

WFWP USA assists the Arabic Literacy Project, for refugee children in Jordan

Fusayo Irikura
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"When a child gains basic education, they keep hope in their future." ~ Mrs. Fusayo Irikura



Jordan is currently one of the largest refugee-hosting countries in the world, and it is the children that are particularly vulnerable and in need of support. The growing influx of refugees has strained the public school system, with overcrowded classrooms and high drop-out rates, and many children are falling behind. With a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of these children and give them hope for a better future, WFWP Jordan President Fusayo Irikura launched the Arabic Literacy Project five years ago. She has made it her personal mission to provide refugee children aged 8 to 15 with opportunities to receive educational support and

develop a good character in a safe and loving environment. Mrs. Irikura is making a tremendous positive impact on these children, giving them a path to realize their full potential.



With the Covid pandemic having disrupted regular schooling, the education provided through this WFWP project is more vital than ever. By teaching them reading comprehension and writing skills, the Arabic Literacy Project ensures children will gain the essential skills to excel in school and beyond. Classes are taught by a group of dedicated university students, who volunteer to tutor the students and provide positive character development ([click here](#) to watch the heart-warming testimony of one of these tutors). With a 1 to 5 teacher to student ratio, the classes provide the proper attention each of the students need. Extracurricular activities such as theater, music, sports and service projects are also offered, allowing children to experience joy and express themselves creatively while learning valuable traits such as honesty, cooperation and service.

Thanks to the generous support of donors in the US and elsewhere, WFWP has seen dramatic improvements in the children since the project began five years ago. "They have improved their scholastic ability and character. We have seen less fighting, and, instead, we have seen smiles on their faces," shared Mrs. Irikura. "Before, the children often played in the streets and resorted to physical violence with each other, creating an unsafe environment. Due to horrible circumstances, they became influenced to smoke, do drugs, and engage in criminal behavior. They never wanted to become thieves, but they were poor and needed to have money to survive...When a child gains basic education, they...keep hope in their future."

Throughout the month of October, WFWP USA ran a fundraising campaign to support the Arabic Literacy Project, and we are proud to report that we exceeded our initial goal and raised over \$5000. With your support, Mrs. Irikura will be able to renovate the centers, replace old plastic chairs and tables with new ones, purchase new school materials, and provide stipends to the dedicated tutors.

In the letter below, Mrs. Irikura expressed her thanks to all those who ensured the continued success of this project through their contributions:



Dear WFWP USA,

Many thanks! I cannot find words to express our gratitude to all of you.

Even with our very bad situation of the coronavirus, we open the center for children because they have not gone to school nearly for one year in this year and still cannot go. For poor children, online education is NOT working as they have lots of children in one family and they have only one or two mobile devices and many families do not have internet.

Our center is only the place where they can study in our area. Therefore, we did not close our center. We arranged the schedules to control the number of children, and take care of providing face masks and wash hands often.

Also for teachers who are university students, they need work as they are also from poor families and they are suffering in paying for their tuition each semester. I have been providing a small amount of money for them as they sincerely work for the children.

Sincerely,

Fusayo Irikura
President, WFWP Jordan

If you are interested to learn more about the Arabic Literacy Project or would like to offer a donation, please [click here](#).



Arabic Literacy Project for Refugees in Jordan

Build a brighter future for refugee children!

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Al-Zarqa, Jordan is a city industrious in its working style and modest in culture. The city houses approximately nine million refugees for whom the hope of resettlement has become a remote possibility. The refugee encampments are grindingly poor where daily survival is a struggle.

Of the nine million refugees in the city, 60% are children. These children have access to school but many are still unable to read or write in their local language due to poor facilities. Classrooms in the public schools have as many as 60 students, which makes learning and individualized attention difficult. The drop-out rate from these schools is also high. Many graduate still unable to read and write at the appropriate level.



HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The hope for providing these children with a bright future has come through the “Arabic Literacy Program for Children” for students ages 8 to 15.

Students in the program learn how to read and write, which is essential for creating a more sustainable future of happiness and success. WFWP Jordan is running literacy classes at the WFWP and Community Development Centers (CDC) located in the refugee camps. The project aims to improve the levels of literacy among the children, and also to instill values in them which can help them overcome the psychological damage that comes from the unstable life of a refugee.

WFWP Jordan hopes to continue restoring the future of their children through a carefully designed program. At each center of WFWP and CDC, 30 students have been taken in who are taught a curriculum tailored to their learning capabilities. The program lasts a year long with a summer break in between.

Check out the 2020 Arabic Literacy Update, and how recent funds are being used:

[CLICK HERE](#)

In order to continue their work of educating these children, they need your help!

Please donate today so that WFWP is able to pay its teachers, recruit volunteers, and assemble educational materials necessary for creating a safe and loving learning environment. The transformation in the children as they are able to improve their academic abilities while also being emotionally and morally supported is invaluable.

Help us set new standards of humanity, care, and dignity for these children.

Checks can be mailed to: WFWP USA, 481 Eighth Ave. Suite 1228, New York, NY 10001







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