



COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT EMPOWERS

Peace be unto you:

Imagine a world where every human being has food, clothing and a place to live. How different would our world be today?

Sadly, such a world is still a dream for many people all over the world. You may be surprised to know that many people in the United States yearn to realize this dream. What does all of this have to do with you? In New York City alone, over one million people go to bed hungry each night, and over a million more do not have a secure place to sleep.

Since 1997 the Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development (MWIRD) has sought to address the basic and other needs of the community in the southwest Bronx. Our humble efforts began with the opening of the first *halal* food pantry in New York City. Despite 11 years of collaborative work with multiple partners at the neighborhood, community board, city, state and national levels, the demand for MWIRD's services has grown beyond our capacity. Currently, MWIRD operates a *halal* food pantry in Parkchester and another in Highbridge. Through the food pantries MWIRD has expanded its work to three additional areas:



Clients on line waiting of food at Bronx pantry

- Public health – education, awareness and outreach;
- Immigrant transitional needs – English language classes for speakers of other languages, referrals to other agencies for assistance with completion of Immigration, Custom and Enforcement (ICE) applications, immigrant youth service learning and mentoring projects, employment and housing referrals;
- Inter-faith work – local, national and international participation on matters of faith in action, and faith as a tool of empowerment.

MWIRD is experiencing financial hardship at this time and needs your support to continue satisfying unmet needs in the Bronx. A donation of \$50 will feed a family of four for a month with nutritious balanced meals from one of our pantries. A contribution of \$100 will provide instructional material and supplies for an ESOL student for one year. Sustained giving at the level of \$150 per month will cover an overhead expense and help keep the office open. Donations of \$500 will offset the cost of an educational workshop, and \$1,000 funds a health fair. A gift of \$2,500 will fund a series of focus groups for MWIRD's community research projects in the areas of women's health and isolated seniors.

In this season of giving, we at MWIRD pray that you will be generous with your donations to us.

Best Wishes,

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