## Isuroon Newsletter April 1st, 2021

#### **Events and Opportunities**

Donate to our Ramadan Fundraiser The People's Power Love Fest: April 4th Refugee Advocacy Days: April 19th-23rd Demand MPS ensure quality education Isuroon's IWD Virtual Conference

#### **Resources and Information**

Food Shelf <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Connector</u> <u>Ku xidhnow tallaalkaaga COVID-19</u> <u>COVID-19 Information</u> <u>Eviction Prevention Resources</u>

## We need your help!

#### Support Isuroon's culturally specific halal food shelves!



Isuroon invites you to celebrate Ramadan with us by providing food for those in **need!** Ramadan, celebrated by many in the Somali and East African community, is the

holy month of the Muslim year during which strict fasting is observed from sunrise to sunset. Isuroon is dedicated to ensuring our communities have food on their tables come sunset, but we can't do it alone.

Isuroon is aiming to raise \$60,000 by the end of Ramadan (May 12th) in order to purchase and distribute culturally specific food items for at least 1,200 individuals in 4 counties in and around the Twin Cities. This is where you come in – whether you are able to sponsor a family with a bag of food or one food item, every little bit helps our communities during this time of healing.

<u>Click the button or link to support a family with food items from our halal food</u> <u>shelves!</u>

DONATE

## **Take Action!**

## Sign the People's Petition!



**Isuroon is excited to announce we have joined the Yes 4 Minneapolis Coalition!** Yes 4 Minneapolis is a Black-led campaign composed of a growing coalition of grassroots, community organizations and individuals who believe a people's petition is the best path forward for implementing a new Department of Public Safety in Minneapolis.

The Yes 4 Minneapolis coalition has launched the **people's petition** to replace the Minneapolis Police Department with a new Department of Public Safety. **We decide what safety looks like for our communities.** 

For more **information**, events, and volunteer opportunities, click the button below!

Yes 4 Minneapolis Events and Volunteer Opportunities

## **Refugee Advocacy Days!**



Isuroon is excited for Refugee Advocacy Days with a series of special workshops by refugees, for refugees. Join Isuroon for the Community Organizing & Leadership Development Workshop on April 11th.

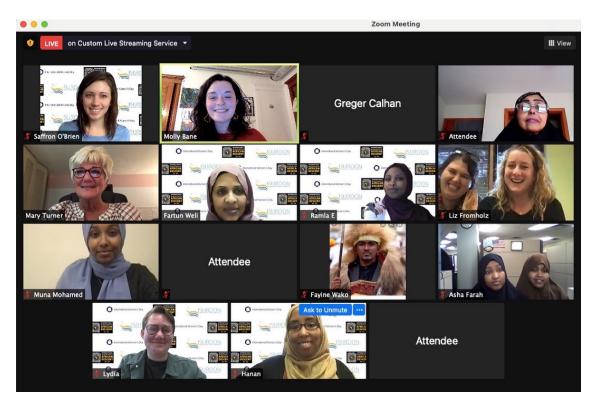
The <u>Refugee Advocacy Days</u>, April 19th to 23rd, will occur at an inflection point for the U.S. refugee resettlement program and **we need your help in championing pro-refugee legislation, federal funding for the resettlement program, and oversight over the administration's rebuilding of the program.** 

Use the button below to sign up to participate in advocacy days and learn more about the special refugee leadership workshops.

Sign up!

## **Isuroon News**

#### **International Women's Day**



Isuroon celebrated our annual International Women's Day for Women of African Descent Virtual Conference on March 8th with several panels and speakers that highlighted issues affecting the lives and wellbeing of women of color. **Thank you to all who joined and made the event possible, we hope to see you in-person next year!** 

Missed the event? View the recording using the button below!

Watch the IWD Event Recording

# **Program Updates**

#### **Refugee Savings Program**



**Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program is still accepting clients!** Our Refugee Savings Program is one of very few programs by the federal government to help refugees save for their education and cars to help improve their futures. The program works by matchings refugee's savings up to \$4,000 while also facilitating an increased understanding of financial literacy in the United States.

#### Who is qualified?

Any person who is an employed legal REFUGEE or ASYLEE, for less than 3 years saving for a car

OR

an employed legal REFUGEE or ASYLEE for less than 5 years saving for a United States education

For more information about Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program, click the button below or contact Ramla Elmi at <u>ramla@isuroon.org</u> or (612)353-5765

Refugee Savings Program: Somali and English

#### **Mental Health Services**



# Isuroon is accepting clients for our Adult rehabilitative mental health services (ARHMS) and outpatient therapy services!

Isuroon's outpatient services aim to provide clients with a safe and nonjudgmental space to manage their mental health. One-on-one sessions with our mental health professionals provide clients with the space to share, receive support, and learn about healthy coping skills.

Our ARHMS services are rehabilitative and prevention based as the program aims to enable clients to develop and enhance stability, personal and emotional adjustment, independent living, and social and community skills when these abilities are impaired or at risk of being impaired by the symptoms of mental illness.

> For more information about Isuroon's mental health services, click the button below or contact us at <u>dakota@isuroon.org</u> or 612-236-4835

# **Team Member Highlight**

### **Molly Bane**

This month we are acknowledging our valued team member and Americorps VISTA Volunteer, Molly Bane!

Molly works in Isuroon's Development and Communications departments and is passionate about promoting the rights of marginalized communities.

We appreciate you and thank you for your hard work, Molly!





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