



2022
Annual
Report

RAHMA MEANS COMPASSION

RAHMA Foundation supports marginalized individuals and empowers them to overcome obstacles so they may thrive.

Message From Our Directors

Fatema & Mohamed Dewji



In the Name of God, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful.

Assalamu Alaykum.

2022 has been a great year for Rahma Foundation as we continued providing services in the areas of housing, food, education, social work and counselling. While providing ongoing support to previous clients, over the last year, our client base increased by over 50%.

One of our priorities was aiding with the ongoing housing crisis. This year, we have introduced a rent subsidy program to provide rent relief to our clients. We have also opted to go back to operating remotely and convert our office space into housing to accommodate one more family. Despite working remotely, we make an effort to meet our clients in person in order to create stronger connections.

Internationally, our post-secondary education support is ongoing. We work with partner organizations to identify students from low-income backgrounds and support them financially to remove barriers and help them achieve their goals.

The food distribution in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside continues to be our highlight outreach program. We have been able to consistently offer this service and build a positive relationship with folks in the community. Our outreach program has also been a wonderful way to engage our supporters by creating opportunities to volunteer and give back locally.

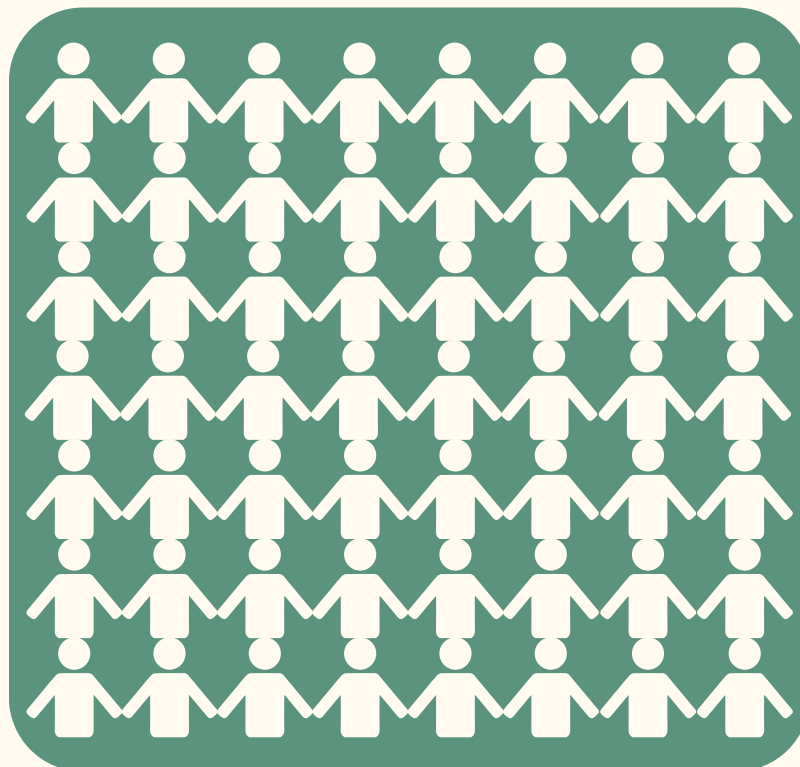
This report highlights some of our main projects. We would like to offer our sincere appreciation to all those who have given their time as well as those who have donated generously to these worthy causes.

Thank you

CASE MANAGEMENT

Compassionate, one-to-one service using a strengths-based approach was provided to **56** clients. Some of the services included:

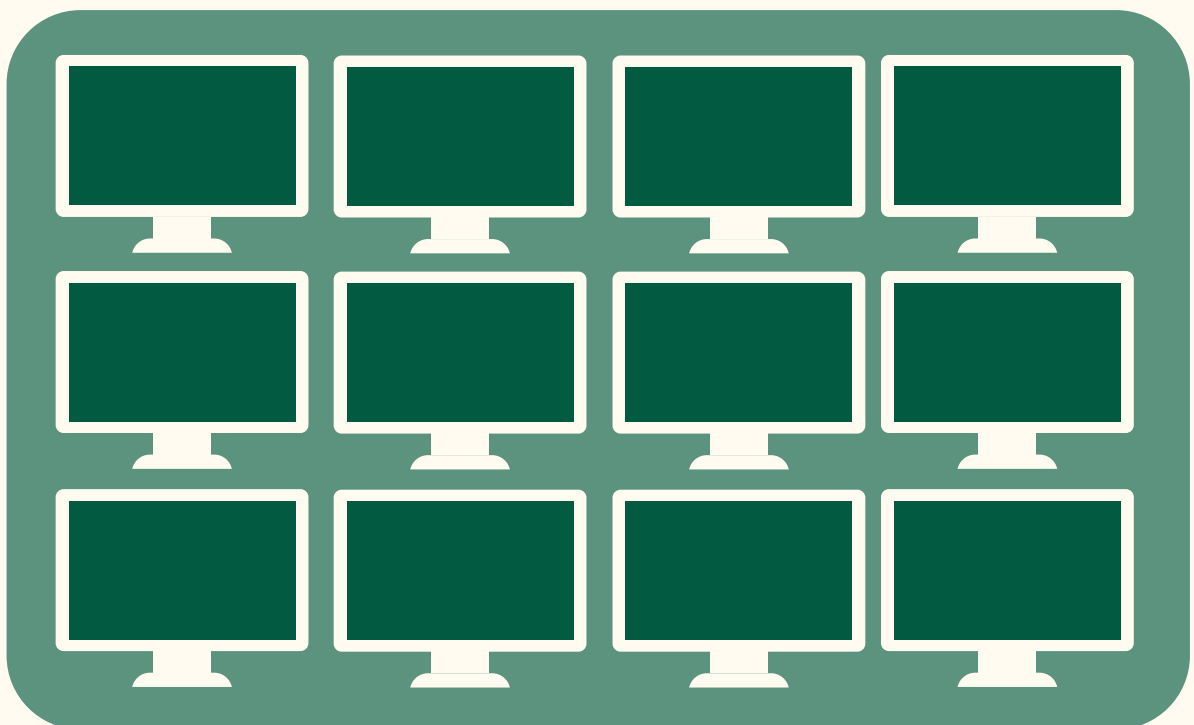
- Peer support counselling catering to emotional, wellness and spiritual needs.
- Both Fatema and Mohamed completed Domestic Violence Prevention training through **Peaceful Families Project**.
- Connecting and applying for existing community and government services.
- Exploring and accessing education and employment opportunities.
- Partnering with **HumanKind** to deliver Ramadhan packages to deserving clients.
- Providing gently used clothing, furniture and household items.



DIGITAL LITERACY

Providing digital access and training in order to allow clients to navigate resources and services.

- **12** families received refurbished computers.
- We continue to partner with **BC Technology for Learning Society** to purchase refurbished laptops with the necessary software.
- Laptop loans for short-term use for English classes and employment training.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing offers clients security and peace of mind so that they are able to focus on education and employment.

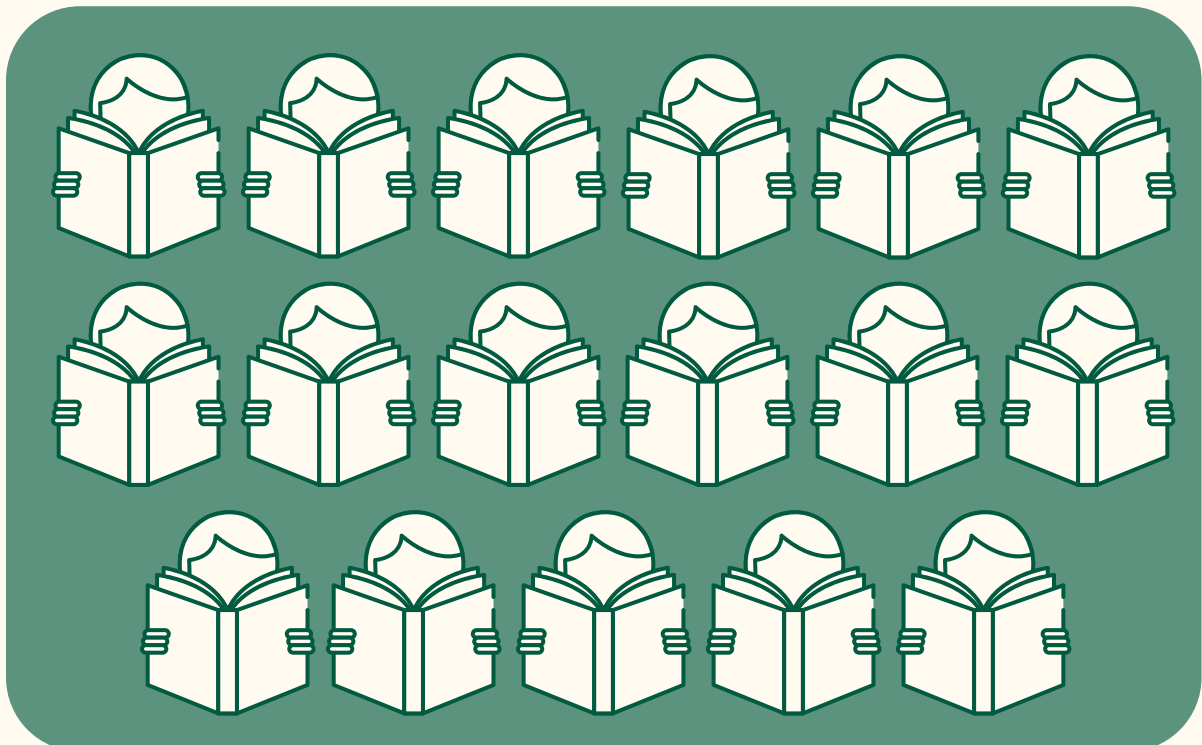
- **16** individuals/families were provided with affordable housing and ongoing rent subsidies.
- Help clients complete applications for BC Housing and rent subsidies.
- Advocating for government and community organizations to provide rent subsidies to low-income families.



EDUCATION

Education is a key part of our objectives to ensure clients have the skills necessary to thrive.

- Provide tutoring support to complete assignments and obtain certification.
- Partnered with **Tamani Foundation** to provide financial assistance for **3** students to pursue University education.
- Financially supported **Hazara Women Organization** in Ontario to provide English classes. Currently, **14** students are benefitting from this program.
- Providing ongoing financial support for the construction of Tilmaan Modern Academy in Ethiopia through **International Development and Relief Foundation**.



OUTREACH: DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

- Once a month, we distribute approximately **100** warm meals together with fruit and a nutritional drink to people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.
- We have secured a cooking facility downtown and are able to involve more volunteers to help pack and distribute the meals.

COMPASSIONATE INTEGRITY TRAINING

- Offered 2 cohorts of **CIT** this year including one partnered with **Sound Vision**. These benefitted a diverse group of participants from Canada, the US and the UK.
- Facilitated Compassionate Leadership workshop session for **Voices of Muslim Women**.

Partner Organizations



Testimonials

"I live in a remote city in BC where there are not many facilities for single moms. Rahma has played an important role in making my life easier by giving me all kinds of support. Rahma is always there for me when I need any help. I never feel alone with them. Financial, emotional as well as advice and setting goals. Thanks Rahma for everything." - R.S.

"I have to say that I am really moved by our conversation this morning and the many links you have already sent me today. I feel less overwhelmed and supported by you in a way that I have not experienced in my job search ... Specifically, I feel that you 'get me' and it helps to have someone who can see beyond how I see myself and how I can use my skills, expertise and share my wisdom in ways that I can't quite do. So thank you for the generosity of sharing you." - S.V.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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