

BCM

HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE THROUGH
ACTS OF KINDNESS AND CHARITY

Charity projects

BCM Pound Projects update

Thank you once again for your £1 contribution in the last month. What did your money achieve?

Before we look at this month's achievements we need to take a minute to reflect on what Allah swt has given us: the ability to provide for ourselves and our families and then to be able to give £1 or more towards charitable causes. Not everyone has this extra £1 a month that they can give to help others. Some people in this country live below the breadline and in some cases in real poverty. There are people who cannot afford to buy food, pay bills and pay for other necessities. Currently, 20% of UK people live in poverty including 8 million adults and 4 million children. We know the life chances of underfed children, living in poverty, are damaged significantly.

There is an inner city school in Birmingham where staff have real safeguarding concerns about children whose families cannot provide simple necessities for their children, including school shoes, PE pumps, as well as items of school uniform.

The school is trying to help these families who need help to simply put a pair of shoes on their children's feet. Gloves, hats and scarves for the winter are a luxury item for these families.

This month the school reached out to BCM to help them. We were, of course, more than willing to help and provided simple items of clothing pictured below

This included socks, underwear, shoes, PE pumps, vests, hats, gloves and scarves. The school will now provide the neediest children with these items.

So, your charitable deeds will go some way in keeping these children warm, being less vulnerable, as well as not feeling like "the odd one out at school".



I hope you feel the same as I do: grateful and lucky to have the opportunity to help these children and the families that are much less fortunate than most in society.

When you find yourself in a position to help someone be happy, because Allah swt is answering that persons prayers through you!

A final note to say that your money is used as lillah. Thank you again.

If family or friends wish to help with £1 per month please pass on the details:

Monthly standing order

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- Account: 33569168
- Name: BCM
- Ref: charity projects

Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said "The poor will enter the Paradise before the rich". After a pause he added, "O Aisha, never turn a needy person away from your door. Give him something, thought it may be only a piece of a date. Respect the poor and love them in spite of their poverty. If you bring the poor and needy closer to you, Allah will bring you closer to himself".

And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says, "My Lord, if only You would delay me for a brief term so I would give charity and be among the righteous."

Quran 63:10

Next months focus

Next month we have a very ambitious aim to place a bench in a muslim cemetery. This is so families can sit and pray for their loved ones. We also want to continue to help the needy by providing food, clothes or any essential items that we can. We would be very grateful if you could encourage family and friends to donate £1 per month to help us with this.