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BANGLADESH GEARING UP FOR NEW PROJECTS

In February 2019, Humanity First Canada's chairman Dr. Aslam Daud took a trip out to Bangladesh to oversee the life-changing work the organization is doing there.

- With your help, we are establishing two new schools which will serve 200 students each
- Initiating a school transformation project
- Donating uniforms and school supplies for school children
- Free lunch program in two schools
- We've also been able to establish 1 new IT

center for adult educational training

- Under our Feed the Hungry Program, we've been able to hand out food and other necessities such as blankets and mosquito nets in the poorest communities.

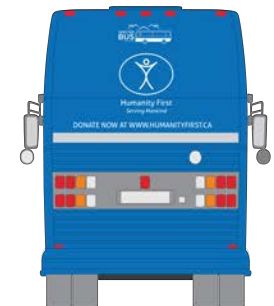
Often, taking care of basic necessities like food and water can be a hindrance to children's education. With our Knowledge for Life program, we not only bring education to poverty-stricken communities, but also an environment where children can learn and flourish.

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**Help us serve humanity with
your donations today!**



HUMANITY FIRST SHELTER BUS



The Humanity First Shelter Bus is a mobile shelter that will augment shelter space during the winter when Toronto's emergency shelters and respite sites are overburdened. The Shelter bus will have 20 beds, lounge spaces, and a kitchenette to provide a comfortable place to serve the homeless community.

Our team has been working hard to raise awareness of this project and the issue of homelessness in our communities. We've received some amazing support and managed to raise over 30,000 dollars so far which will go directly into ensuring the Shelter Bus can help those in need. Some of the ways our volunteers have come together are:

- Participating in "Coldest Night of the Year", a walk-a-thon that helps raise funds for charities

that benefit the hungry and homeless in our communities.

- Reaching out to community members door-to-door to showcase what we are doing
- Speaking to people under the "Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold Program" who shared their experiences of being homeless and inspired us to keep going.

We're so proud to see that our bus is almost ready to hit the streets. Recently the HVAC upgrade and paint job of the bus were completed thanks to the hard work of those working with MTB transit solutions.

The Shelter Bus team is also looking to provide homeless kits to each person who uses our bus which will include essentials to stay safe during the winter.

The Humanity First Shelter Bus is a mobile shelter that will augment shelter space during the winter.

Donate \$35 to help one Homeless individual find respite in our shelter bus!
\$30 per night
\$5 per homeless essentials kit



"I'm so proud of Shelter Bus and all the hard work that has gone into it. Our team continues to grow and make great progress. In just five months, we've taken this project from an idea to a physical bus and tens of thousands of dollars in donations that will go into the capital and operating expenses of Shelter Bus. We've also been having great conversations with those who are concerned with the issues of homelessness in our community,

including officials at all levels. We'll be at the upcoming Ontario Transportation Exhibition in April, hoping to talk about how the transit industry can participate in putting forward novel solutions to various issues in our society. So excited to see this project come to life!"

- Naeem Farooqi, Program Director

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It has been a phenomenal first quarter at Humanity First. We're making great strides in our programs at home in Canada and around the world.

Recently, I took a trip to Bangladesh where our efforts to provide education to all children have really come to fruition. We're bringing quality education to hundreds of children and supporting schools with uniforms, school supplies, and lunch programs.

A project much closer to home is Shelter Bus. Many of us are blessed to have a safe and warm home as shelter from the harsh Canadian winters, but I always remember that there are many who have nowhere to go. We try to do everything we can

to shelter the homeless in these extreme situations, including participating in the "Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold Program". My hope for the Shelter Bus is that nobody is left out in the cold. Though this is not a long-term solution, it provides emergency shelter for those who need it, those who cannot wait for long-term solutions. We're looking forward to launching the bus at our upcoming exhibition.

We hope that you will continue to support our programs and help us change the lives of so many people in need.

- Dr. Aslam Daud

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SNAPSHOT OF HUMANITY FIRST PROJECTS



- **Community Care:** Our Senior's Fitness class made a trip to the Maple Library in February. Since many of them have never been before, they were given a tour and tutorials on how to sign out books, and use other resources available to them in the library. Several made a library card and left excited to come back.
- **Water for Life:** We built 2 water wells in Pakistan and 10 in Africa.
- **Food Security:** We also distributed food to approximately 7000 people in Africa this past month.

HUMANITY FIRST FOOD BANK UPDATE

The Humanity First Food Bank in Vaughan has had a busy winter season. With several clients coming in daily, our volunteers have put in 100s of hours packing and delivering food to those in need.

In February, Vaughan Muslim youth donated 50k

pounds of food to the food bank. In March, a Vaughan Girl Guides group toured the food bank and learned how to pack and store food. They also donated food and other basic necessities, such as water, toothbrushes and more.

**Over 50k lbs
of food served
to families in
need.**

A huge thank you to our Shelter Bus donors:



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