

SABAA 2020 Accomplishments



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Dear Community Members:

The 2020 was one of the devastating years for the entire humanity due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Millions of lives across the globe have been lost leaving emptiness within survivors. The SABAA team relentlessly worked on several projects and events; and executed and delivered because of your genuine participation, generosity, and kindness. With all these considerations, we want to share with you the 2020 accomplishments summary which are listed below:

1. Collected and delivered **Winter Clothes Drive** for the Syrian refugees and homeless people in greater Sacramento area – January 2020.
2. Promoted awareness of **COVID-19 outbreak** by sharing important safety guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and the California State Government regarding wearing mask, hand sanitizing, and social distancing – March 2020.
3. Executed **COVID-19 Hardship Relief** project – April 2020.
 - SABAA and Humanity Beyond Barriers (HBB) collaboratively started the COVID-19 Hardship Relief project to help underprivileged people in Tangail, Bogura, and Rajshahi areas of Bangladesh. We raised a total of \$4,180 for this project to provide essential foods and medicines for one week. We delivered and distributed these essentials to a total of **730 needy families!**
4. Recruited High School and College Student Volunteers from our community to develop and enhance the existing website – June 2020.
5. Congratulated and recognized 2020 Graduates from our community for their achievements - preschool, kindergarten, primary school, middle school, high school, college, or university – June 2020.
6. Distributed 23 formal **“THANK YOU”** letters to donors expressing our gratitude for donations and being a part of the COVID-19 Hardship Relief project to help the underprivileged people in many rural areas of Bangladesh – June 2020.

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7. Promoted awareness in SABAA Facebook community to bring Solidarity, Justice, and Peace for the Black Americans and other underrepresented ethnic populations on systemic racism and marginalization – June 2020.
8. Executed **Flood Relief Bangladesh-2020** project – July 2020.
 - For this project we were able to raise \$2,140 to help flood victims of many parts of Bangladesh such as Kurigram, Sirajgonj, Ponchoor, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Chandpur, and other locations; we delivered and distributed dry food, drinking water, and cash for more than **400 needy families**.
9. Promoted awareness in our community member about a first female Bangladeshi-American candidate, Donna Imam, for US Congress from Texas! – August 2020.
10. Completed **California COVID-19 Masks** project – A few members of SABAA officials met with some of the administrative staff and distributed **3,450 Surgical Face Masks** to ten (10) different facilities - hospice, caregivers, homecare, and hospitals across California – September 2020.
11. Held **Consular Service** event for Bangladeshi Community in Greater Sacramento area to process Bangladeshi and US passports associated with dual citizenships, no visa requirements, passport renewal etc. – October 2020.
12. Shared recommended Voter Guidance for the **California 2020 Ballot Measures** to the community members to ease their voting process – October 2020.
13. **UCD Pediatric Cancer Care** – Raised funding for 5K walk and supported – October 2020.
14. Celebrated virtual **Bijoy Dibosh** – December 2020.
 - December 2020 Bijoy Dibosh brought local, domestic, and international professional artists and performers on the zoom platform. They were from Texas, Georgia, and Bangladesh along with local community guests and audiences to bring the excitement into this virtual platform.

Please check the SABAA website for detail updates of above highlighted projects and events including flood victims and COVID-19 impacted heart breaking pictures and news from a few areas of Bangladesh. We look forward to conduct SABAA businesses, events, and other projects for this year and the years to come with your continuous and sincere support.