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# Isuroon Newsletter

## May 12th, 2021

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## Eid Mubarak!



**Eid Mubarak!** Isuroon wishes all Somalis and Muslims everywhere a happy and peaceful Eid Al Fitr!

**Our offices will be CLOSED Thursday, May 13.**

**There is still time to donate!**



**Isuroon's Ramadan Fundraiser is still accepting donations as Ramadan comes to an end!** Ramadan, celebrated by many in the Somali and East African community, is the holy month of the Muslim calendar during which strict fasting is observed from sunrise to sunset. Ramadan teaches self-discipline, self-control, sacrifice, and empathy; in the Muslim community, it is a time of self-reflection and charity. **This Ramadan, Isuroon is dedicated to ensuring our communities have food on their tables come sunset, but we can't do it alone.**

Please [donate](#) to provide food items for those in need using the button below or the link, thank you!

Donate!

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## News

### #SomalisCount and the 2020 Census



The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) has released the first population data from the 2020 census, showing that Minnesota's population grew by 7.6%. Thanks to the efforts by advocate groups like Isuroon, Black and Indigenous people and people of color were motivated to fill out their census forms.

**Thank you to all who participated in our #SomalisCount2020 Census Campaign!** Despite unprecedented challenges, our community ensured that we were all counted. Because of you, Minneapolis helped the state retain representation and resources for all communities.

**Isuroon as a part of the Yes4Minneapolis Coalition!**





Isuroon along with other Yes4Minneapolis coalition members came together for The People's Power Love Fest on April 4th to celebrate our efforts in the movement for a new Department of Public Safety in Minneapolis. **Over 20,000 Minneapolis voters signed the People's Petition to put a New Department of Public Safety on the ballot in November.**

**What can you do?**

**Vote YES** this November to change the city's charter to create a city that is safe for all! Click the button to learn more about Yes4Minneapolis and how can support the movement.

Yes4Minneapolis Events & Info

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## Program Updates

## Isuroon as a partner in the Rent Help MN program!

**NEED HELP PAYING YOUR RENT?**  
Apply for rental assistance by visiting  
[renthelpmn.org](http://renthelpmn.org) or call Isuroon at  
612.886.2731



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**Marabtaa in lagaa caawiyo kirada guriga aad dagantahay.** Hay'ada Isuroon waxaa ay ku faraxasantahay in ay kugu war galiso in xiriirka aan la leenahay Hay'ada guriyeynta ee Minnesota ee loo yaqaano (RentHelpMN Program). Ka codso maanta in lagaa caawiyo kirada. **Ka soo wax Isuroon 612.886.2731.**

**Need help paying your rent?** Isuroon is happy to announce our partnership with Minnesota housing in the RentHelpMN Program. **Apply for rental assistance today using the link or call Isuroon at 612.886.2731.**

RentHelpMN

RentHelpMN - Somali

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**Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program  
is still accepting clients!**





**Meet Jean Pierre, one of Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program clients who successfully saved up and purchased a car using his matched savings!**

Jean Pierre arrived to the United States on August of 2018 from the Democratic Republic of Congo with his parents and 6 siblings. Up until Jean began the Refugee Savings Plan, his family of 9 were using 1 car for everyone's needs which made it difficult to coordinate and for everyone to get to work and where they needed to be.

When Jean Pierre started the program, he wasn't exactly sure what to expect. He was surprised to find out that not only would the program help him save for his car, but he also learned how to budget and build assets through financial literacy training classes. After only 5 months in the program, Jean had saved enough money for his car. His car has helped him find work while also helping his whole family get around. "Before we were just using one car but now life is a little bit easier." **Congratulations on your new car, Jean Pierre!**

For more information about Isuroon's Refugee Savings Program, click the button below or contact Ramla Elmi

at [ramla@isuroon.org](mailto:ramla@isuroon.org) or (612)353-5765

Refugee Savings Program: Somali and English

## Isuroon's Mothers Strive Program is enrolling clients!



**Isuroon is accepting clients for our Mothers Strive Program!** Our Mothers Strive program connects and supports parents and children through weekly virtual gatherings. With guest speakers, presentations, and open discussions, Isuroon is engaging our mothers in topics that matter to them.

For more information and to sign up for Isuroon's Mothers Strive Program, click the button below or contact Muna

Sign Up!

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## Youth Program accepting youth!



**In partnership with the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Isuroon is offering Somali and East African middle and high school youth and refugee youth virtual programming!**

Join in on the conversation with other youth about topics that matter to you! Our youth program gives local Minnesota youth the opportunity to connect with one another, connect with Isuroon's mentors, and get information about important resources and opportunities near you.

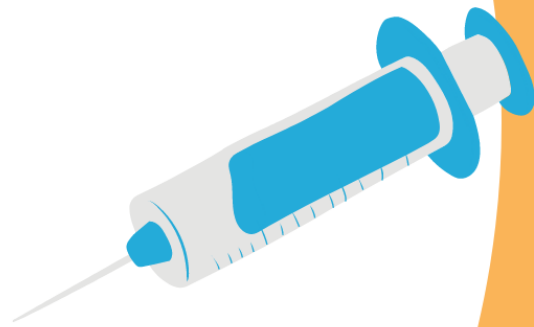


For more information and to sign up for Isuroon's Youth Programming, click the button below or contact Muna Mohamed at [munaomohamed@isuroon.org](mailto:munaomohamed@isuroon.org) or (612)886-2731

Sign up!

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**Isuroon partners with Dakota County to provide COVID-19 vaccine information and resources!**



# VACCINE CONNECTOR



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In partnership with Dakota County, **Isuroon's Burnsville Family Clinic is connecting underreached populations with COVID-19 vaccine appointment information and resources.**

For more information or for assistance in scheduling a vaccine

appointment, call Isuroon's Burnsville Family Center  
at (952)595-5731 or dakota@isuroon.org

Minnesota Vaccine Connector

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## Isuroon is hiring!



Looking to enter the nonprofit sector? **Apply to be an AmeriCorps Literacy VISTA with Isuroon** and develop your skills as a nonprofit professional while serving your community!

**Stay tuned for more VISTA opportunities with Isuroon and apply using the button below!**

Apply Now!

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# Team Member Highlight

## Hanan Adam



**This month we are acknowledging our valued team member and social worker, Hanan Adam!**

Hanan started as a Social Work Intern with Isuroon in 2019 and was then hired on as a staff social worker. Hanan is a graduate of St. Catherine University with a master's degree in Social Work. She is committed to fighting for social justice and breaking mental health stigmas in the East African Community.

**We appreciate you and thank you for your hard work, Hanan!**



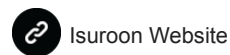
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