FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

As a new year unfolds, we are pleased to share our reflections and accomplishments from 2018 with you in this annual report. 2018 was an important year for IARP, as we launched the largest humanitarian project in our nonprofit’s history, the “Books for Mosul Campaign,” and grew our People-to-People programs in response to rising Islamophobia and discrimination. The thread that has tied together all of this year’s growth is community. The inclusive, welcoming, and diverse community of IARP’s partners, friends, volunteers, is the heart of our organization. Thank you for joining us in 2018 and making all of our programs possible.

When our leadership first started discussing the “Books for Mosul” project, the campaign seemed daunting, if not impossible. How would IARP, a small nonprofit with a 2-person staff and modest budget, collect and send a container of university-level books from Minneapolis to Mosul? Where would the books come from? How would they travel over 6,000 miles by land and sea to our Iraqi friends who needed them? The answers came from our grassroots community, who not only gave their time to planning and logistics, but spent hours collecting, sorting, and preparing books for shipment.

Thanks to you, our community, we have sent a message of peace and friendship to Mosul that will not be easily forgotten. The resources we sent in 2018 will be used by generations of University of Mosul students in pursuit of knowledge to build a better life after the dark chapter of ISIS occupation.

As we celebrate this and our other achievements from 2018, we look forward to partnering with you for another exciting year building open communities between Minnesota and Iraq.

Sincerely,

Jessica Belt Saem Eldahr
Executive Director

Salam Murtada
Board Chair

IARP PROVIDED OVER 36 ACTIVITIES TO CONNECT AND ENGAGE OVER 41,774 IRAQIS AND AMERICANS.
2018 IMPACT
OF OUR COMMUNITY IN MINNESOTA + IRAQ

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE / BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

13 Gatherings of women’s friendship groups

3 Presentations to 350 at Minnesota Department of Health trainings

90 Attendees at Fall Potluck and Picnic

40,000 Attendees at the Festival of Nations

700 People at Minneapolis Sister City Day

IRAQI ART PROJECT / COMMUNITIES IN CONVERSATION

232 Audience members at 6 film screenings and discussions

Iraqi Voices Film Tour in Winona and Lanesboro
Planning underway to tour “Birds Sing Differently Here” Theater | Exhibit of Iraqi Kurdish Photographer Jamal Penjweny at Wisdom Ways

“During the year we learned of each other’s families, past history and shared dreams for the future. It has been a rich experience for me to get to know Iraqi women on such a close basis. The courage and commitment it takes to uproot family and move to an unknown country to make a safer, better future for your children is a concept that is difficult to comprehend from news and media sources. To hear personal stories and share experiences with these women makes this a much richer journey and one that has a deep impact for all. I am confident some of our connections will continue as we share resources and support each other’s future dreams.” — Women’s Friendship Group Participant
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**HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS FOR PEACE**

**CONNECTING MINNEAPOLIS AND MOSUL**

**JUNE**

University of Mosul library destroyed by ISIS

**MAR**

Blogger Mosul Eye launches call for book donations

**MAR**

IARP launches “Books for Mosul”

**SEP 17**

10,000 books and 5,000 glasses are shipped from Minnesota

**AUG 8**

IARP commits to help restock the library

**APR - AUG**

Staff and volunteers collect, sort, and prepare books for shipment

**NOV 25**

IARP’s container of books arrives at the University of Mosul
WHERE DID THE DONATIONS COME FROM?

70 INDIVIDUAL DONORS
From 18 different states and the US territory of Puerto Rico and Ontario, Canada

5 UNIVERSITIES
3 ORGANIZATIONS
2 COMPANIES
2 CHURCHES

20 FT SHIPPING CONTAINER, 10,000 BOOKS AND 5,000 GLASSES, WEIGHING OVER 16,000 LBS, 16 PALLETS

BOOKS IN THE FIELDS OF:

5,000 Reading glasses of assorted powers

IN THE MEDIA
• SHARE AMERICA
• THE NEW YORKER
• BUZZFEED
• WOMEN IN THE WORLD
• TWIN CITIES PIONEER PRESS
• PUBLIC LIBRARIES ONLINE
• ABC CHANNEL 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS
• MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE
• FOX 9 NEWS
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**PROGRAM INCOME**

**INDIVIDUAL GIFTS**
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