

### **CSR NEWS**



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### **Volunteerism at CCC**

# CCC Volunteers Contribute to the Feeding Program of the Egyptian Food Bank - Egypt

On two different days; November 24, 2019 and February 6, 2020, twenty CCC volunteers packaged 1,700 food boxes for needy families. The two volunteering activities were organized with the Egyptian Food Book which has a feeding program that provides food boxes to an average of 250,000 needy families per month. Through its feeding program, the Food Bank targets underprivileged people who are unable to work and earn an income. These cases vary between the elderly, orphans, widows and/or individuals suffering from chronic diseases. CCC volunteers felt proud and satisfied, in three hours of volunteering they helped 8,500 people. Junior Administrator, Fatma El Helaly said "it was simply amazing, I would love to take part in similar events in the future."





CCC Volunteers: 24/11 - Sara Mostafa, Fatma El Helaly, Hatem Saeed, Maha Doukanish, Aya Turk, Nancy Ammar, Noha Ahel Badawy, Muhammad Elwalily, Ashraf Ghobrial, Ahmad Refaat, Ahmad Hesham, Mohamed Gad and Sara Mahmoud.

06/02 - Basma Awaad, Noha Magdy, Reda El Gamal, Gamal Afify, Mohammad Ezz El-Deen, Marina Hennin and Amr Moselhy.

# Ghada Saoudi writes about her Volunteering Experience as a Computer Skills Tutor at the Social Hackers Academy

After spending five weeks teaching computer skills to refugee youths, Electrical Estimation Engineer, Ghada Saoudi wrote: "My experience with teaching computer skills to refugees was amazing. The program was the outcome of collaborative work between the Social Hackers Academy, Echo Hub and CCC. It aimed to reach refugees and give them the computer skills they needed in order to enhance their employment opportunities. Most of them do not have computers at home or have very limited access. Aside from living this awesome experience, I was most proud of the students I interacted with twice a week during the five- week training program. I was impressed by how motivated and how committed these students were to learning and building a better future for themselves and their families."



The Social Hackers Academy's aim is to educate social vulnerable groups in digital skills, and integrate them into the economic and social fabric of the society. Besides providing coding, web development and basic computer skills, it organizes career days with tech companies to introduce their graduates with potential employers. They have trained around 200 students and 18 of them have been placed in the job market, as developers. When asked about her volunteering experience Ghada said: "This experience taught me the spirit of giving and to serve with your heart. I felt I am making a difference and my vision to contribute to a better world became a reality! The strong ties we built and the rewarding experience were really priceless. Volunteering in education can make a big change, education opens opportunities, changes lives and powers our world! I would encourage my colleagues to consider volunteering; it is the best warm feeling in the world! Would I do it all over again? In a heartbeat!!"

#### CCC Volunteers in Qatar kick off 2020 with a Beach Clean up

On January 24, 2020 CCC volunteers and their families cleaned up Zakreet Beach. The activity was organized with the Doha Environmental Actions Project; an environmental volunteering NGO leading the effort to reduce plastic pollution and carry out beach cleanups in Qatar to restore their natural beauty. In just 3 hours the volunteers packed 75 bags of trash including plastic bags and bottles, glass bottles, wire ropes and fish nets. The activity was attended by the Qatari Minister of Municipalities and the Environment.



CCC Volunteers: Saji Khoury, Rashed Shawwa, Bassel Kanj, Hasan M. Naji Al-Jurf, Ziad Kanaan, Hassan Dakroub, Lueei Aljumaat, Jamal Salloum, Azhar Yasin, Adam Wakeford, Rajesh Kumar Namball, Hussein Hassan, Linu Daniel, Bhaygaraj Panicker, Patel B. Jigneshkumar, Joby Abraham Chooranoolil, George Sahyoun, Nizar Adris, Jacques Harb, Roberto Villaluz, Zulfiquer Ali Khan, S Naseem, Sreejith S L, Joseph, Rahim Bacha, Ahmad Dib, Maribel Nadal, Ramesh Babu Duggineni, Arun Vadivel, Mark W. Nunez, Solomon Ladaga, June Bool, Bernardo Estocapio, Joseph Tolentino, Saravanakumar Kumarasamy, Yajna Prasad Timilsina, Engelbert Valdoz, Sivakumar Ravichandran, Goudham Vijayaraghavan, Alfredo Batacan, Joel Ramada, Ayman Nadim, Nevah Torayno, Michillie Manzano, Ahmed Elhamrawy, William Biarcal, Edgardo Martinez, Sajid a.k. Shaikh, Gerald Guiling, Rafael Bolima Rivarez, Sathyan Mahadevan, Generoso Oraya, Mostafa Dib, Mohamed Salimi, Biraj Dhanwar, Hussain Ali and Imtiaz Ahmed.

### CCC Volunteers Bring the Christmas Spirit to a Children's Shelter Home – Athens, Greece



On December 13, CCC volunteers participated in the decoration of a children's shelter home located in Melissia; a north eastern suburb of Athens. The shelter home houses 23 children of various ages and social problems, and is run by the Smile of the Child; a voluntary, non-profit child welfare organization. In a few hours of their time and effort, the volunteers filled the house with Christmas ornaments, by decorating the children's rooms, the main living area, the playroom and the dining area. The volunteers brought the Christmas spirit, joy and warmth into the hearts of those less advantaged children who came home from school to find a joyful surprise.

CCC Volunteers: Tarek Hamid, Basma Alhusseini, George Chahda, Tasos Konstantellos, Paula Makris, Asimina Petropoulou, Maha Harb, Eleftheria Foundouli, Maria Kourou, Katerina Bavelis, Kheireddine Chahabeddine, Abdallah Yamin and Dimitra Ntalachani.

#### CCC Volunteers Brighten the Day of Orphan Children Kazakhstan

The more joy, encouragement and positive reinforcement orphaned kids are exposed to the better and brighter their future will be. On December 7, six of CCC's volunteers in Kazakhstan visited the Children's Village Youth House orphanage in Atyrau. The group of volunteers spent a couple of hours at the orphanage which houses 60 children of all ages, playing various games and singing with them. The volunteers also provided the kids with New Year gifts donated by CCC. Volunteering with children is a highly rewarding experience especially those who are vulnerable.

**CCC Volunteers:** Svetlana Yerseitova, Myrzabek Baktiyar, Yousef Hanafi, Aslanbek Nurbayev, Nursaule Shakhabayeva and Seilbek Karimov.



### CCC Volunteers Host School Students at Al Bustan North Project (BSNP) - Qatar



In coordination with the Palestinian School in Qatar, twenty 10th graders were invited to spend a few hours on the project site to listen to several site engineers about what civil engineering is and what it entails. The purpose is to expose and increase the student's knowledge and understanding of the engineering field and the stages of a construction project life cycle. This included a presentation about health and safety at work by the project's HSE Manager and training officer, as well as a site visit. The site visit was an interactive learning experience that enhanced the students' understanding about construction practices, and exposed them to a real-world experience of a construction project.

CCC Volunteers: Rashed Shawwa, Suhaib Amer, Aws Al Attar, Mohammad Seder ,Wael Ramadan, Ahmad Sharara, Ala Salem, Azhar Yasin, Shakeel Mohammad, Malcolm Holden and Rami Al Omari.



#### CCC Volunteers Against Hunger - Oman

On November 26, Accountant; Abeer Khamis, Civil Engineer; Ghassia al Rushaidi, and System Analyst; Afrah Al Zadjali from CCC's DMIA project in Oman, volunteered with Ata Taawon Volunteerism Group to package food supplies for distribution to 150 families in need. CSR's coordinator, Salah Halawani also volunteered his time to organize and oversee the volunteering action.

#### Al Jumail Beach Clean Up - Qatar



In cooperation with Doha Environmental Actions Project (DEAP), a group of 10 CCC Al Bustan Street North Project (BSNP) staff and their family members spent 30 hours to clean-up Al Jumail Beach. DEAP is a local volunteer initiative that includes residents of more 20 different countries and cultures gathering around the common goal of care and cleanliness of the local environment. CCC volunteers who were joined by other volunteers, collected more than 850 kilos of waste and trash including plastic bags and bottles, glass bottles, wire ropes and fishing nets from the coast line.

CCC Volunteers: Rashed Shawwa, Lueei Aljumaat, Rami Al Zomor, Ahmed Hassabu, Alaa Salem, Walid Mohamed and Waris Khan.

CCC is proud of its volunteers for their acts of kindness!

