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We would like to thank our Top Monthly Donors!
We really appreciate your contributions, and it has not gone unnoticed!

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Please click on the donate button below. Any amount will help us continue to further assist our communities!

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[April Events](#)



We hosted two amazing IFTAR community safety events. Overall we had amazing turnouts and great speeches on the topic of teen drug abuse and Mental Health.

Isuroon Programs

Food Shelf



Food Shelf Totals Since April:

- 10,400 pounds of Rice
- 2080 liters of Oil

- 10,400 pounds of flour
- 5010 pounds of pasta

Isuroon Legal Center



Old Hennepin County Courthouse

Client Success Story

A Somali mother came to Isuroon for help with an eviction case where a writ of recovery was already issued and she was at risk of being homeless and losing her Section 8 voucher. She did not have an attorney at the time of her hearing and was not provided a Somali interpreter for her court hearing. Due to these factors, an unfavorable settlement was reached only allowing her 7 days to pay the balance (although disputed) or provide letters of guarantee from Rent Assistance agencies. Despite the short timeline, the client rigorously contacted Rent Assistance agencies but these agencies needed a ledger from the landlord. The landlord was not responsive and did not provide the ledger before the settlement deadline, causing the client to lose her case.

The Isuroon Legal Center drafted and filed a 60.02 motion asking the court to reopen her case because the landlord prevented the client from complying with the settlement by the lack of communication and ledger. The court re-opened the case

and scheduled a hearing. The Isuroon Legal Center got her connected with an attorney and helped reach a new settlement that dismissed and expunged her eviction case, not owing the landlord any money (saving over \$6K) and saving her Section 8 voucher! Client is already on her way to finding a new home.

Development Department

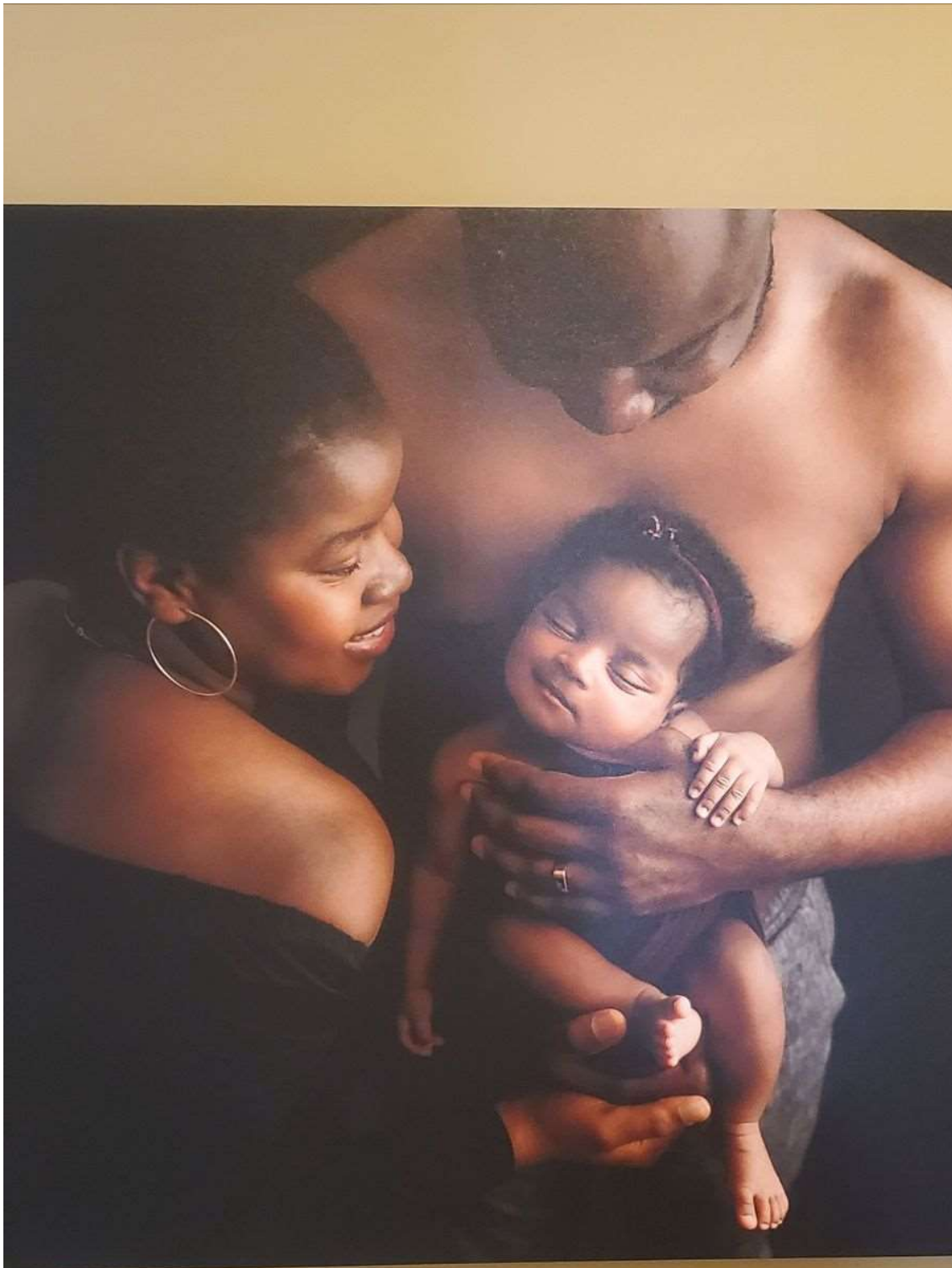


Isuroon received a two-year grant award of \$300,000 from the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA). Isuroon's "Somali Women Dismantle Sexual Violence Project" will provide the following services:

- culturally specific sexual violence hotline
- systems navigation
- peer-led support groups
- inter-generational discussions/forums
- sexual and reproductive health services
- mental health services, assessments/referrals
- education/awareness
- public policy education and advocacy

in support of Somali/Muslim women in Minnesota's greater metropolitan Twin Cities area, who have experienced sexual violence. Fartun Weli, CEO, Colnese Hendon, Development Director, and Fatoun Ali, Consultant, traveled to Charlotte, NC, for a three-day conference and training related to grant implementation.

Maternal Child Health & Doula



We have had a great amount of clients registering for Our MCH program.

We look forward to beginning our program soon!

ESL Afghan Womens Program



The ESL Afghan Womens' program has completed session 1 of the ESL class. On 4/17, sessions 2 and 3 are currently in progress over Zoom.

Food deliveries, case management and referrals are also in progress based on the needs of Afghan families.

Mental Health Services



Isuroon hosted a community engagement event on the 16th of March, 2023 regarding Mental Health and Opioid Awareness. The Isuroon staff presented it to a total of 33 attendees who had concerns and questions. Staff discussed drug use and stigma in Somali community and how they are closely intertwined. Stigma refers to negative attitudes and beliefs towards individuals who use drugs. It can lead to discrimination, social exclusion, and can make it harder for teens who use drugs to access healthcare, employment, and housing. Staff also discuss ways to reduce stigma towards drug use, and how it is important to educate people about addiction and substance use disorders.

If you or a loved one is struggling with mental health issues please click on the intake button below to receive further assistance

[Intake Form](#)

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