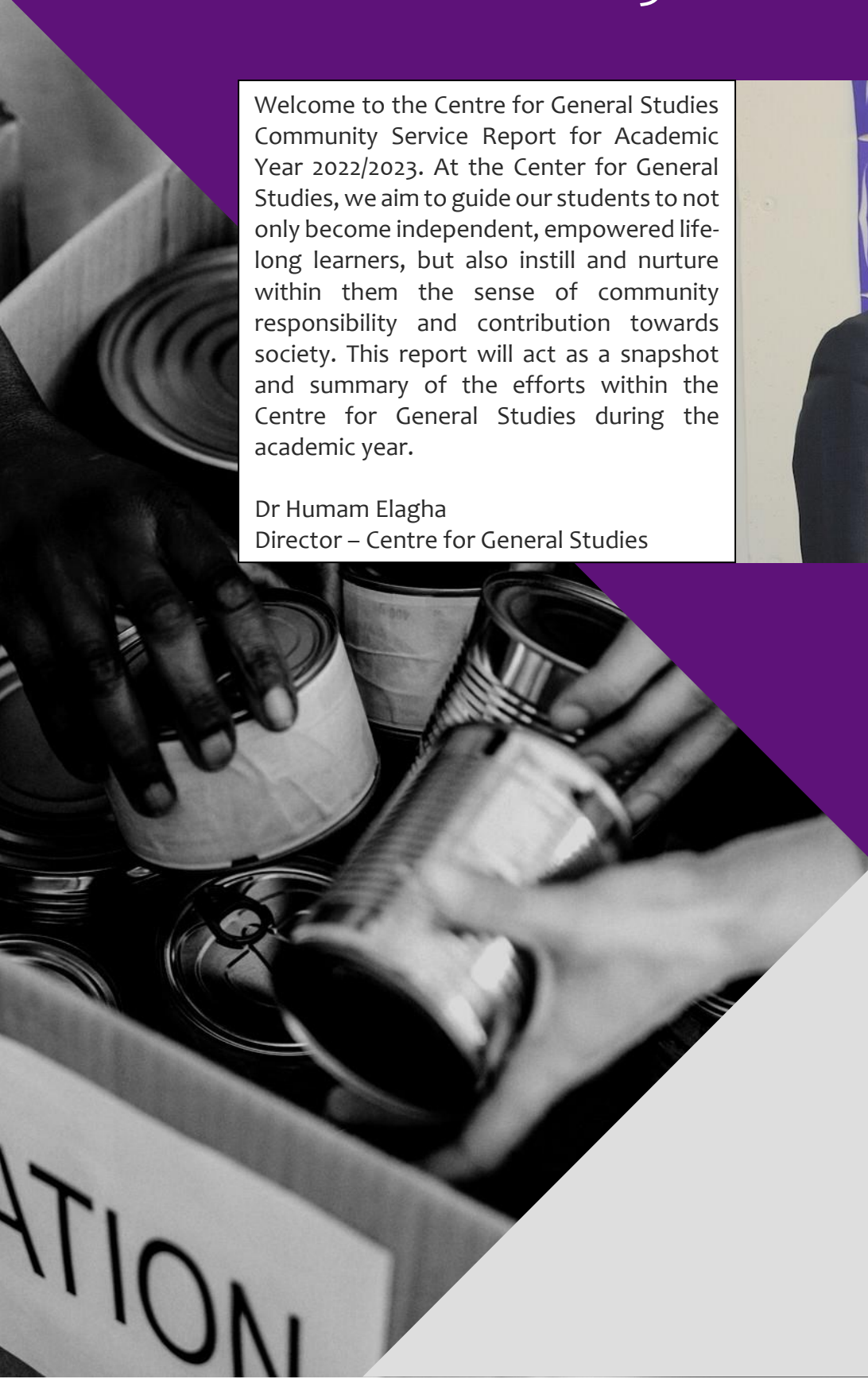



Royal University for Women Centre for General Studies Community Service Annual Report AY 2022-23

Welcome to the Centre for General Studies Community Service Report for Academic Year 2022/2023. At the Center for General Studies, we aim to guide our students to not only become independent, empowered life-long learners, but also instill and nurture within them the sense of community responsibility and contribution towards society. This report will act as a snapshot and summary of the efforts within the Centre for General Studies during the academic year.

Dr Humam Elagha
Director – Centre for General Studies



A black and white photograph showing a person's hands sorting through a cardboard box filled with various canned goods, likely food. The box has the word "DONATION" partially visible on its side. The person is wearing a striped shirt and a watch. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the food items.

The Centre for General Studies holds several community service activities per semester. These events involve the efforts of the faculty members within the Centre as well as support from various departments within Royal University for Women including the Office of Student Life, the Public Relations, the Administration and Facilities Management, as well as the colleges within the university that support and attend enthusiastically.

The Centre for General Studies offers Community Service LAR 138 as an option for students at the Royal University for Women across all colleges. The course explores how to create social change and impact through social service, evaluating community needs, what it means to be a good leader, and methods of advocacy.

Through service-learning, the students collaborate with a community service organization of interest, carry out community service work, and base projects on addressing the needs of that particular organization. Furthermore, we aim to develop students' research and analytical skills regarding community development and sustainability.

This report acts as a snapshot and summary of the efforts within the Centre for General Studies during this academic year 2022/23. CGS proudly shares some of the inspiring work done by CGS students in the LAR 138 (Community Service) course this AY. One of the aims in this course was to make our impact as meaningful and as wide as possible, and CGS is happy to report that over the past few months, CGS has touched so many different communities here in Bahrain and in KSA. CGS collaborated with 8 different organizations:

1. Al Noor Charity
2. Autism Therapeutic Equestrian Centre
3. Prince Sultan Center for Hearing and Speech Development
4. Charitable Association of Rheumatic Diseases
5. Smile of Bahrain
6. Dream Big
7. Tree of Life Charity
8. UCO Elderly Care

Al Noor Charity



Al Noor Charity is a charitable organization that caters to all the needs of families. Some of their services include distribution of gently used items like clothes and furniture, distribution of food, financial assistance for widows and orphans, and Islamic educational services. Over the past several months, students from the Community Service course (LAR 138) have worked with the organization in the following ways: Packaging donations to Turkey and Syria, organizing the library for the students and teachers of Islamic studies at the charity, preparing items to be sold for a cause in the organization's gallery, assist in administrative tasks like the approval/rejection of requests for financial assistance.



Autism Therapeutic Equestrian Centre

Autism Therapeutic Equestrian Centre is a horse stable with a focus on helping children with autism. More specifically, horses are used as a fun and engaging way to help improve the social interaction, communication, and behavior in children with autism. Students from LAR 138 worked at the stables for approximately 6 weeks assisting in teaching children how to ride and care for horses. There was also a special event for Gergaon that students helped organize.



Prince Sultan Hearing and Speech Development Centre

Prince Sultan Hearing and Speech Development Centre is an educational charitable organization that assists children who have cochlear implants, have hearing impairments, or who have speech difficulties. For 6 weeks, students in LAR 138 worked at the Centre, assisting teachers in creating fun and engaging activities for the children to refine different skills which will serve them well for life.



Charitable Association of Rheumatic Diseases

The Charitable Association of Rheumatic Diseases in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia provides a wide range of services to its beneficiaries including support for knee/joint replacement services, distribution of medications to rural populations, and facilitation of physiotherapy programmes for those in need. Over the past several months, students in LAR 138 have worked closely with the organization and assisted in all areas of its day to day operations including communicating with beneficiaries and donors, scheduling physiotherapy and surgery appointments, filing documents, and assisting in the authorization process to dispense and distribute medication.



