



ABOUT THE FOUNDERS



AISHA KHADAR, born and raised in Sierra Leone, is a co-founder and the executive director of Khadarlis Global. With grandparents and parents heavily involved in philanthropy, Aisha is strongly instilled with the need to take care of people.

After graduating from the Freetown Secondary School for girls, Aisha moved to Rhode Island and attended Community College of Rhode Island.

Aisha was able to visit Sierra Leone after 11 long years of civil war. The devastation that plagued the country struck a chord with Aisha, leading her to co-found Khadarlis to alleviate some effects of the war. With a heart to help those in need, Aisha has helped expand Khadarlis' outreach to aiding the people of Rhode Island.



DARLIS JOHNSON, co-founder and president, is a visionary with a goal to do missionary work in Africa. Originally from New Brunswick, New Jersey, Darlis, has had a heart for humanitarian work since a young age.

As a child, Darlis always had a heartfelt connection Africa. Wanting to put her sentiments to action, Darlis met Aisha through Aisha's social media pages about her work in Sierra Leone. Together, they brought a container of supplies to Sierra Leone and began what is known today as Khadarlis Global.



KHADARLIS FACT SHEET

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- Khadarlis Global is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- Founded in 2007 by Aisha Khadar Desince and Dharlis Johnson
- Run entirely by volunteers
 - Currently, there are 30 active volunteers
 - Rhode Island
- Sierra Leone scope of work:
 - Public health, agriculture, solar electricity, water, housing, education
- Rhode Island scope of work:
 - Community outreach center, computer lab, expungement classes, service learning projects
- Current partners: Amos House, Crossroads RI, Good360, PINS/Family Service RI, Eastbay Community Action Pogrom, Tritown Community Action Program, CCAP, Goodwill, Sojourner House



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Mission

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Work in Rhode Island

Khadarlis is headquartered in the Elmhurst and Federal Hill districts of Providence. Now operating as a multi-service outreach center, Khadarlis has helped hundreds of residents move into new homes and recover from economic hardships and fire disasters by providing them with necessary tools.

Community Outreach Center

Khadarlis is partnered with community and state agencies to provide household goods and clothing to low-income and homeless Rhode Islanders.

Khadarlis collaborates with Good360, Family Service of Rhode Island, Partners in Service, Crossroads Rhode Island, East Bay Community Action, Goodwill, Providence Community Action Program, and Tri-Town Community Action Agency. Through these partnerships, Khadarlis receives donated items from stores like Bed Bath & Beyond and Home Depot where qualifying applicants can utilize vouchers to select up to six items to help them transition into their new residence.

Since its inception, the center has:

- Distributed over \$200,000 of in-kind donations to those in need between 2012 and 2013 (*NOTE: this doesn't include the clients who received help through donations to other agencies*)
- Rendered 288 services to Rhode Islanders between 2012 and 2014
- Served 251 individuals with bread (this program is currently in hiatus)
- Donated 170 coats and other winter clothing to Bannister House

Computer Resource Lab

Khadarlis runs a computer resource lab within the outreach center that provides free computer, Internet and telephone services to the local community. Children can use computers for school projects, and job seekers for employment applications. The computer resource lab is run entirely on donated PCs and Macs.

Expungement Classes

Partnering with the Roger Williams Law School, Nixon Peabody LLP and Pro-Bono Collaborative, Khadarlis works to help members of the community seal their criminal records and get back to work by holding expungement classes. Because having a criminal record on file can hinder people from finding jobs and becoming productive members of society, Khadarlis holds these classes not only to help seal criminal records, but to re-educate prior offenders on the importance of having a clean record.

Khadarlis has been able to hold expungement clinics four-to-six times per year. Since Khadarlis began holding expungement classes in 2013, there have been 14 successful cases with the program.

Service-Learning Projects

Khadarlis partners with Roger Williams University, University of Rhode Island, Bryant University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Brown University, and Johnson and Wales University to create community service projects (service-learning projects) with students. For these projects, students enrolled in certain courses at participating universities volunteer their time toward a specific project and goal relevant to the class they are in.

The projects provide opportunities for students to lead projects while simultaneously helping Khadarlis serve the local community and address specific needs. To date, Khadarlis has had over 20 service learning projects with local students. Projects ranged from fundraising to build wells in Sierra Leone to creating social media awareness campaigns.

Classroom to Classroom

Khadarlis is currently launching a pilot program called “Classroom to Classroom” at the Met School in Providence where one class will sponsor a class in Sierra Leone. Students in the Met School class will partner with students in Sierra Leone to write letters and classes will also donate school supplies to the Sierra Leone class to help further education in Sierra Leone while offering cultural exchange for both classes.



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Objective

Khadarlis’ goal in Sierra Leone is to reinstate civil infrastructure focusing on education, water sanitation, health care, agriculture, solar electricity and housing. The cities Khadarlis works with are Jimmi, Senehun, Kpawama and Bandajuma in the Bargbo Chiefdom in the Bo District.

Khadarlis enhances economic development through building and sustaining wells, building local community centers and schools, creating sustainable agriculture programs, and donating supplies to medical clinics in Sierra Leone.

Housing

Poorly constructed homes and a lack of economic stability force villagers to leave rural areas for overpopulated cities. Khadarlis works to bring the population back to their villages by improving existing housing and creating new homes with an overall goal to reinstate the agricultural lifestyle ingrained in Sierra Leonean culture.

As part of the initiative to rebuild towns, Khadarlis’s goal is to build at least two houses per year. To date, Khadarlis has built 17 houses in Sierra Leone. Each new home costs from \$1,200 to \$3,000 and shelters single or multiple families totaling up to 16 people. By building mud and cement houses, Khadarlis is able to bring people back from poverty in larger cities so they have a place to live when they start farming again.

Water

Contaminated water and poor sanitation cause 80 percent of diseases in Africa, killing more people each year than all forms of violence including war. To address the dire need for clean water, Khadarlis builds new wells and renovates damaged ones. Access to functioning wells enhances the functionality of transporting water to villages. Khadarlis’ goal is to build a minimum of one well per year with an overall goal of four per each town Khadarlis works with. Thus far, one well has been built in each of the following towns: Jimmy, Senehun, Kpawama.

Agriculture

Poverty and starvation plague the country as a result of population growth and civil war. To help alleviate starvation, Khadarlis fosters agricultural programs in villages to provide jobs, food and sustainability.

In 2008, Khadarlis launched a lunch program to grow vegetables in a dwindling garden utilizing built wells or other natural water sources. The garden ensured that villagers, especially children, received nutrient-dense food. The success of the lunch program prompted Khadarlis to further the initiative to an overall agricultural program to reduce hunger in various regions in Sierra Leone. As part of the agricultural program, Khadarlis sends supplies such as gardening equipment and fertilizer regularly to Sierra Leone.

In addition to building a successful agricultural program, Khadarlis also has a separate palm oil cultivation program as part of an effort to empower women. The cultivation and farming is done entirely by women.

Health Care

Khadarlis' public health program aims to prevent and manage diseases by promoting healthy behaviors through vaccinations, contraceptives and access to healthcare.

It is a law in Sierra Leone to have boys circumcised. As a result of this law, circumcisions are done with crude tools and unsanitary razorblades. Khadarlis distributes circumcision kits to health centers in the cities it works with to prevent infections and diseases from unsafe circumcisions. Khadarlis also delivers early intervention medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Aspirin, and first-aid kits to prevent infections and alleviate illness symptoms.

Khadarlis also renders other medical services such as prenatal and postpartum care, pediatric care, HIV and AIDS treatment and prevention, public health awareness campaigns, emergency response and prevention, and control of infectious and chronic diseases. To deliver these services by qualified professionals, Khadarlis works in partnership with local clinics in Jimmy and two clinics in Freetown. Executive Director, Aisha Khadar, is also a registered nurse and works in these clinics.

Education

Sierra Leone's social reconstruction poses many challenges, especially in the way of education reform. Although the number of children in primary education has increased since the end of

the civil war; in 2007, 25 to 30 percent of school-aged children were not in attendance. Khadarlis is adamant about strengthening and empowering education and actively works to bring educational supplies, such as standardized books, pens, pencils and notebooks, to these children to aid in learning.

Since its inception, Khadarlis has worked with schools in Jimmi to provide chairs, desks, tables and blackboards. Over 5,000 books were stocked in a school library in Jimmi with extras to stock another library in Senehun. Khadarlis volunteers have also worked in partnership with World Vision to create a computer center in Jimmi to provide IT training for teachers and senior students.

Electricity

Electricity in Sierra Leone's larger cities is generally unreliable and is nonexistent in rural villages. Khadarlis has addressed this need by donating an electrical generator to a boarding school at the Jimmi Government Secondary School in Jimmi, Sierra Leone.

In the city of Jimmi, Khadarlis has installed solar panels to illuminate the Jimmi Village Square. Solar panels can cost over \$1000 depending on their purpose, energy yield and dependence on surrounding structures. Ideally, the panels would be installed close to living areas.

The electricity project is currently on hold