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HISTORIC OPENING OF NEW HUMANITY FIRST HEADQUARTERS



On July 15th, 2012, Humanity First Canada moved into their new national office – a training center and food bank facility at 600 Bowes Road, Concord, Ontario. The facility was inaugurated by His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (Peace and Blessings be Upon Him) the worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The new location has room for various Humanity First local programs; including facilities such as classrooms, large storage area, training rooms, computer labs, and also offices for administration, marketing, finance, and other departments.

The advancement of Humanity First as an organization is evident through its new expansion, coming a long way since its inception almost 20 years ago. In 1993 Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, the Fourth

Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community founded Humanity First, with the mission to help ease suffering and create a sustainable future for the victims of war, aggression, famine and natural disaster, without discrimination of race, religion, color or creed. His vision of Humanity First was to selflessly serve mankind, and guided by his prayers Humanity First has done just this. From Europe to Africa, Humanity First has extended its operations to 34 countries today, and is actively working and serving humanity everyday.

The morning of the inauguration was welcomed by rain, but that didn't stop hundreds of volunteers from dedicating their time and efforts for this momentous occasion. As the sun peaked through the clouds, volunteers scurried to roll out the red carpet and make last minute preparations. The smell of barbeque lingered outside, and voices chattered away inside the facility. Upon arrival, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, unveiled the inauguration plaque as volunteers and guests from various countries looked on. His Holiness took a tour of the food bank, departmental offices and the training facility. Volunteers and attendees were thrilled to have the opportunity to sit down with







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**HADHRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD,
HEAD OF THE WORLDWIDE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY**

A TEAM THAT SERVES HUMANITY SELFLESSLY AND WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION

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His Holiness for a question and answer session, and benefit from his guidance and advice for the prosperity of Humanity First and its operations. His Holiness blessed the inauguration with the following words, “May Allah help you serve humanity selflessly and without any discrimination.”

Humanity Firsts programs and projects play a key role in the betterment and development of members of our local community, and thus the event was attended by various dignitaries and politicians. Amongst those in attendance were Honourable Judy Sgro, Regional Councillor City of Vaughan Mr. Michael DiBiase, and the Canadian Minister of International Cooperation and Development, the Honourable Julian Fantino who presented Humanity First with a certificate of achievement for its accomplishments and contribution to the community.

The successful event was concluded with the traditional tree planting ceremony by His Holiness and a memorable group photo with Humanity First volunteers and team members. Attendees received

a tour of the facility and brief review of its operations, and then proceeded to enjoy the savoury barbeque lunch.



**URGENT
DONATIONS NEEDED**

FOOD BANK *wish* LIST:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Flour
- Oil
- Sugar
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned & Dry Soups
- Peanut Butter & Jam
- Juices
- Instant Food
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tea/Coffee
- Snacks
- Cookies

Humanity First Food Bank needs your support. Please donate generously, and help feed a starving family today!



Pledge Form

Yes! I/we would like to donate to Humanity First. Proceeds will go to _____ write name of project or program _____.

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ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

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Please accept my gift of:

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

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