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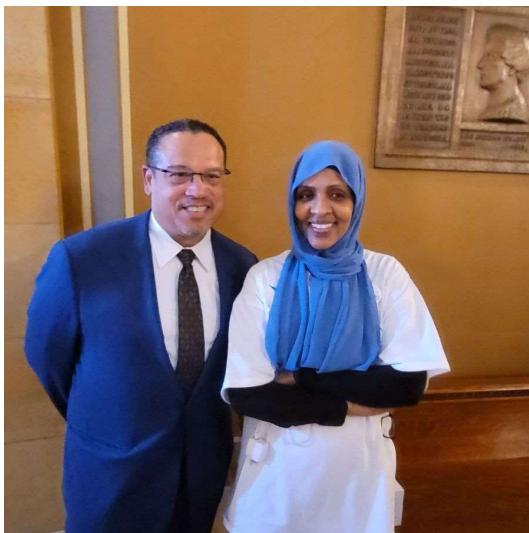


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***Congratulations to our very own Zahra Yasin who is newly married!
Wishing you a lifetime of happiness and blessings, Inshallah! From the
Isuroon Team**

Somali Day At The Capitol





Isuroon hosted its first annual Somali Day at The Capitol.

We heard some great speeches and testimonies by our Somali brothers and sisters. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Somali community and promote cultural understanding with greater Minnesota.

We must continue to advocate for change for the Somali community; currently there is funding being decided upon that can be allocated to support small businesses, nonprofits, and substance abuse treatment.

Isuroon Programs

Food Shelf



The Greater Twin Cities United Way awarded Isuroon a second-year grant award of \$100,000 to be used for general operating support of our Halal Food Shelf under our Community Investments RFP.

Within a highly competitive application process, Isuroon showed a deep understanding of the needs of our community, a compelling vision for impact, and a demonstrated track to achieving meaningful outcomes.” – Acooa Ellis, Senior Vice President, Community Impact Greater Twin Cities United Way

Isuroon is deeply grateful for the Greater Twin Cities United Way’s continued support!

Food Shelf Totals Since April:

Food Served

- 4,477 pounds of flour
- 4,070 pounds of rice
- 1,221 pounds of pasta

United Way donation contribution:

- 6,512 oz of dried Lentils
- 6,512 OZ Garbanzo Beans
- 6,512 Red Kidney Beans
- 4,070 oz of Dates
- 284.9 OZ of Curry Powder

Isuroon Legal Center

Isuroon is pleased to announce that Isuroon's Legal Center has been selected by Equal Justice Works to host an Attorney Fellow and a Law Student Summer Fellow for the 2023-2025 Crime Victims Advocacy Program (CVAP). We are extremely excited about this opportunity, which will greatly enhance our ability to serve our legal clients.

Alisha Bowen Bio



Alisha Bowen joined Isuroon in January 2023 as the new Legal Coordinator. Alisha has been advocating for tenants facing housing issues starting as a tenant advocate/organizer at HOME Line for almost 5 years, then as a Housing

Paralegal for 3 years at Mid Minnesota Legal Aid. Alisha also creates automation processes to make services more accessible for staff and clients. She also recently been approved by Minnesota Courts to be a Legal Paraprofessional to practice housing law by giving legal advice and representing tenants. She is studying and practicing to become a DOJ Accredited Representative to assist clients with immigration cases. Alisha hopes to bring her legal, program development, and technology skills to create an effective and sustainable legal center to help Somali/East African women and families facing legal problems.

Isuroon Legal Center provides affordable legal help to individuals and families to assist with civil legal issues. We help with housing and immigration issues and soon adding family law issues. Our goal is to increase access to justice and foster trustworthiness in the community by bridging the gap of legal services between our clients and attorneys.

Larry McDonough Bio



Biography of Larry McDonough

Larry joined Isuroon as part-time counsel. He has been a legal services and pro bono civil litigation attorney since 1983, working for Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid as a staff and managing housing attorney, private firm Pro Bono Litigation Counsel, and housing litigator with other nonprofits. He has represented over 10,000 clients, with 250 trials, 1,000 motion hearings, and scores of appeals under his belt, along with drafting housing legislation, creating housing clinics, and law school teaching. He maintains the popular website Housing Law in Minnesota. <http://povertylaw.homestead.com/HousingLawinMinnesota.html>

His focus at Isuroon is to help it build a volunteer attorney program for Isuroon

clients. When not helping tenants and their advocates, he plays jazz in the United States and France. <http://www.larrymcdonoughjazz.homestead.com>

Groundbreaking New Tenant Protections Await Governor's Signature!

MAY 16, 2023 BY MICHAEL DAHL

LEAVE A COMMENT

Good news, Minnesota renters! Over the next year, many new tenant protections HOME Line advocated for at the Minnesota Legislature will become state law (with the Governor's signature). All of these new tentative laws were informed directly by our clients and the legal issues that renters regularly seek advice about on the tenant hotline. *As a person impacted by these issues, thank you if you assisted in our grassroots advocacy, and know that your advocacy made a difference!* Also, thanks to all the allied organizations (especially the Homes for All Coalition), organizers, advocates, interns, elected officials, and legislative staff who helped advance the new protections. Special thanks go to our legislative champions: Sen. Oumou Verbeten, Rep. Agbaje, Sen. Pha, Rep. Hassan, Rep. Her, and, of course, Chair Port, and Chair Howard. We also want to thank the Walz administration as several of these provisions (pre-eviction protections and expungement reform) were strongly supported by the Governor and Minnesota Housing.

Now for the good news: if enacted by the Governor's signature, *this will be the most substantial change in Minnesota tenant/landlord law in a single session of the Legislature in the 165-year history of the state.* Here are HOME Line's policy priorities that just passed the Minnesota Legislature (unless otherwise noted, if signed, these laws will become effective 1/1/24):

Full Article: [Groundbreaking New Tenant Protections Await Governor's Signature! — HOME Line \(homelinemn.org\)](#).

Development Department

Isuroon received a \$710,000 grant from the **Restore Rebuild Reimagine Fund (RRR Fund)** for our renovation project. The RRR Fund has been helping business and property owners along Lake Street, West Broadway and Midway/University Avenue rebuild and is paving the way for other rebuilding and reimagining efforts in these culturally rich neighborhoods.

The purpose of Isuroon's renovation project is to enhance the use of our building space to improve program delivery, provide additional privacy for our legal and mental health clients/staff, and reconfigure space for cooking demonstrations/classes and doula training.

Thank you, RRR Fund, for your support!

Housing Department



We provided General Assistance to Bibi Alema. We would like to thank you for allowing us to assist you in your needs. We also had a meeting with Randy Furst of The Star Tribune regarding the eviction press release.



"Isuroon is now a HUD approved Local Housing Counseling Agency (LHCA). We offer the following comprehensive housing counseling services:

- Rental Counseling
- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Financial, Budgeting and Credit Workshops
- Fair Housing Workshops
- Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops
- Predatory Lending Workshops

Contact our certified HUD counselor Ramla to learn more and get help with your housing needs."

Contact Info:

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Mental Health Services



Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS) is a range of services that helps an individual develop and enhance psychiatric stability, social competencies, personal and emotional adjustment, and independent living and community skills.

- Mental health symptom management;
- Healthy lifestyle decisions;
- Interpersonal communication;
- Household management;
- Community resource utilization and integration;
- Medication education and monitoring;
- Employment-related skills; and
- Transition to community living services

Who is eligible?

- Patients ages 18 or older
- Patients who have received a recent diagnostic assessment by a qualified mental health professional that indicates ARMHS services are medically necessary

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We are accepting new ARHMS clients! Please Contact our Burnsville Office for more details.

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

Thank You for taking the time to read our Newsletter!

Stay up to date on our activities and services!
Follow our Social media platforms down below!



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