

Crescent Zakat Fund

Support Muslim Children and Families During Treatment

Each year, families turn to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford for critical, lifesaving treatments for their children. Since its inception in 2013, the Crescent Zakat Fund has supported more than 200 Muslim families at Packard Children's by addressing their unique needs, including basic living accommodations, utilities, halal food, medical supplies, transportation, phone assistance, and funeral and spiritual services.

Compassionate, community-supported holistic care for Muslim families

At Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, we provide highly specialized care for serious, often life-threatening conditions in state-of-the-art facilities. Packard Children's provides excellent treatment for all children, regardless of the families' ability to pay. However, families often need support beyond medical care. We want to ensure that Muslim families at Packard

Children's have access to culturally appropriate and supportive resources. Philanthropy, including donors who support the Crescent Zakat Fund, can equip members of our Social Services and Spiritual Care teams to meet families where they are.

We all share a mission of creating healthier futures for children, here and around the world. **Join us as we embrace Muslim families in our care and ensure that they receive the support they need to be able to focus on what matters most: their child's health.**

Families come to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford from all 50 states and 24 countries to receive extraordinary care.



Opportunity for impact

One hundred percent of your gifts to the Crescent Zakat Fund are distributed by the Social Services team at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, which meets one on one with patients and families to identify their unique needs, including:



Housing Stability. Your gift helps provide a safe and stable living environment for families during their child's treatment. Packard Children's Hospital has a wonderful relationship with the Ronald McDonald House (RMH), and our RMH of Palo Alto is the largest in the world. Yet there are still long waitlists, and local hotels can cost about \$400 per night.



Food and Nutrition. Your donation ensures that families have access to proper nutrition and essential utilities while focusing on their child's care. This support covers halal food and utility expenses.



Transportation and Connectivity. Support families in staying connected and present with their child during critical care. This includes assistance with transportation costs and phone services to keep them connected with their support networks.



Medical and Comfort Support. Your contribution helps provide necessary medical equipment for at-home care and brings moments of joy to children in treatment through small gifts and toys.



Spiritual Care. Donations to the Crescent Zakat Fund will allow our Spiritual Services team to purchase prayer rugs, Ramadan baskets, and other resources to bolster families and provide a sense of belonging as their cultural customs and religious observations are celebrated and respected in the hospital.



Funeral, Bereavement, and Burial Services. During the most difficult times, your support ensures that families have access to funeral, bereavement, and burial services, offering comfort and dignity in their time of loss.



Your donations at work

A 3-year-old girl whose family had recently immigrated from Pakistan to Central California was brought to Packard Children's Hospital for a stem cell transplant to treat a rare, life-threatening blood disorder. She was accompanied by her father, mother, and infant brother. For cultural reasons, it was very important that the family stay together during their daughter's treatment. Unfortunately, there is no funding available to house siblings while a patient is admitted, and the family was on a two-week-long waitlist for the Ronald McDonald House. They had nowhere to stay as a family.

The patient's social worker applied for a grant through the Crescent Zakat Fund to cover the cost of a hotel while they awaited their room at the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to generous supporters of the Crescent Zakat Fund, the patient's parents were able to be with both of their children during an incredibly difficult time.

Thank you for all you do to generously support Muslim patient families at Packard Children's Hospital. We are grateful for you!

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