



**Lifting Hands
International**

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

We envision a world where compassion compels individuals, families, and communities to lift hands, helping refugees achieve "the good life" through stability and self-sufficiency.

We're here to show you how.

♥ LOVE IS IN THE AIR ♥

Love is in the air at our Refugee Center in Greece! But hold up. This isn't exactly the sort of love we typically associate with Valentine's Day, but maybe something even greater—love for one another as human beings.

Sure, there are many benefits that come out of our programs in Greece. Learning new languages, developing job skills, psychosocial healing, leadership training, providing a safe haven for women, receiving seasonal aid supplies, and more. But what really drives our work there, and what we think is the ultimate outcome, is love.





Ahlam works on a weaving project in the Female-Friendly Space at our Greece Refugee Center.

Ahlam is a 16-year-old Yazidi gal who comes to our center regularly. She is full of life and love for others. She speaks Kurmanji, Arabic, Greek, some German, and a little English. She can't wait to get to Germany to reunite with the relatives she loves so very much.

Ahlam wrote the poem below (English translation under the poem), which illustrates how love can still shine through for those who have experienced the darkest of times in their lives.



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

انا انا اول دكتور

اسمى الخير لجمي

I am brave, and I am a fighter
I hear the sound of thunder
I see a picture of my family
I feel love for my family
I worry about the word "impossible"
I am sad if I see someone who is ill or suffering
I know that hope is present
I will try to be a doctor
I hope the best for all

-Ahlam



To us, love means that everyone has the right to safety, shelter, family, and the good life, regardless of where they're from, what they believe, or who they love. And this applies every single day of the year!

❤️ **LOOK AT THOSE SMILES!** ❤️





Nothing warms our ❤️❤️❤️ more than seeing smiles on children's faces when our aid is distributed. We just received these images from our partner org, NuDay Syria, taken during a

recent distribution in the Idlib region of Syria.

During the early stages of the Syrian civil war, Idlib was the center of protests and fighting. Currently, there are nearly a million people displaced from their homes and shelters in the conflict-prone region. 80% of them women and children.

This is what your support does. This is the difference you make. Thank you!

WE ❤️ OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you so much to the volunteers who came out on two different days to load containers of aid destined for Lebanon in below freezing temperatures!

We say this again and again, but we LOVE our volunteers! Seriously, without you, we would not be able to get so much aid sorted, packed, loaded, shipped, and distributed to refugees around the world so efficiently. And it's always so much fun!

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING, THANK YOU!



THANK YOU!

You make our work possible. When you donate to LHI, you can be certain that you are directly supporting refugees through our high-impact programs around the world.



5 YEARS IN A ROW!

For the 5th year in a row, we have earned the Platinum Transparency Seal from Candid (formerly Guidestar), honoring our strategic planning, our results, and the progress we're making toward our mission. We couldn't have done it without YOU. Thank you for making our work and our impact possible!

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