

Salsabeel Charity 2025 Wrapped



December 2025

In 2025, Salsabeel helped more people than ever!

In 2025, Salsabeel Charity continued to grow as a community-led organization focused on direct, practical support for people in Egypt. What makes this work possible is not only the programs themselves, but the values behind them. This year, we stayed true to a simple promise: show up, follow through, and make sure support reaches people in a way that is timely, dignified, and transparent.

We also remained committed to operating as a volunteer-only team, with all operating expenses covered by our founders. That means donations can go where they are intended, and supporters can feel confident that their generosity is creating real impact on the ground.

As we look ahead to 2026, our goal is to build on this momentum and turn one-time generosity into sustained change. With your continued support, we will keep investing in people, strengthening communities, and proving that small, values-driven efforts can lead to lasting results.



In this newsletter you can expect:

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Ramadan Food Distribution

New events and new volunteers

Plus more!



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Introducing our Board of Directors!



Rasha Rashed



Kyoka Yamakawa



Eiad El Fateh



Nehal Azab



Adel Elseri

In 2025, Salsabeel Charity officially expanded its governance structure by establishing a five-member Board of Directors. Our board includes our two founders and three new members who bring complementary experience in community service, food security, and supporting families.

Nehal Azab, Co-Founder, Nehal co-founded Salsabeel Charity and leads our work in Egypt, coordinating direct support for people and families in need. Based in British Columbia for more than 35 years, she also volunteers at the Abbotsford Food Bank and ran a marathon in 2025 to raise funds for Salsabeel.

Eiad El Fateh, Co-Founder, Eiad co-founded Salsabeel Charity and oversees the behind-the-scenes administration that keeps the organization running, including governance, planning, and donor support. He is a Director at Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada and holds a JD (UBC) and an MA in Economics (Queen's).

Kyoka Yamakawa, Board Member, Kyoka leads Salsabeel's social media and communications, helping share impact stories and fundraising campaigns. She coordinates the Starfish Pack program at Archway Food Bank in Abbotsford and brings a strong food security lens to the board.

Adel Elseri, Board Member, Adel leads development of Salsabeel's website and brings new ideas to strengthen how we share our work and reach supporters. A welder and inventor from Edmonton, Alberta, he contributes a practical, solutions-focused approach to the team.

Rasha Rashed, Board Member, Rasha supports Salsabeel's events and community engagement, helping plan and deliver gatherings that bring supporters together. She is the Childcare Supervisor for Archway's LINC program in Abbotsford and has extensive experience supporting children and families from diverse backgrounds.

Mobile Food Banks: Our biggest program to date!



**35 Families
and growing!**



We launched our largest program to date: a Mobile Food Bank that brings essential groceries straight to families who need them most. With your support, we started by serving 15 families in Siwa, Egypt. Today, we support 35 families and have expanded to a second community in a low-income suburb of Alexandria.

Our goal is simple: families should be able to count on food every month. We have committed to supporting each family for at least one full year, and each month we now provide essentials to more than 100 people, most of whom are widows, older adults, and children.

To kick off the campaign, our co-founders, Nehal and Eiad, ran a marathon and raised more than \$3,000 to help get the program off the ground.

This campaign was also a major milestone for Salsabeel. For the first time, we expanded our donor base beyond friends and family and began receiving donations from members of the general public who discovered our work and chose to support it.

In October, Nehal visited Siwa and met the families your support is reaching. Several shared something we will not forget: for the first time in years, they felt food secure.

Thank you to every donor and volunteer who made this possible. You turned generosity into full cupboards, dignity, and relief. We hope to continue expanding to reach more communities.

Salsabeel's Post-secondary Bursary Program



Left: Our first bursary recipient, Shima. With your support, she is attending Alexandria University to become Siwa's first local radiologic technologist. We are covering her student fees and living expenses so she can focus on her studies. After graduating in 2027, Shima plans to return home to serve her community, where health care professionals, especially women health care workers, are in critical demand.

In 2025, Salsabeel Charity launched a bursary program to make university possible for students from rural communities. In many of these communities, the nearest university can be hours away, and the barrier is rarely just tuition. It is also the cost of housing, transportation, and day-to-day living expenses, which can quickly put higher education out of reach for talented students. For many girls, studying far from home can add another layer of difficulty, which means strong students sometimes have to give up on university even when they have the grades and motivation to succeed.

We awarded our first bursary this year, and it marks the start of a longer term commitment to investing in local communities. Going forward, we are prioritizing female students from rural communities in Siwa who are pursuing education or health care pathways, because these fields create practical, community level impact. When more women can train, graduate, and return home with professional skills, families benefit and local services become stronger.

In 2026, we plan to expand the program by supporting at least one additional student as she begins her studies. We will continue sharing updates and milestones along the way, and we are grateful to everyone who is helping make this possible.

2025 Ramadan and Eid Food Distribution!

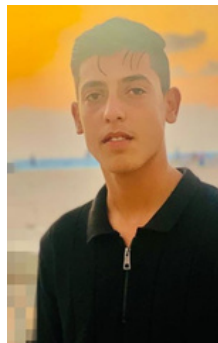


In addition to our regular Ramadan food distribution (50 families this year), during Eid, we ran our first fundraising campaign, and together we raised over \$1,000. Those donations allowed us to purchase one calf and one lamb and provide food support to more than 35 families in Siwa, Egypt.

With the help of local Siwan volunteers, we distributed more than 150 kilograms of beef and lamb in 2 to 3 kilogram portions, delivered directly to widowed mothers and other families experiencing food insecurity.



Mohamed Khalifa



Mahmoud Houda

Two new volunteers in Egypt!

Mohamed Khalifa, a proud Siwa native and graduate of the College of Administrative Systems and Information in Alexandria, joined after seeing the Salsabeel team's work up close and wanting to give back to his community.

We also welcomed Mahmoud Houda, a 19-year-old student from Borg El Arab who helps distribute food bags to families. He also works part time as a tuk tuk driver and still makes time to volunteer.



January 31, 2026

Coming soon! Ramadan Bazaar 2026 (2nd annual)

Join us for our Ramadan décor, delicious food, clothing, accessories, and more!

 Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026

 Time: 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

 Location: OPEX Fitness,
1575 McCallum Rd, Unit #100
Abbotsford, BC

Salsabeel will feature handmade Egyptian products, with all proceeds supporting our charitable initiatives. We will also provide free booth space to local vendors to showcase their products.

A special thank you to OPEX Abbotsford Fitness and Wellness for generously offering the venue free of charge.

Other Highlights from 2025



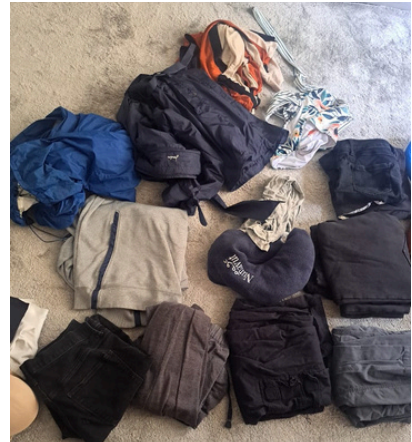
Cooking for a Cause: Our First Fundraising Workshop

Our first fundraising workshop was a meaningful milestone for Salsabeel Charity and a reminder of what community support can look like. From the dolma flip to beautifully layered konafa, it was a warm, hands-on day that brought neighbours together to learn, cook, and connect.

Because of everyone who attended and donated, we raised enough to provide food support for five families in Siwa, Egypt for the month of July.

We are grateful to OPEX Abbotsford for donating the space, Rania for sharing her home-style Middle Eastern cooking with a Syrian twist, and the volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly.

We look forward to hosting more workshops in the coming year.



Clothing and shoe donations!

This year, we continued donating running shoes and clothing to communities in Cairo and the Nile Delta. These items were collected through local support and then delivered directly to people who needed them most. Small donations like these make a real difference!





Left (2025): Mohammed walking again in Siwa after his recovery.

Right (2024): Mohammed resting at home after surgery, during the early stage of his recovery.

Update: Supporting Mohammed Ahmed's Recovery After a Car Accident

We are pleased to share a wonderful update on Mohammed Ahmed.

In 2022, Mohammed, a 12-year-old boy with four siblings, was struck by a speeding car and suffered a serious fracture to his right leg. While the initial surgery was mostly covered, he needed follow-up treatment and rehabilitation that were not.

With the support of our donors, Salsabeel Charity contributed over \$1,000 to help cover these additional costs.

Today, we are happy to report that Mohammed can now walk again and has returned to school. Thank you for helping him heal and get back to a normal routine.

In 2025, we raised over \$17,000, and we are aiming to exceed that goal in 2026. If you would like to support our work, please consider making a contribution via Interac e-transfer to eiad@salsabeelcharity.org, or visit our website to explore other ways to get involved. Donations are tax-deductible and could be worth up to 40% back on your taxes. Every dollar Salsabeel receives goes directly to supporting people in need, with all operating expenses covered by our two founders, Eiad and Nehal.



Donate today!
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