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MUSLIM AMERICANS FOR COMPASSION

August/September 2021

MAC and Partners Deliver 1,000+ Lunches on 20th Anniversary of 9/11

On September 11, 2021, representatives and volunteers from Muslim Americans for Compassion delivered box lunches to Louisville-area firefighters, police officers, and other first responders in commemoration of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks. This anniversary is difficult for our first responders as we all know that thousands perished on that horrible day.



The annual box lunch delivery is a demonstration of peace, compassion and healing. Let us continue to work together to help the human condition thrive. Peace be to all regardless of creed, culture, race, gender, sexuality, and all other circumstances.

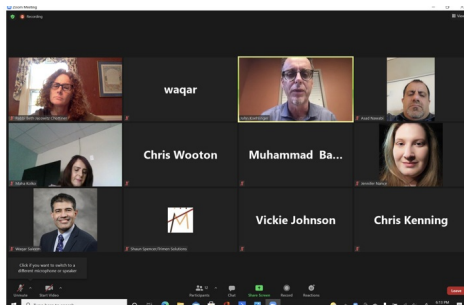
Special thanks to Sohail Zuberi, owner of Subway restaurant in Holiday Manor, and his team for preparing nearly 1,000 lunches for this year's effort. And, of course, thanks to our first responders to risk their lives every day to ensure our safety.

[Watch Dr. Waqar Saleem discuss the anniversary.](#)

[Listen to Dr. Muhammad Babar's interview regarding September 11th on WFPL.](#)

[Read Dr. Babar's editorial: "For this Muslim American and so many others, 9/11 brought difficult trials and still does"](#)

MAC Discusses Issues Facing Afghan Refugees



On September 14, 2021, representatives from Muslim Americans for Compassion and Kentucky Refugee Ministries hosted a conversation on issues facing Afghan immigrants with Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs). Since the recent withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan, several Afghan refugees have fled the country. According to an article published in the August 31, 2021, issue of The Courier Journal, Kentucky is

preparing to settle as many as 775 Afghan evacuees. Under current projections, Louisville could get up to 350 people split between Catholic Charities and Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM). Lexington could get up to 125, Bowling Green could get as many as 200, and Owensboro as many as 100. According to John Koehlinger, executive Director of Kentucky Refugee Ministries, nationwide estimates run close to 75,000.

Much of the discussion focused on issues of how the large number of incoming refugees will receive necessary humanitarian aid in their transition to the United States. Many refugees who have arrived so far are being temporarily housed at military air bases before they are sent to various locations around the country. Koehlinger said that financial support/family sponsorship, donations of basic living essentials, as well as medical services and supplies are always helpful.

Maha Kolko, KRM Caseworker and Sponsorship Developer, added that even something as simple as greeting Afghan refugees upon arrival that the airport brings a sense of ease to an otherwise difficult situation. Watch the discussion below.



The Office of Globalization Recognized Dr. Muhammad Babar

"It is tragic that wildlife like deer can roam freely and safely in some of our city's posh neighborhoods, yet a young Black male cannot walk in these same neighborhoods without receiving suspicious looks. It is our responsibility to dispel the stereotyping and regard one another with unconditional respect and dignity as human beings...Social Justice starts in our own homes, in our own neighborhoods, and in our own cities."

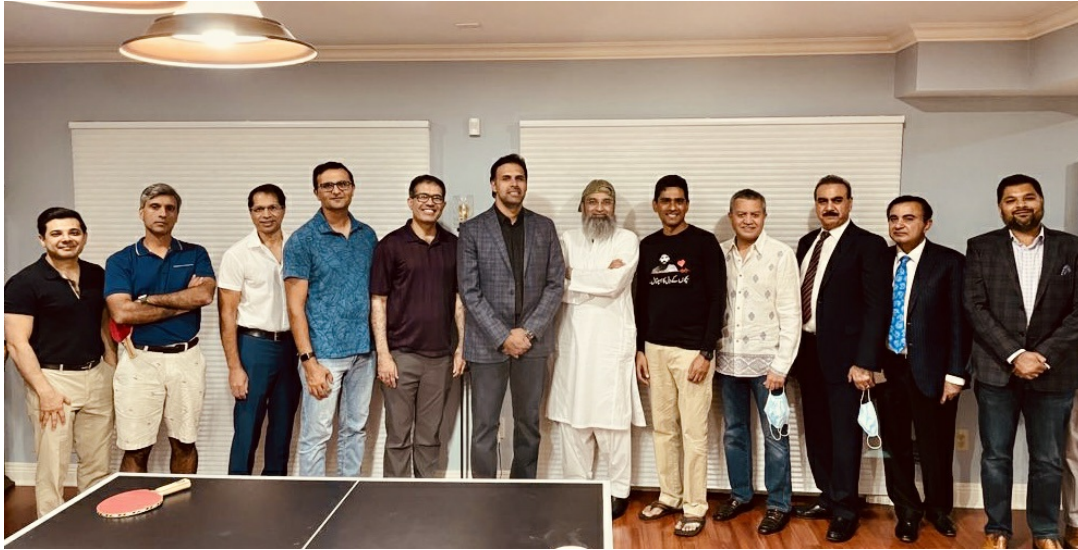
*Dr. Muhammad Babar
President, Muslim Americans for Compassion*

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The Louisville Metro Government's Office for Globalization honored MAC President Dr. Muhammad Babar for 2021's International Peace Day. They posted the above image and

MAC Supports the Pakistan Children's Heart Foundation North America



On Sept. 29, 2021, Muslim Americans for Compassion proudly supported the Pakistan Children's Heart Foundation North America (PCHFNA) during an event at the home of Dr. Zaka Khan. The PCHFNA is doing tremendous work to assist children with medical conditions. Learn more at their website here: <https://pchfna.org>

This is the third year MAC has supported the PCHFNA. We support their mission of providing access to appropriate healthcare to patients born with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and related illnesses in Pakistan. PCHFNA is a U.S. based 501 (C)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

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