

Foundation Highlights

Pain to Power

Happy Summer everyone! Can't believe that we are halfway of the year already and 16 long months of global pandemic. Good news that with ample supply of vaccines we are gradually proceeding towards the end of this tunnel and hoping to get back to a normal life pretty soon. Although we do not know how 'normal' that state will be!

Even though our minds are clouded with the some tragic events of recent past. The discovering of the remains and unmarked gravesites of indigenous people in some residential schools has saddened us heavily. And killing of members of a muslim family in London, Ontario triggered only by hatred has shaken us again with much shock. But let our anger, pain and shock turn into a creative power to bring an end to all hate, violence and damage. Let we learn to love and accommodate each other in this beautiful country where multi-ethnicity and multiculturalism embrace every corner of it.

Resilience in the Community

As many of us know, on the night of June 6, there was horrific attack against a Muslim family in London Ontario. We pray that Allah (swt) grants the family the highest rank of Jannah. Being involved within the Muslim community in London through university means this incident hits close to home for my sister and I. The victims were alumni of our university, neighbours of our close friends, and were attacked on streets we have taken walks on. Since the event, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to support the surviving little boy, and provide sadaqa in the name of the family. Masha Allah, the resilience and love from Muslim Canadians is evident and strong. There have also been many responses from politicians and community members about how to make our country a safer place for Muslims. There has been success through petitions and calls to action, and In-sha Allah we will see a day where anti-Muslim violence is no longer a concern for our friends and family. Until then, I am tremendously grateful and feel blessed to have a beautiful community like ours in KW to fall back on for support during difficult times. May Allah swt protect us all.

- Tarannum Khan

Western University, London, ON

**BDKWWF wishes everyone
Eid-ul-Azha Mubarak!!**

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Thank You to all who are involved in the vaccine implementation process through out Ontario and all over the country. Your round the clock efforts are enabling us to come back to normal life again!

Also thank you for the community members who are doing their parts by abiding by the COVID-19 rules and restrictions to push away the virus!

Your Donation

You will be happy to know that you have donated **\$30,838** towards various causes in 8 fund drives of BDKWWF from January to June 2021! Our goal was \$20,000 for 2021 and we are only halfway through the year. It is a big encouragement for us to step forward with a strong support of the community for many more initiatives for the people who may need our help.

Please visit our website www.bdkwwf.org and facebook page www.facebook.com/bdkwwf to get the updates of our works.

President's Message

We are in the middle of 2021. Six months have already passed since the publication of the 1st issue of our Newsletter. Not to mention that the past six months have been so significant in so many respects! The pandemic is here with full force and appears to be dragging on. It has become part of the new norm; our past social interactions feel like a distant past and zoom interaction has become a new reality of our lives.

In spite of all these limitations, our foundation members and our well wishers within our bigger community in Kitchener – Waterloo and beyond extended their support to

our voluntary activities with fund raising for COVID 19 disaster relief, helping cancer patients, holding a food drive to help the Waterloo Region Food Bank and helping the sole survivor of the London, Ontario atrocity. And we do not know how to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our members and all our well-wishers for their relentless support to our cause.

We can only assure you that BDKW Welfare Foundation will continue to uphold your trust in the days to come, carry our selfless effort to help the needy and destitute around the globe. **Thank you, all.**

Omar Faruk, President

"The victims (of London tragedy) were alumni of our university, neighbours of our close friends, and were attacked on streets we have taken walks on." Tarannum Khan, page 1

Dr. Monzur Kabir Scholarship

Who can receive it: A meritorious but in financial need student in Bangladesh, (a 2nd year student of a Higher Education Program that starts after the HSC or equivalent)

How much: It will be for a full program except the first year.

Length and Starting of the Scholarship: It will be handed over in the second year of a usually 4 years program but there is scope to receive it starting from first year

Application form: Application should be submitted in the MK (BDKWWF) application form

Responsibilities of the nominator: To make sure the application form is filled out properly and in time, handing over the money and tracking the progress of the student up to a certain level. The nominator should be one of the 3 references.

Income Generating Project of BDKWWF

We are happy to inform you that you can help an individual or a family to start a small business with the initial fund from BDKWWF.

With this initiative a family or an individual may receive upto \$500 for this purpose. A member of the foundation can facilitate this fund to an eligible recipient. This money is available for causes like purchasing goats or calves, sewing machine, rickshaw or a van, or starting a micro-business such as a roadside tea-shop.

Congratulations to the first recipient of \$200 under this project Shahar Ali, who bought a van using this money to enhance his mobile tea and snack business in Adabar, Dhaka!

A maximum of \$3000 could be disbursed in a year under this project. We strongly believe that this would be an Welcome Initiative that many of us would like to avail and implement to help someone to change his or her life.

Dr. Monzur Kabir Scholarship of BDKWWF

Another happy news is that we have also launched the Dr. Monzur Kabir (BDKWWF) Scholarship this year. This is available for an eligible student in Bangladesh for his or her higher studies. Again a member of the foundation can nominate a student anytime. Please nominate and apply! A scholarship is waiting for a student in need!

For more information on these two projects and the scholarship application package please email: bdkwwf-info@googlegroups.com

At A Glance: The Fundraise and Distribution Jan - Jun 2021

Account	Total	Comments
Zakat Fund Collection 1	\$6470	\$3000 given to an Orphanage in Dhaka March, 2021 \$2000 was given to an individual in need in Dhaka, March, 2021 \$1470 was added to donate to the affective Palestinian people in Gaza in June 2021
Donation to Waterloo Region Food Bank	\$1088	Ramadan Food Drive: 937 lbs of food items equivalent of 732 meals were delivered in May 2021.
Help HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre	\$500	Donation made towards the recovery of the damage caused by fire in their premise of Waterloo Inn in February, 2021.
Help for Cancer Patients	\$3700	Donation made to the young girl in daughter in Kushtia, whose both parents are fighting with cancer through Kamrul in April 2021
Zakat Fund Collection 2	\$9950	Donated \$9300 = BDT6,54,120 in April-May 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORCA Homes (An orphanage in Bangladesh) - BDT1,80,000 • COVID -19 Relief in Kusthia District, Bangladesh – BDT1,85,250 • 4 other orphanages in Bangladesh – BDT1,04,870 • Help to meet some medical needs of 4 individuals in Bangladesh, (Fakirhat, Noakhali, Mymensingh and Borishal) – BDT75,000 • Help for housing need for an individual in Pabna, Bangladesh – BDT55,000 • Misc. zakat aid – BDT54,000 Total - BDT6,54,120
Help India's fight against Covid 19	\$1600	2 Cheques issued to The Canadian Red Cross in May and June, 2021
Help the Palestinian People in Gaza	\$6730 (\$1470 added from the left over Zakat Fund 1)	Money was donated to help the civilian Palestinians affected by the recent Israeli attack on Gaza. A cheque issued to the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) in June 2021
Help the young boy in London, ON whose family members were killed	\$800	Cheque issued to the member of the family, July 2021
Total:	\$30,838	Money raised and distributed as of July 10/21

There are always some opportunities for the youth in the community to be involved with interesting works the Foundation does. Interested?

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Mixed Reality - The Next Frontier of Technology

In the later part of the decade of 2000, if random people were being asked around the globe about one thing they couldn't live without, the response undoubtedly would have been "Internet!". If asked now, the unanimous response would be "smartphone!". No one ever thought that such inventions could scale so invasively to become an inseparable part of our daily lives. Within the last few years, the mainstream adoption of smartphones made people to rely solely on their device for email, text, online shopping, hotel/restaurant reservations, playing games, social media, weather, news and yes, even making phone calls!



Projecting forward few years from now, if people are being asked the same question on one thing they couldn't live without, it will be "Mixed Reality" (MR). A legitimate question would be "What is Mixed Reality?" In my opinion, it is the next frontier of technology.

Pundits and Tech Gurus defined Mixed Reality as the merging of real and virtual worlds to produce new environments and visualizations, where physical and digital objects co-exist and interact in real time. In plain terms, Mixed Reality is the merger of the physical world with the digital world.

Microsoft Corporation claims Mixed Reality as the next evolution in human, computer, and environment interaction and opens up possibilities that before now were restricted to our imaginations. Through the advancements in graphical processing power, computer vision, display technology, and input systems, Mixed Reality is maturing at an unprecedented pace.

Application of Mixed Reality can bring tremendous benefits for healthcare industry. Blooma John and Nilmini Wickramasinghe concluded in their very recent studies [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-17347-0_18] that from the early studies of Mixed Reality, it is evident that the application of MR technology in healthcare can enhance effectiveness of medical education and training, increase accuracy in diagnosis and treatment, improve the doctor-patient relationship and boost efficiency of healthcare delivery as a whole.



In fact, Mixed Reality is already allowing medical educators and care providers to interact with digital objects while preserving a sense of presence within a physical care environment, particularly so in medical education and training.

For instance, radiologists and imaging specialists can be supplied with the Mixed Reality digital impressions of imaging data they use for teaching their medical students and residents. With Mixed Reality, medical students or residents will be able to communicate with their professors where multiple students can examine a 3D anatomical model at the same time, allowing them to take it apart layer by layer to better understand the body's anatomy without

needing to use goggles. Mixed Reality technologies could also be used for the patients' education. Advances in Mixed Reality will bring new frontier for patients and their family members to better understand their conditions, and will help them to make more informed decisions around their medical care.

Mixed Reality is already enabling OR physicians to bring critical imaging information and to visualize complex medical data, particularly before and during medical procedures. In fact, it is allowing clinicians (and even patient) to see the patients' internal anatomy displayed directly in front them.

Prediction is that more and more applications of Mixed Reality technologies in healthcare will be of game-changer for clinicians and care providers. Using this technology will not only make care giving quicker and faster, but it will start to make the inoperable surgeries and procedures operable.

[This article was published earlier in another journal]

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Young Quran Hafidh of KW

Ayan Iqbal grew up in Kitchener and recently moved to the B.C. for his parent's job relocation. He accomplished the hard task of memorizing the holy Quran at very young age. He was very actively involved in all of our community activities and our heartfelt Congratulations for his achievement! He sent this photo and a little blurb for the KW community:

"My name is Ayan Iqbal, I'm 14 years old and I memorized the Holy Quran in around 7 years. I went to the Waterloo Masjid almost every weekday for years on end, hoping I'd make it to where I am now. And Alhamdulillah, Allah guided me and others along with me on this journey. It really took blood, sweat and tears to keep pushing whenever I was struggling to memorize, but it was all worth it. I would like to thank my parents, grandma and friends who motivated me along the way by being there for me during it all. May Allah bless the KW area and recompense you with goodness for everything as it truly helped me to end up where I am now."



Ayan Iqbal, Duncan, BC

"You should try to join the Food Drive Team to deliver the foods if not for anything but to see the happy smiles that appear on the faces of the Food Bank staff seeing the items we brought! Thanks to those staff (FBWR) for their tremendous services to this community!" - Sadi Khan

Picture Gallery



Street trades man Shahar Ali is very happy to receive \$200 from BDKWWF to buy a van which helped him to sell his hot tea and snacks in the streets of Adabor, Dhaka, Bangladesh. At left is his wife Shana Begum.



Hasna Begum is with the team to deliver the food items to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region



Top middle: Atiq, Sadi and Nasir purchasing food items for the food drive, May/21
Top right: Staff of FBWR unloading the food items, May/21

Subcommittees

There are many ways one can be actively involved with the Welfare Foundation. Some of these are to include yourself in one of the subcommittees:

- Food Drive Subcommittee
- Wellness Subcommittee
- Student Scholarship Subcommittee

Please bring your inputs and ideas for any these or outside of these fields.

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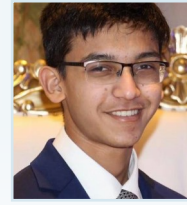
Congratulations to the Graduates of 2021



Ahmed,
Shahriar



Arastu,
Nayel



Faruq, Faiyaz M

Khan, Sahir

Our heartiest congratulations to the Highschool graduates of 2021— Shahriar, Nayel, Faiyaz, Sahir, Adeeb, Nuha and Farzad. Also Tulika and Moyur for completing their undergrad from the University of Waterloo. We wish them all the best and success in their new step of life.



Mahmud,
Adeeb



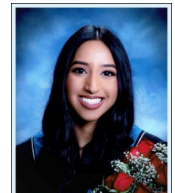
Rahman,
Farzad



Rahman,
Nuha



Haque,
Shohrat



Hoque,
Tulika

Upcoming Events

Next Quarterly Meeting

August — date and time TBD

Bangladeshis in Kitchener Waterloo Welfare Foundation (BDKKWF) is a voluntary organization registered and approved as a charity organization under the Provincial Government of Ontario.

Our Mission

Improve life of the vulnerable people in Bangladesh and all over the world by extending humanitarian support through our concerted efforts and promote friendship and bondage around the world among people of all origin.

Our Vision

The BD-KW Welfare Foundation will be a fully humanitarian organization through which Bangladeshi community in Kitchener-Waterloo voluntarily demonstrate their effort and caring for others in need.

Membership

Become a member is easy, Just email bdkwwf-info@googlegroups.com. Membership fee is \$120 per year or \$10/per month per family.

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