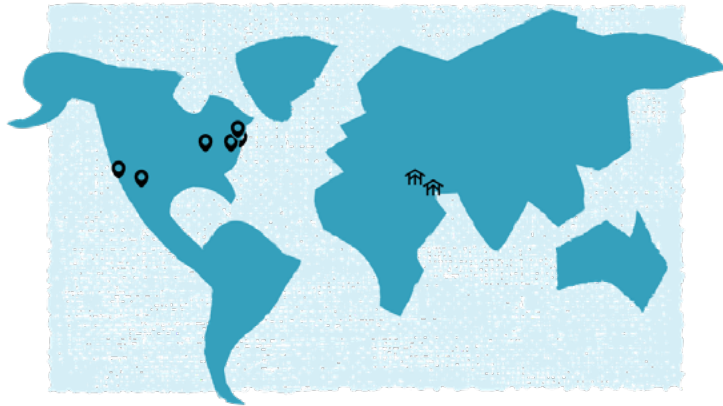
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# Karam Around the World

In 2021, our work, team, and supporters were vastly spread across the world. Click through to see Karam's global reach.

## Where our team is located



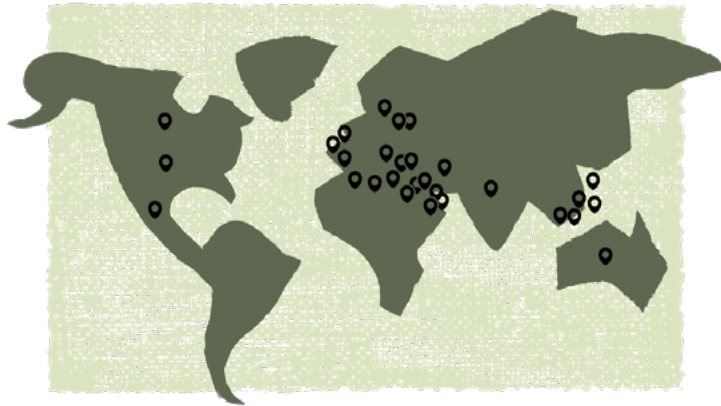
US: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York.  
Our team is %71 Syrian!

## Where our reach/impact is



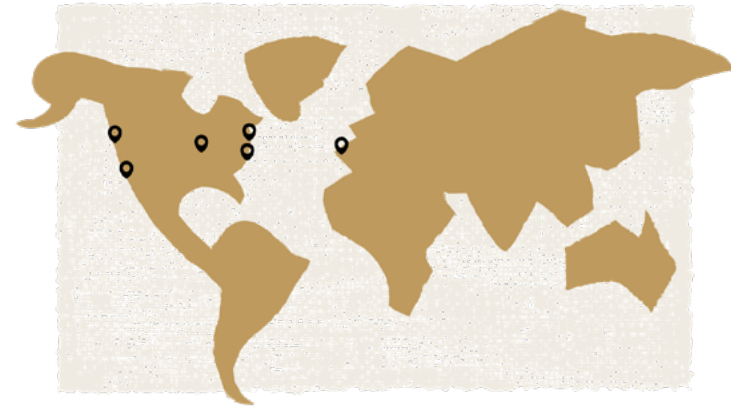
Finland, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Jordan, South Africa, Turkey

### Where our supporters are



Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

### Where our Board Members are

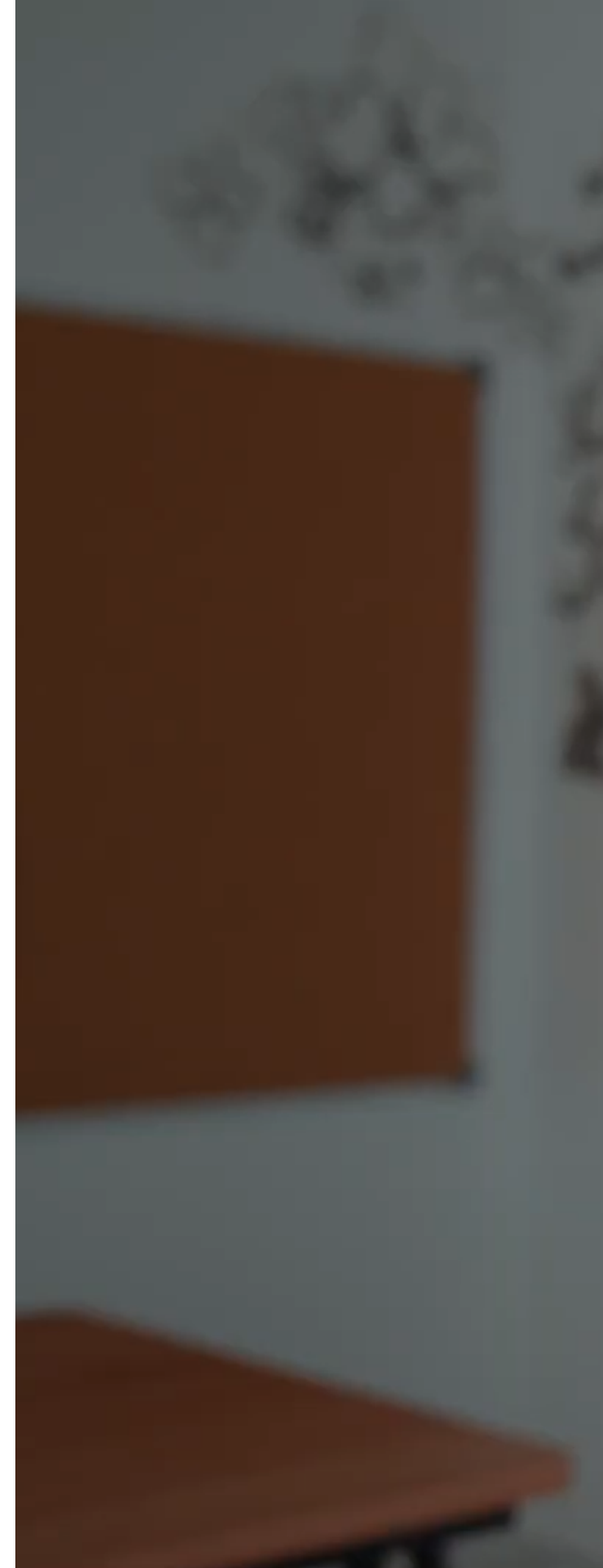


California, Connecticut, Illinois, London, Massachusetts, New York, Washington.



# The place where leaders are made

People at Karam House gain essential entrepreneurship skills and critical thinking abilities to guide them in building the bright futures they deserve.





ATHL. CLUB  
1991

## Innovative Education

Hands-on, in-person, and virtual design studios exploring topics like technology, automation, augmented reality, urbanism, architecture, social impact, fashion, health, journalism, and media.

498

Students enrolled

264

Girls

234

Boys

433

Kits distributed

28

Studios taught

42

Karam graduates

24

Girls

18

Boys



Haya, Karam House graduate



“At Karam I began to think outside the box in terms of what is actually possible. **The sky is definitely the limit.**”

-Majd Alkoutaini, Karam House student



## Karam Families

Helping all members of the family get on track toward increased resilience and self-sufficiency through cash stipends, awareness workshops, and education.

86

Families served

315

Children supported

34

Single mother  
households empowered



Abdullrahman & Hanan



“I am very grateful for the Karam Families program. Now that my family has graduated, we’re motivated to push ourselves even further into full independence. I constantly think about my future, **the future of my family, and how I can be the best version of myself for everyone around me.**”

- Sufian, Al Mohamad Family



## Karam Scholars

Empowering a generation of university students with the tools needed to build their bright futures.

170

Scholars supported

13,536

Volunteer hours completed

430

Check-in calls to scholars during the academic year

140

Students attended scientific forum

+100

Youth attended motivational and support sessions given by the scholars at Karam House

28

Scholars in Jordan and Turkey graduated university



Batoul, Karam House scholar

“The Karam Scholarship came at the perfect time. Work was really taking a physical toll on me. **When I got accepted into the scholarship, my mood changed, my perspective changed, and my outlook changed.** I poured all my time and energy into my education, and I could see the difference in myself and my grades. I was very proud of myself.”

-Abdulrahman Abuzaid





This year, we've continued on our mission to empower refugee youth, families, and scholars on the journey to leadership.

In 2021,

3,085

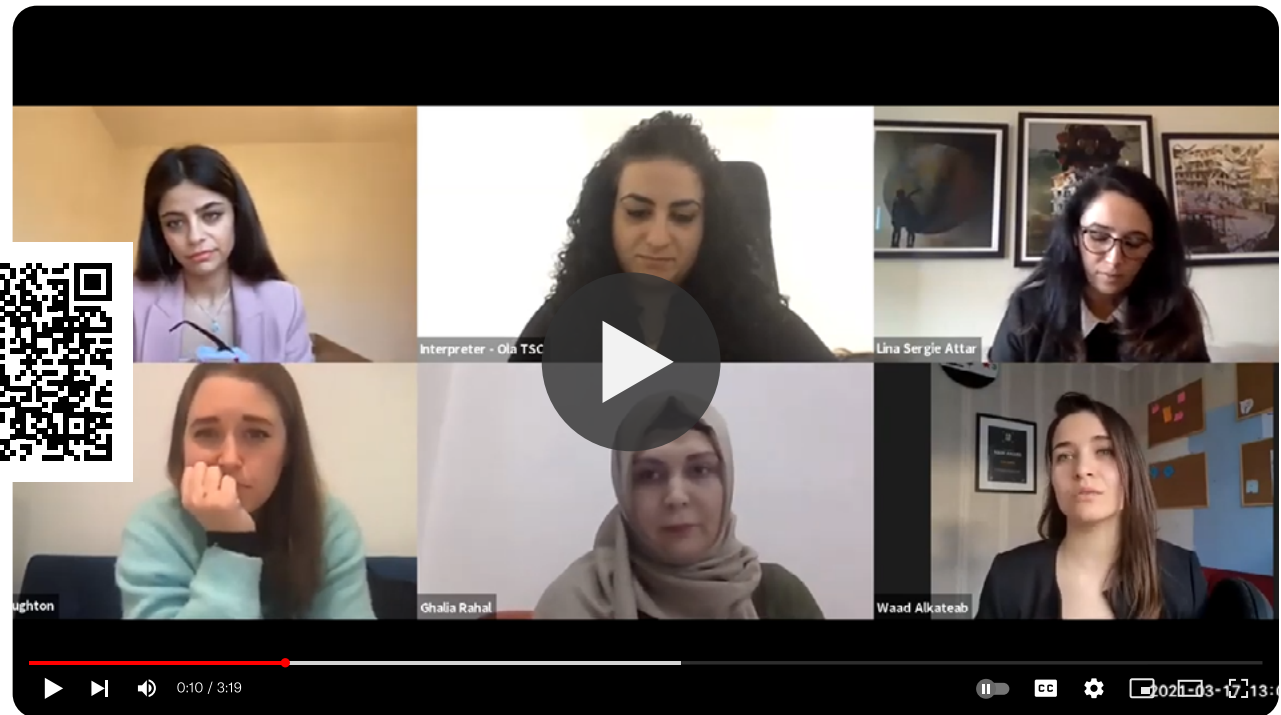
leaders are on this pathway.







## A Year of Community



### 10 Years of Revolution



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March 2021 marked the ten-year anniversary of the Syrian Revolution. In respect of this heartbreaking milestone, Karam CEO Lina came together with Josie Naughton (ChooseLove), Wafa Mustafa, Waad Alkateab (Action for Sama), and Ghalia Rahal (Mazaya Center). 10 Years of Revolution was graciously hosted by CNN journalist Clarissa Ward.



## Greating Community of Hope



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In honor of World Refugee Day, we hosted our second annual virtual benefit honoring and supporting Syrian refugees. Hosted by Omar Offendum, we raised 125,297\$ for the future of Syria. Thank you for your support!



## The Walk with Amal

Little Amal, a -10year-old 3.5 meter puppet, was separated from her mother at the refugee camp and embarked on an 8000km journey to find her. In summer of 2021, Karam House students learned about Amal and built her a suitcase and filled with gadgets, games, letters, and memories from home. Then in July, as the launch partner for The Walk, we met Amal in Gaziantep, Turkey, gave her the items, and sent her on her way.





See photos and explore the Amal studios and student projects below.



Identity Box



Treasure Box



A Journey Full of Surprises



Life Photographer







## Karam House Graduation

In September, 41 students in Istanbul and Reyhanli took part in a virtual graduation ceremony where they celebrated their accomplishments and successes with friends, family, and other leaders. Congratulations to the class of 2021. We can't wait to see what you conquer next!



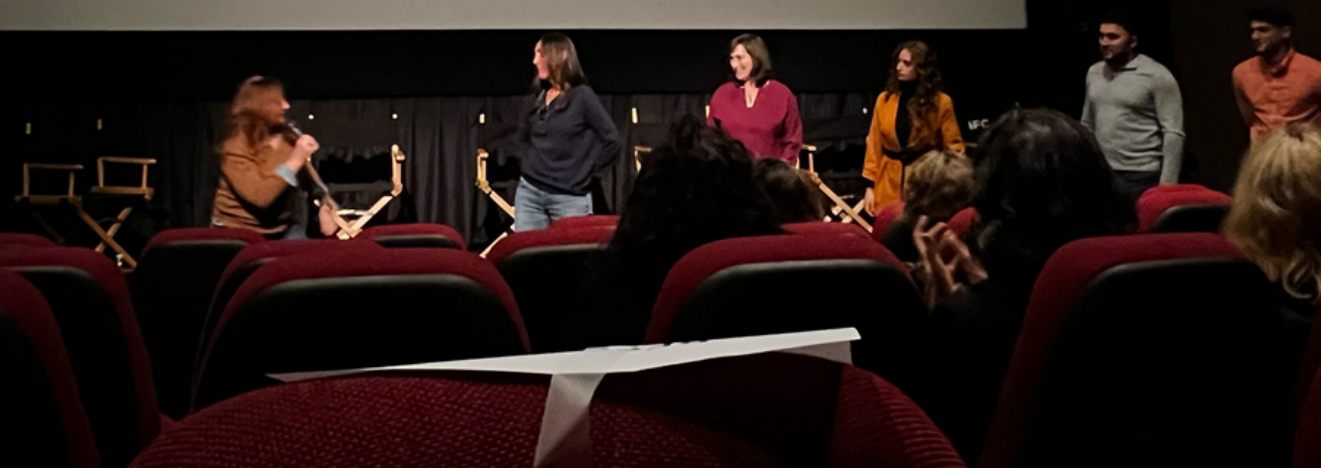






## Simple as Water Screenings

In November, our team partnered with Oscar-winning director Megan Mylan on her film, *Simple as Water*, documenting the heroic journey of four Syrian families across five countries. From coast to coast, we joined the filmmakers to speak with viewers on the impact of the Syrian conflict and ways they can support Syrian refugees.





## Karam Nights

In December, our Storyteller hosted a virtual poetry event highlighting the voices and work of poets from around the world. Together we experienced an immense sense of community and support for Syrian refugees. If you've missed this evening full of poetry and music.

If you missed this evening of poetry and music, watch the event by scanning the barcode.




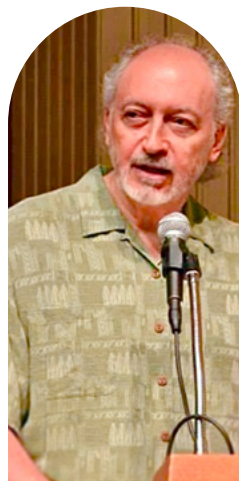
### Karam Nights, A Virtual Poetry Event

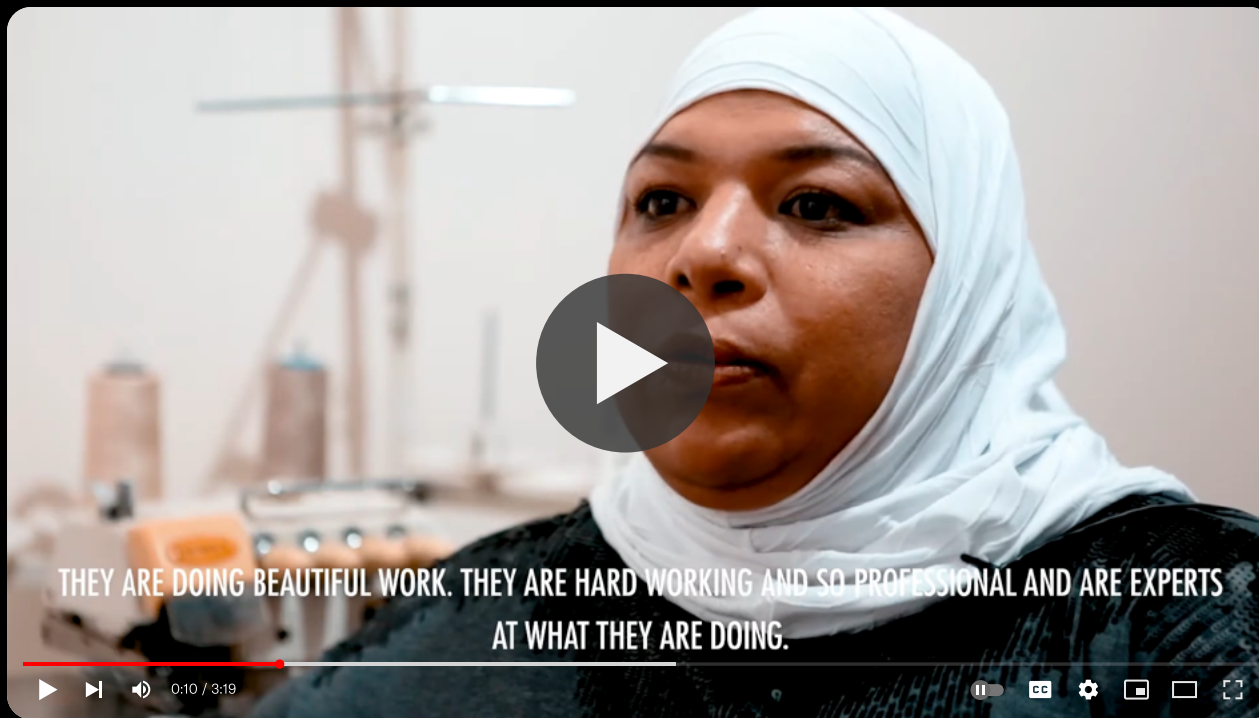


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## Remembering Jihan



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With deep regret and sadness, we announced the loss of our dear friend Jihan in October, who passed from COVID19-. Jihan played an instrumental role not just in our lives, but in the lives of the women she supported through the Ghar initiative she founded.

Jihan started Ghar with a goal to provide opportunity for Syrian women impacted by the conflict to support themselves and their families. Ghar employs over 50 women in Syria and Turkey. These

women make the Scents of Syria soaps, masks, pouches, and cases sold on our Karam shop.

Today, the work of the women behind the soaps continues, with Jihan's daughter moving forth with her mother's legacy. Karam continues to support the women by selling the items they create at events and at our store online.

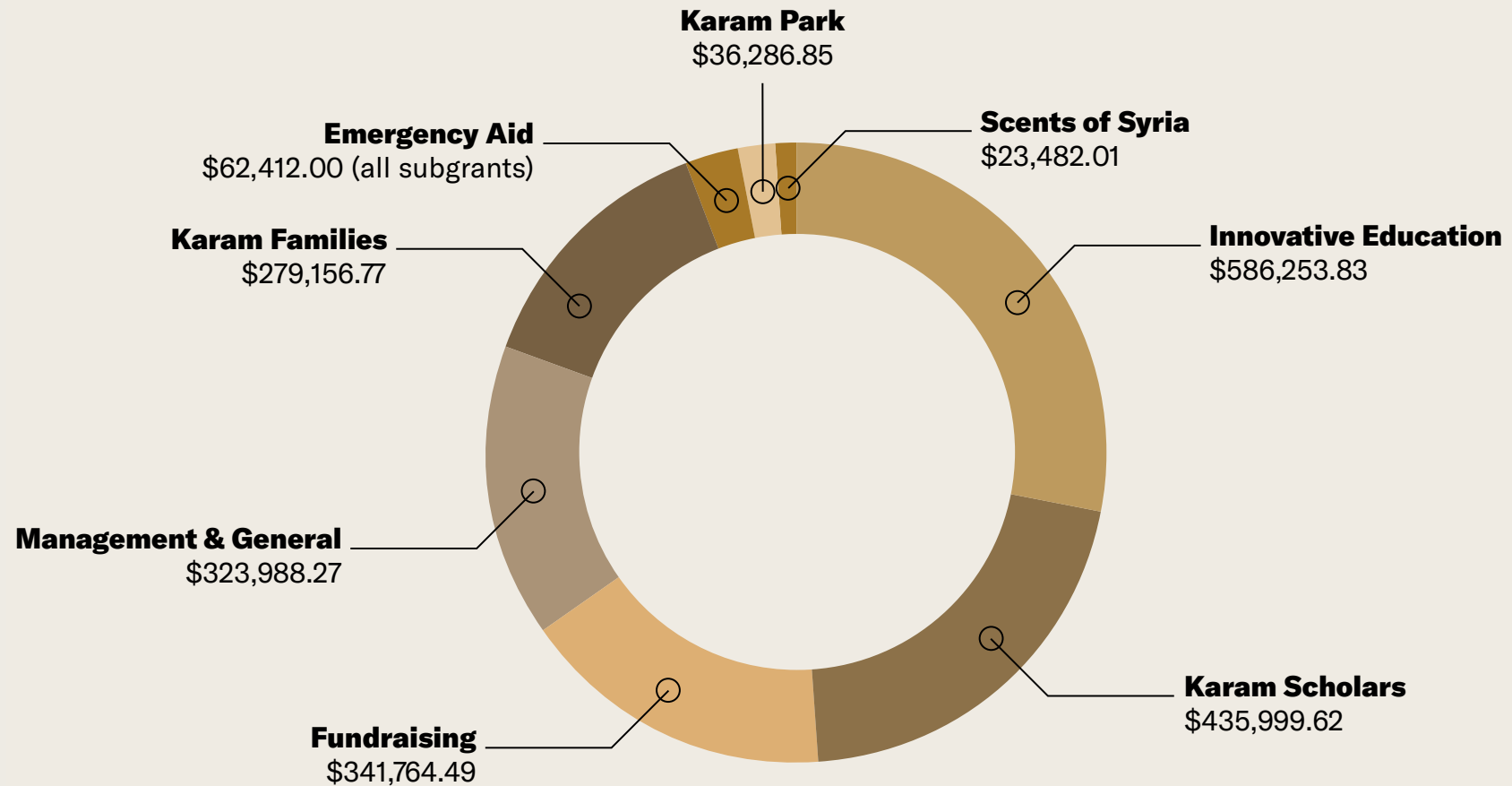
In 2021, the Scents of Syria sold

**\$16,105.19**

worth of women-made products.

# Financials

## Expenses



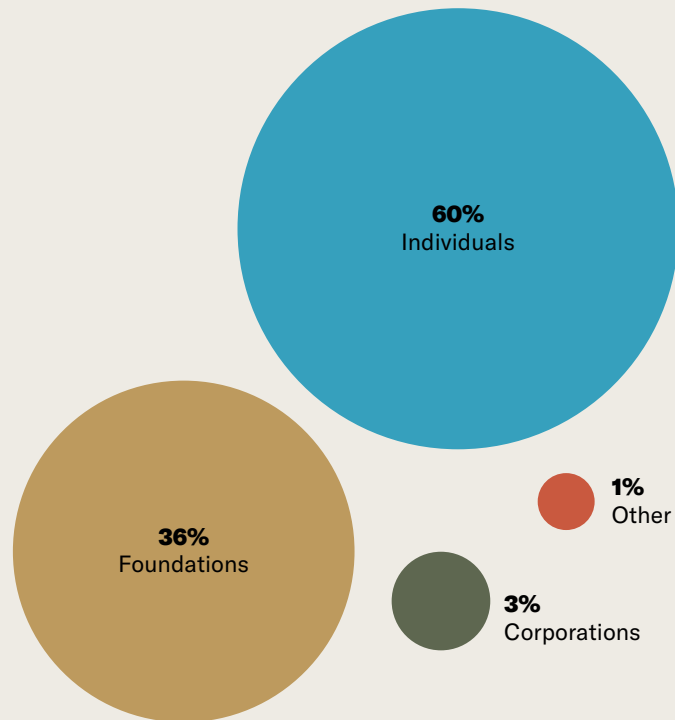
\*These are Karam Foundation's unaudited financials. For the most accurate and up-to-date financial information, please refer to our audited financial statements on our website.



**Total raised in 2021**  
**\$3,059,786.36**

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**Where Our Funds Came From**



**348**

Total number of  
recurring givers

**220**

Journey members

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“Thank you for all that Karam  
does to help our world heal.”

- Jamil, Karam Donor

Thank you to our friends and partners

**CHOOSE  
LOVE**



ACTION FOR SAMA



Stone**Soup**



PEACE BY  
CHOCOLATE  
A SYRIAN FAMILY TRADITION

SIMPLE AS WATER  
بسيط كالماء

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Naomi  
Shihab Nye



Isra  
Chaker



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Lahab  
Al Jundi



Waad  
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Michael  
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Offendum



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Ahmed



Zeina  
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“I am continuously amazed and proud of our team's ability to adapt to the needs of our kids, **always putting their curiosity, growth, and ambition at the forefront of all our programs.** Future leaders are nurtured and given space to think outside the box. **Karam provides a safe space for our kids to push boundaries and garner the skills needed to lead in the future.”**

- Rasha Mansouri, Board Chair




## A Message from Mazen



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“At Karam, we believe  
in creating opportunity  
out of the challenges,  
**and that’s exactly  
what we did in 2021.”**

Lina Sergie Attar





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