

This is HEAL'S 2011 SOCCER CHAMPS Buffalo FC



Local stores on West side

Shawarma King
Mediterranean and Somali food
139 Grant Street
Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 883-0620

Somali Star
195 Grant St
Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 348-3711

JUBBA FOOD STORE AND TAILOR.
215 Forest Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 951-0189

Grant International Market Place
472 Grant street
Buffalo, NY 14213

WEST SIDE BAZAAR
242 Grant Street, Buffalo, NY 14213
716) 464-6389
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African Market
355 Grant Street, Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 882-8786

Hatimy Market
278 Grant Street Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 362-9813

Grant International Marketplace Store
283 Grant Street
Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 931-5564

Youth stories!

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for coming here. I would like to thank Mayor Byron Brown, Senator Antoine Thompson, and everyone who is taking part in this. I would also like to thank all the adults who made this event possible. Lastly, but not least I would like to thank the youth, the youth especially, Without the youth, this event wouldn't have been possible. They dedicated long hours to organize this event despite having exams, school, and etc. Thank You again! Now I will Proceed to my wish list!

Introduction

On September 20, 2000, I stepped off an airplane at the Baton Rouge International Airport, bewildered and exhausted from an awful 21-hour plane ride. Some 8,429 miles away from everything I knew, I stepped onto the unfamiliar ground of a new country looking forward to "The American Dream"

Somalia was a beautiful country with beautiful people, but the brutal bloodshed due to the Civil War since 1990 forced my family to emigrate in search for an education that would enable us to accomplish our future goals as

well as lead us to better lives and a sense of responsibility to give back to those who aren't as fortunate as we are.

Today, I am a place where I thought was impossible 8 years ago. However, I am still working towards my goals, and dreaming of a better future, for not only me, but for everyone who is seeking a brighter tomorrow.

My wish List

My dream is to be a doctor and to make a difference. I wish to help people, I wish to make people happy, and most importantly I want to feel good about myself. SO many ways to make yourself happy, but the joy of helping somebody else is better than anything else. Sometimes people don't have to ask for your help, you could always offer it.

I wish everyone could help each other. If everybody helped one person a day, maybe the world would be a much better place.

I wish to provide someone with a house to live in, or clothes to wear. Why should I live a life where I have so much, while others don't have any. How many people out there don't even have a drop of water?

I wish I could make a difference in this world. Making a difference in the Whole world is not important. I would like to make a difference in my own little world.

I would like to help those that I can and be thankful with that for now. If I could help one person ease their pain I would be very grateful. One at a time.

Sometimes that's all we can help. When I am no longer around I want someone to say, I remember her.

I wish others wouldn't judge me because I am different

I wish the differences in people were used only to Unite

I wish that Love could prevail throughout the world

I wish others would treat me the same

I wish stereotypes could just disappear

I wish there were no poor people on earth

I wish I could feed every dying Life

I wish that violence could be replaced with Peace

I wish..... There are so many wishes everyone has, but in order to fulfill those wishes, we must work towards achieving them. Heal International is working

**hard to achieve the dreams of Refugees, To give back to the people who they
once where.**

By HEAL Youth

Aisha Abdule

Growing up, I faced many hardships. My home country of Somalia was being ripped apart by civil war. There was constant danger of being killed but I didn't let that deter my education. After a few close incidents with deaths in my family, my mom decided to move us to America. We lived in Egypt for a year to get our Basic English and then moved to America. The English I learned in Egypt was nothing compared to that of America. In America, they spoke very fast and I could barely understand what I was hearing, but that didn't slow down my determination to learn and compete with so called "smart" people of America. Look how far I have come. I can not only compete with them but I can also out duel them.

Not only am I academically successful but also athletically. Academic-wise, I am a top of the class student and have consistent good grades. Athletic-wise, I was the captain of the soccer team last year, and a member of the basketball and baseball teams. I was also very involved in clubs. I was a member of Model UN, Math League, and was on Student Council my freshman and sophomore years.

I have the ability to rally up the team in search of a win and am a model of leadership in my clubs and classes. I do many hours of community service at my mosque by helping with maintenance, repairs, and filing. I consistently work to best of my ability and help out at special events.

Being born in a different country and not having what most kids had has played a big role on my life, my attitude, and the way I view people. I have a sense of respect towards people that I live by so I treat people better than they would treat me because being mean won't get me far in life, just closer to the grave. I have always treated my friends and teachers with the utmost respect and I always receive the same back.

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Qasim Abdule