

CRO-US 2024 Annual Report

In 2024, CRO-US continued its mission of serving needy communities through a series of impactful humanitarian, charitable, and cultural initiatives. Below is a summary of the key contributions and events undertaken throughout the year:

1. Humanitarian Support for Families in Need

Demonstrating our commitment to supporting displaced families, CRO-US funded the travel expenses of a family of three, enabling them to return to their homeland with dignity and safety.

2. Educational Support – Backpack Drive Initiative

CRO-US proudly participated in the annual Backpack Drive, helping to provide school supplies to children in need. Additionally, we joined efforts in recognizing and celebrating the achievements of 12 outstanding students in our community.

3. Medical Aid and Patient Support

In response to urgent medical needs, CRO-US covered the full cost of kidney dialysis for one patient and extended assistance to others requiring essential treatments. These efforts reflect our continued dedication to healthcare support within underserved communities.

4. Orphan Sponsorship Program

With great compassion, several (CRO-US members and non-members) took on the responsibility of sponsoring three orphans, covering their monthly living expenses to ensure stability and well-being.

5. Zakat al-Fitr Distribution

In the spirit of Eid, CRO-US successfully organized the distribution of Zakat al-Fitr, ensuring that aid reached those in need ahead of the holiday.

6. Community Recognition Event – Honoring Donors

In November, the CRO-US branch in New Jersey hosted a heartfelt evening event to honor the generosity of those who donated to support victims of the Türkiye earthquake. The tribute was well-attended by members of the Circassian community, reflecting our shared values of solidarity and service.

7- New members joined the organization

CRO-US Annual Plan

As part of our ongoing mission to strengthen community engagement and expand our humanitarian and cultural impact, CRO-US has outlined the following key objectives for the upcoming year:

1. International Representation

- Participate in the **CNA General Assembly Meeting** to be held in **Istanbul** on the **10/3-4/2025**

2. National Community Engagement

- Attend the **Annual Meeting of the Circassians of America** in **New Jersey**, fostering unity and collaboration within the diaspora.

3. UN Relations

- Continue efforts to obtain **consultative status with the United Nations (NGO)**, enhancing the organization's international standing and advocacy capacity.

4. Civil Society Outreach

- Expand collaboration with **American civil society organizations** to broaden our network and increase mutual support opportunities.

5. Public Relations Development

- Strengthen public relations strategies to improve community visibility and engagement.

6. Media and Communications

- Focus on enhancing the organization's **media outreach**, including social media presence and public communications.

7. Support for Education and Entrepreneurship

- Maintain coordination with the **Center** to provide support for **students** and **small-scale projects**, fostering long-term community development.

8. Medical Aid

- Continue providing **emergency medical assistance** to individuals and families in urgent need.

9. Orphan Sponsorship

- Sustain efforts in covering the **living expenses of orphans**, ensuring stability and care for the most vulnerable.

10. Community Event

- Organize a **year-end dinner event** in **New Jersey** to celebrate achievements and strengthen community bonds.

11. Zakat al-Fitr

- Continue collecting Zakat al-Fitr and distributing it according to the rules.

Conclusion

2024 was a year of meaningful action for CRO-US, marked by solidarity, generosity, and unwavering commitment to humanitarian causes. We extend our sincere gratitude to all volunteers, donors, and supporters who made these efforts possible.