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**ORLANDO MOVES TO INVEST IN BETTER FUTURES  
AT AGA KHAN FOUNDATION WALK ORLANDO**

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015.** On Sunday, September 20, 2015, approximately 1,600 Orlando residents moved to invest in long-term solutions to global poverty. The annual [Aga Khan Foundation Walk Orlando](#), an initiative of the [Aga Khan Foundation](#) (AKF) to raise awareness and funds for programs that work with communities around the world to build better futures, raised more than \$200,000. All of the net proceeds go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation.

The charity event attracted a range of local leaders and personalities, along with sponsors across the metro area including national sponsor, The Coca-Cola Company, eager to help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia improve their quality of life.

“When you look at the work of the Aga Khan Foundation,” observed Rasesh Thakkar, a leading investment manager in Central Florida at the event, “it is clear that this organization is grounded in the universal principles of love and a firm belief in a shared humanity, the collective family that we all are.”

The contributions raised at the Walk make a tremendous impact in creating locally driven opportunities for girls in Afghanistan to attend school, farmers in Mali to feed their families, and mothers in India to lead healthy lives. These are the cornerstones of a thriving community.

With 200 projects in 30 countries, Aga Khan Foundation cultivates deep partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, governments and community leaders to harness the best from people of all walks of life. Working with our partners, we make long-term commitments to innovative programs that improve the quality of life, from early childhood education to green space preservation. To learn more about what we do, visit [www.akfusa.org](http://www.akfusa.org).

To learn more about the event, visit <http://akfusa.kintera.org/orlando>.

Walk and Run events for Aga Khan Foundation will be held in at least 11 major U.S. cities this year. Since 1995, the Foundation’s activities including the annual Walk and Golf events have attracted nearly a half million participants and raised \$75 million for poverty alleviation projects supported by the foundation.

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a private, non-denominational, not-for-profit international development organization committed to alleviating poverty, hunger, illiteracy and poor health. The Foundation helps communities around the world to build better futures by creating institutions like hospitals, making long-term investments to the most innovative programs, and cultivating an active civil society. AKF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.

AKF is a member of the Aga Khan Development Network ([www.akdn.org](http://www.akdn.org)), one of the world’s leading poverty solutions networks, established by His Highness the Aga Khan. The Network empowers communities and individuals, often in disadvantaged circumstances, improve living conditions and grow opportunities. The Network’s agencies work for the common good of all citizens, regardless of their gender, origin or religion. Its underlying impulse is the ethic of compassion for the vulnerable in society.

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