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# Newsletter

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## Meet Our Employee

Amjad is a resilient 23-year-old who has been with us since he was just 12. He arrived to our center shortly after fleeing Halab, Syria, where a devastating explosion forced him and his family to escape unimaginable danger. The trauma left Amjad with trauma-induced mutism, unable to speak due to the psychological impact of what he had endured.



When he first joined us, he was enrolled in our special needs program, where we focused on kinesthetic learning through art and crafts, offering him a non-verbal way to express himself. With the consistent support of a speech therapist over several years, Amjad slowly began to find his voice again, both literally and figuratively.

Today, Amjad is one of our most dedicated team members, working as a janitor and taking great pride in keeping our center clean and welcoming. His presence is a daily reminder of how far he's come—from a silent, traumatized child to a hardworking young man full of quiet strength. We are honored to have him with us and deeply appreciate his unwavering commitment and courage.



## The 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation of 2025

"The first graduation ceremony of 2025 was successfully held, celebrating the achievements of participants in both the sewing and cosmetics classes"

Since launching our graduation program in 2014, we have proudly supported the journey of nearly 800 women and girls, guiding them toward self-reliance and opportunity. Over the years, our sewing classes have been a cornerstone of this effort, with each graduate receiving a sewing machine to help kickstart their path to economic independence.

In some years, we successfully conducted up to four graduation cycles, while in others, we held two — each cycle including around 20 dedicated women and girls. These consistent efforts reflect our deep commitment to sustainable empowerment and community growth.

## Adra's Story of Change

As we look back on this journey from 2014 to 2025, we are filled with gratitude for the resilience of our graduates and the continued support of our partners who make this possible. The following is the story of one of our graduates who completed the program in 2018 — a testament to the long-term impact of this initiative.

Adra's life took a difficult and unexpected turn when her son abandoned his wife and children to remarry, leaving his young children in the care of their grandparents. While her husband refused to take responsibility, Adra chose a different path. Guided by her faith and a heart full of compassion, she stepped up without hesitation, determined to raise her grandchildren with love and dignity.



Though the weight on her shoulders was heavy, Adra never gave up. She believed that God would open a door — and He did. When she heard about the sewing class offered at the center, she rushed to join, hopeful that this opportunity could be the answer to her prayers. Through commitment and hard work, she completed her training and proudly graduated in 2018. With the sewing machine she received, she began her journey to independence.

Her skills quickly opened new doors. Adra was hired by a local tailor, and in the afternoons she began taking sewing work from neighbors at home. Over time, her home-based business grew. Today, she continues to work from home, providing for her grandchildren with her own hands. Adra's story is a beautiful testimony to what can happen when faith meets determination — and when a woman is given the tools to stand on her own.



## Our Most Recent Updates

"We're excited to welcome Dr. Lana to our team this month as our new dentist. We look forward to the positive impact she will bring to the community"

"To improve patient comfort, a new tent was installed to offer shade and protection from the sun while they wait."

"After completing the graduation ceremony, we proceeded with the registration of new students for the sewing and cosmetics programs, marking the start of a new semester"

"To enhance student safety and comfort, we completed the installation of a roof over the football field, allowing play to continue without exposure to the sun"

"We welcomed spring by planting flowers all around the center and new trees that will grow as we continue to grow."