



## Public Announcement from the Board Chair

### Honoring a Legacy, Lighting the Path Forward

Ten years ago, in the wake of unimaginable tragedy, *Our Three Winners Foundation* was born from an outpouring of love, faith, and determination to continue the legacies and values of **Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha**. Guided by their legacy of compassion, service, and resilience, the Foundation became a vessel for healing and impact — advancing dental relief for underserved communities and developing lasting solutions to address bias, discrimination, and hate in order to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Over the past decade, we have:

- Supported [Project Refugee Smiles](#), providing thousands of displaced people with free dental care
- Helped launch the [DYOR Clinic](#) in North Carolina, a free dental clinic serving refugees and underserved adults
- Funded research and storytelling initiatives to shift media narratives around Islamophobia, including supporting the award-winning documentary [36 Seconds: portrait of a hate crime](#)
- Supported [The Light House Project](#), which was created to support young Muslims in North Carolina after the tragedy by building a space of safety, belonging, and healing locally

Through it all, we have remained faithful to the principle of **sadaqa jariya** — the Islamic concept of ongoing charity that continues to benefit others long after the initial act of giving.

This year, as we mark a decade of impact, the Board of Directors has chosen to bring *Our Three Winners Foundation* into a new chapter: one that closes its doors in order to brighten its impact, further its mission, and live out the values of Deah, Yusor, and Razan in its work every day.

*Our Three Winners* is honored to announce two major gifts totaling **\$1.35 million**, awarded to:

- [The DYOR Clinic](#), to sustain and expand its mission of delivering free dental care to underserved communities.
- [The Light House Project](#), to strengthen its ongoing work empowering Muslim Americans to positively impact their communities and the world at large.

These gifts are designed not as an ending, but as an **enhancement** — investments in organizations that embody the values that defined Deah, Yusor, and Razan. Through them, our shared work will continue to uplift dignity, counteract hate, and serve humanity for generations to come.

As *Our Three Winners Foundation* formally dissolves, we do so with the blessings and support of the Barakat and Abu-Salha families for this new path forward. Together, we offer our deepest gratitude — for every donor, volunteer, and partner who believed in this mission and helped sustain it. Your generosity turned grief into growth, pain into purpose, and loss into legacy. Though our organizational chapter closes, the light of Deah, Yusor, and Razan endures — in every act of service, in every bridge of understanding, and in every effort to build a more just and compassionate world. Moving forward, we encourage you to support [The Light House Project](#) and [DYOR Clinic](#) with your donations as they continue to carry the legacy of Deah, Yusor, and Razan forward. The [Our Three Winners website](#) will remain as a living archive — a place to revisit the story, milestones, and impact of our collective efforts.

As for me, you can find me as a Senior Fellow at DYOR Clinic — carrying forward the same commitment to service, compassion, and justice that drives our fight against hate, and speaking out for the safety and dignity that Deah, Yusor, and Razan deserved.

With heartfelt thanks,



**Dr. Suzanne Barakat**

Board Chair, *Our Three Winners Foundation*

