

Liverpool FC Foundation and Islamic Relief UK help struggling families in Liverpool



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On Thursday 27 January, Islamic Relief UK partnered with LFC Foundation and the Liverpool Mosque Regions Network (LRM) to distribute 500 essential food packs to vulnerable people including the homeless, asylum seekers, refugees and women who have suffered domestic abuse.

Liverpool has seen a stark rise in families needing financial assistance and help with food. Across the five parliamentary constituencies in the city, there is a total of 31,739 children deemed to be growing up in poverty – with figures rising.

Many people have also been hit hard by the pandemic, including, low-income families, those suffering from domestic abuse, the homeless, asylum seekers and refugees who were already struggling to feed themselves and many prioritising eating or heating as they struggle to pay their bills.

To help some of the most vulnerable, boxes were packed with essentials by LFC staff at Anfield, before delivery alongside LRM to ten locations across the city.

The food packs contained 17 items including, halal chicken, rice, pasta, eggs, beans, butter and bread – alongside sanitary products such as shampoo, toothpaste, hand wash, shower gel and more.

With poverty levels in the UK increasing, Islamic Relief UK is also distributing food parcels across the country with 14 different partners.

In December, as part of LFC's Operation Christmas Magic, LFC

Foundation and Liverpool Mosque Regions Network (LRM) collaborated to provide over 400 festive food parcels, which supported 1,700 vulnerable people.

“It’s great to have the opportunity to work with Islamic Relief again on providing essential support to those who need it most in our city. “We are living in challenging times, and we know that many local people and families are struggling financially and even paying for the basics is difficult. We hope to be able to alleviate some of the strain in part by providing enough food for families experiencing food poverty this winter. “By working together, we aim to reach more people in need to make a difference.”

“We are proud to be working with Liverpool FC Foundation to reach out to some of the most vulnerable in Liverpool. “This pandemic has devastated families’ lives and many have been struggling financially. With 30,000 children deemed to be growing up in poverty in the city, we must do everything we can to help ease some of the suffering. “This winter, as so many people will choose between eating and heating due to the increasing cost of living, the work of Liverpool FC Foundation will make a huge difference for many families and we thank the Foundation for their amazing efforts to help those in need.”

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The LFC Foundation is the official charity of Liverpool Football Club; delivering a range of programmes and partnerships to create life changing opportunities for children and young people in the Liverpool City Region and beyond.

The charity focuses its work on three key impact areas; wellbeing, skills and communities and delivers a variety of regular physical activity initiatives in Merseyside, including ‘Go Play’ free multi-sport sessions delivered in 15 local parks. It also works with the Premier League to implement programmes including Premier League’s Kicks and Primary Stars.

Islamic Relief is a faith-inspired, development and humanitarian agency working to transform and save the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in over 40 countries. Islamic Relief assists people according to need and does not discriminate in any way.

Set up in Birmingham in 1984 by a group of volunteers, we have assisted over 117 million people all over the world. We're saving lives and empowering people to lift themselves out of poverty in over 40 countries – from Bangladesh to Bosnia, Pakistan to Palestine, Kenya to Kosovo. Islamic Relief is on the ground in some of the world's most dangerous and difficult places – including Syria and Yemen – strengthening the most marginalised communities to withstand conflict and natural disasters and to build a brighter future. We also support vulnerable people in the UK in partnership with local charities and organisations.

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