



IRAQI+AMERICAN

RECONCILIATION PROJECT

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

This past year has been filled with many positive moments of friendship building, shared meals, cooking classes, film screenings and discussions. We've distributed hygiene kits and presented an art show. Over a period of eight months members of the Iraqi community, Nathan Fisher, and IARP met and worked together on a twenty-minute film highlighting the history of Iraq, the cradle of civilization, and dismantling caricatures of Iraqis and Muslims in the United States. The film captures local artist Sari Flaija's work creating the Iraqi cultural booth at the Festival of Nations, a neighborhood grocery store's impact on the local community, and the first elected Muslim woman in Minnesota. The film ends with Iraqi-Minnesotan Amel Sammurai's voice proclaiming,

“One of our most important goals is to encourage Iraqis and Americans to build a peaceful future.”

IARP hopes the film, and all our events and programs, encourages us to work together to do just that-- build a more peaceful future. Take a look at our IARP by the numbers page to see some of the highlights of 2016.

In the past year, we have been reminded that we have a lot of work to do towards a peaceful future right here in our own backyard as fear of immigrants, refugees, and Muslims seeps into our communities. In response, we plan to increase our local exchanges between Iraqis and other Minnesotans by offering cooking classes, professional meet-up groups, community gatherings and film screenings. In order to create more spaces for dialogue, we are taking our films on tour to St. Cloud, Duluth, Lanesboro and Winona. Our biggest project will be to create the first Iraqi Voices theatre production in partnership with local artists and members of the Iraqi community. We have expanded our Deputy Director's hours to full time in order to more fully support our various programs and activities. It is our great challenge to stand up against fear and violence and foster mutual respect and understanding.

We invite you to explore the information in this report and join us in our work in 2017. On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project, thank you for being with us on this important journey towards reconciliation and mutual understanding with us!

Sincerely,

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IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Water for Peace / Humanitarian Projects

293 hygiene kits for internally displaced Iraqis (IDP)

270 dignity baskets (feminine hygiene) for IDP

60 attendees at Arabs at the Beach fundraiser

Basra Child Orchestra

21 bows, **3** violins, **1** flute, hundreds of strings

Reeds for clarinet, oboe and various wind instruments

Various supplies of rosin, valve oil, cork grease, etc.

People to People / Sister City

Ramadan Iftar meal

Participated in Aquatennial Torchlight Parade

11 community events

28 cooking class participants

5 Najaf Provincial Council and President delegates

700 people at Minneapolis Sister City Day

40,000 attendees at the Festival of Nations

120 Letters for Peace

Iraqi Art Project

12 film screenings and discussions

11 filmmakers collaborated to create a new 20-minute documentary film

1 new Iraqi Voices film, OUR IRAQ

5 community- planning sessions for Iraqi Voices Theater project

1 exhibition of art work by Faten Al Jumaily

Digital Impact

\$43,333.10

cost of donated Google ads

1,313,316

donated Google AdWord impressions

28,413

clicks to website

7,624

Facebook followers

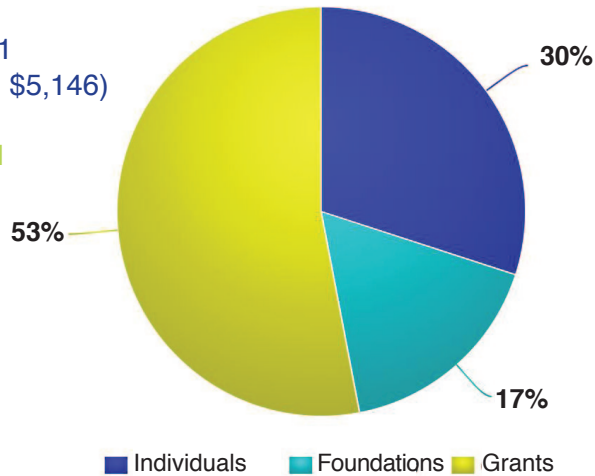


2016 Financials

REVENUE

Total Individual Gifts: \$27,831
 (Monthly Partners for Peace: \$5,146)
 Foundations: \$15,750
 Government Grants: \$49,931

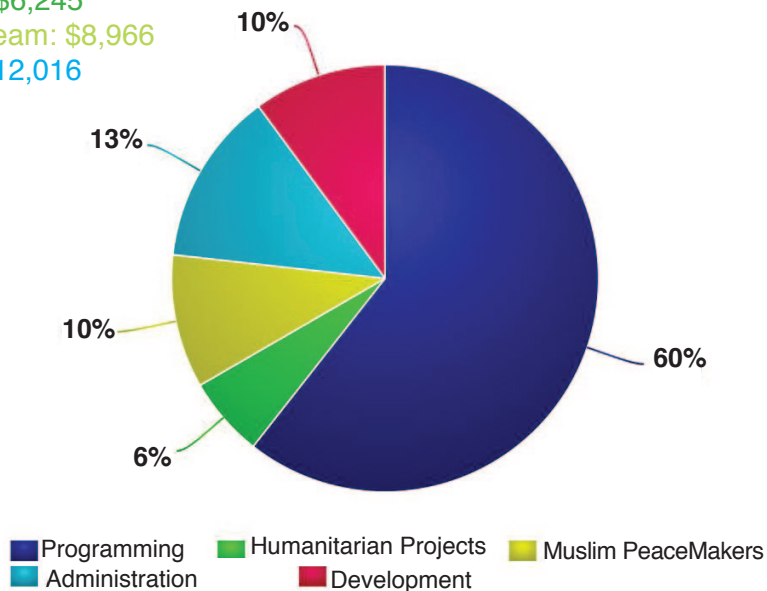
Total: \$93,512



EXPENSES

Programming: \$55,924
 Humanitarian Projects: \$6,245
 Muslim PeaceMakers Team: \$8,966
 Administration/Office: \$12,016
 Development: \$9,719

Total: \$92,870



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