

Hands on Stamps: Iran—Helping Hands

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TO HELP MEANS TO ASSIST somebody, to be useful to somebody, and to make it easier for somebody to do something. These meanings are demonstrated by hands on some Iranian stamps (Figs. 1–3).



FIGURE 1: A child's hand holding an adult's hand. The stamp was issued in 1967 to introduce the Children's Village in Iran. The concept was adopted from the Austrian S.O.S. villages for homeless children. Iran—Children's Village, Scott Catalogue # 1450, Day of Issue: September 14, 1967, Value: 8 rials.



FIGURE 2: This stamp was issued on the 30th anniversary of Iran's Royal Organization of Social Services in 1976. The subject of the stamp is the national celebration of benefaction. It shows a young and strong hand holding an old and weak hand. Iran—Anniversary of Social Health Organization, Scott Catalogue # 1898, Day of Issue: May 10, 1976, Value: 2 rials.



FIGURE 3: This stamp shows hands encompassing the concept of family and protecting old and handicapped people. The subject of the stamp is Welfare Week in 1987. Iran—Welfare Week, Scott Catalogue # 2276, Day of Issue: July 17, 1987, Value: 15 rials.

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