

## The Lord Mayor's Office

26th March 2021

Ghulam Fareed 52 Fentham Road Aston Birmingham B6 6BB

Dear Ghulam,

Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq has drawn to my attention the wonderful work you have been doing as part of the Dawat-e-Islami's Welfare Team setting up food banks to support the lonely, old and vulnerable people in your community and keeping them fed during the current crisis.

He goes on to say that more than 4000 essentials supplies have been distributed to those affected by Covid, some of the most vulnerable and at risk in society; those shielding, those that tested positive and needed supplies, and those who suffered financial losses etc. You also signposted people to relevant departments and agencies for other support.

Furthermore, he says in the December 2020 school holidays you launched a campaign 'Tackling Holiday Hunger' working with some local schools providing essential supplies and food to families, as many families were struggling during that time.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks, this is essential work and must have made a real difference to the lives of those you have been supporting, you truly are a hero in these very challenging times.

I hope you; your family, friends and colleagues are keeping well.

Please accept my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Mohammed Azim Lord Mayor of Birmingham

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