



2022–2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Working
Together
for our
Community



ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER HOUSTON

Over 50 Years of Service

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Executive Director's Message

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Bismillah ir Rahman ir Rahim. All praises be to Allah, and may His blessing and peace be upon Prophet Muhammad and upon his family and companions.

I thank Allah for the blessings He has given to our community and I want to thank the Houston community for their united efforts in volunteer time, donations, dua’s and their efforts in serving the community through ISGH. May Allah reward each and every one of you.

It is both an honor and a pleasure to present the ISGH Annual Report 2022-2023. The community impact as shown in the reports from the committees, Islamic Centers, and schools is overwhelmingly positive. The Islamic Centers are growing in musalleen attendance. Weekend Islamic Schools, Quran Classes and Quran Academy attendance is up. Dawah events, Prison Dawah visits, and Quran distributions have increased substantially. Masjid expansion projects are ongoing. Youth programs are growing both at the Islamic Center level as well as city-wide. Collaborations with International organizations for distributions of food, Qurbani, and care package are at a level never seen before. Our full-time Islamic Schools are reaching maximum capacity and or have waiting lists for future students. School construction projects have begun, including the Brand Lane expansion and the \$2.3 million property purchase for the Ilm Academy at Spring Branch.

In December of 2022, ISGH opened a fully staffed 2nd office strictly for Zakat Financial Assistance, giving easier walk-in access to our largest recipient zones. On the international front, the ISGH community united together and collected \$640K in funds for the Turkiye/Syria earthquake relief effort. Currently we are focussing on the Morocco Earthquake and Libya Flood relief needs.

Lastly, I want to thank our Shura and Executive Body for their leadership in continuous organizational improvement, and our Associate Directors, Area Representatives, and ISGH staff for their dedication and hard work.

With Appreciation,

Roger Yelton



Roger Yelton
ISGH Executive Director

ISGH Executive Body

Ayman Kabire
President

Bassel Choucair
Vice President

Faizan Atiq
Treasurer

Abul K Azad
General Secretary

Vision and Mission



Mission

*Transform our community through **visionary leadership** that nurtures Islamic development.*

Vision

To provide religious and social services to all Muslims and to provide channels of understanding and communication between Muslims and the Houston community in general. We aim to live our vision by providing a variety of services that range from educational, charitable, social, and religious.



Acknowledgement & Appreciation



Top: Day of Dignity in partnership with Islamic Relief USA



Our Volunteers

The progress and expansion of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston has been made possible by the special favor of Allah (SWT) and through the generous financial and moral support of our own blessed community. Every year, hundreds of Muslim brothers and sisters contribute voluntary services for the community, amounting to thousands of man-hours. From food distributions to emergency relief efforts, our volunteers are there with us. We are grateful for this support and appreciative of the time and dedication. May Allah (SWT) bless and reward them. Ameen.



"Every year, hundreds of Muslim brothers and sisters contribute voluntary services for the community"

Left: Volunteers helping with the ISGH Cemetery Landscaping.



Senior Recognition

ISGH centers held the second annual Special Recognition event to recognize our Seniors in the community and appreciate their history of participation, leadership, mentorship, and journey in Islam.



Youth Recognition

Second annual Youth Recognition Night was held at ISGH centers to honor and celebrate all of our youth. We appreciate the dedication and bright ideas that all of our youth bring.

20 Islamic Centers



1,864 Islamic Weekend School Enrollment

582 Quran Class Enrollment

217 Hifz School Enrollment



125 Shahdahs



165 Nikkahs



Community Services

- Food Distribution
- Ramadan Iftar Distribution
- Food Pantry
- Turkey-Syria Earthquake Relief
- Qurbani Meat Drive
- Hygiene Kits for the Homeless
- Clothing Drive
- Election Polling Stations
- Self Development Workshops
- Pre-Marriage Counseling Workshops



Dawah and Outreach

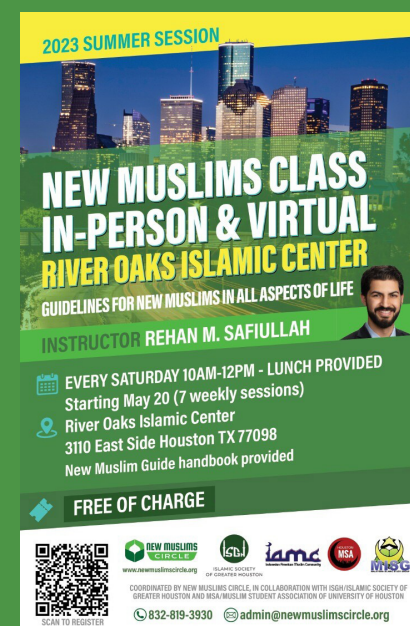
The ISGH Dawah Committee, which includes each of the ISGH Islamic Center Dawah Secretaries, continues to operate with five sub-committees; **General Dawah, Mail, Prison, Interfaith, and New Muslims Support.** Brochures of various topics are printed for distribution, as are Qurans. In March, a driven Prison Dawah set forth bringing Qurans, Ramadan dates and Iftar to incarcerated Muslims along with educational sessions. Today, the visitation program continues every weekend (isgh.org/prison dawah).

The Interfaith Program includes involvement with other faith organizations in community activities to increase awareness through dialogue and education. Many events have been held and or planned, including gift baskets for neighbors, Masjid tours for non-Muslims, community garden projects, and an open house Q&A that would include dinner.



New Muslims Class

In late 2022, a collaboration was formed with New Muslims Circle to enhance and continue the year round ISGH program for new reverts, which was started years ago at the River Oaks Islamic Center. This class can be attended in person and is also offered online (isgh.org/new-muslims-class).



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Central New Muslims Class Enrollment
(Fall, Spring, and Summer)



2,450 Qurans Distributed



51 Prisons Regularly Visited

3,862 Eid Meals for Prison Inmates



Community Education

**ISGH**
Institute for Spirituality and Health

TRANSFORMING TRAUMA
SELF CARE RESOURCES WORKSHOP



FOR BROTHERS & SISTERS 18YRS+
Workshop will be in English & Farsi

SAT | 02.25.23 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM

**ISGH ASSISTANCE OFFICE**
10333 Harwin Drive, Suite 245, Houston, TX 77036

REGISTER WITH QR CODE OR GO TO
TINYURL.COM/TRANSFORMTRAUMA

Transforming Trauma Workshop

ISGH in collaboration with Institute for Spirituality and Health, held multiple one-day Transforming Trauma & Self Care workshops. The workshops were provided in English, Urdu, and Farsi. They were held at Masjid Abu Bakr and ISGH Zakat Office.

**IMPacts**
Inspiring Motivating Productive

Your life has changed and we are here to support you in this difficult time.



Lahiqoon - Our Widow Program
Our goal is to provide support for widows in the initial mourning period.

We recognize our sisters will need additional support and empowerment. We offer referrals to An Nisa as needed!

Please contact us:
info@impactsyou.org | 281-572-0798

We will soon join you. You have gone ahead of us and we will follow.

Lahiqoon Our Widow Program

ISGH partnered with IMPACTS - Inspiring Motivating Productive Acts and An-Nisa Hope Center for Lahiqoon - Our Widow Program, a program to help women during the initial mourning period. This program is to provide support for widows during the difficult time and give them empowerment. Printed information cards were provided to ISGH Funeral Homes for visitors.



We understand your independence and empowerment is important! We have programs that will help educate, uplift and transform you!

Please contact us:
info@annisa.org | 832-324-9111

**An-Nisa**
Educate. Empower. Enrich.

We have programs designed to help you!



Central Construction

The Central Construction Committee is responsible for Project Design, Planning and Progress. Key process improvements of ISGH CCC are in progress:

- Set up design vendors to be masterplans across communities.
- Process around bids and vendor approval.
- Trying to hire a field superintendent to supervise day to day construction activities.
- Inducted a new member experienced in green-field development of projects.

Over the course of the year, 15 projects were either started or completed as reported under the Islamic Centers reports. Perhaps one of the most significant projects is the Waller Musallah which had its groundbreaking ceremony this summer (isgh.org/waller). The Waller Musallah will cater not only to the Waller community, but also to those at burials who will have a place to pray and even hold janazah services.



**ISGH**
Islamic Society of Greater Houston presents


Ramadan Ready INTENSIVE
WITH SCHOLARS & IMAMS OF HOUSTON

2-DAY INTENSIVE

FRIDAY 03.10
MAGHRIB UNTIL 9:30PM
MASJID AL-SALAM
(Champions Islamic Center)
16700 Old Louetta Rd
Spring TX, 77379


SATURDAY 03.11
MAGHRIB UNTIL 9:30PM
MASJID MARYAM
(Maryam Islamic Center)
504 Sartartia Road
Sugar Land TX, 77479


Refreshments will be served

**ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER HOUSTON PRESENTS**

January's FATWA NIGHT
Friday, January 27th | After Isha
Pearland Islamic Center
1530 Garden Rd. Houston, TX 77581

Q&A FOR THE COMMUNITY
Come join us for a night to gather insight and knowledge with ISGH's Fatwa Council - Darul Iftaa members, Sh. Salah Al Sawy and Sh. Basem Hamid.

**Shaykh Salah Al Sawy**
Chair, ISGH Fatwa Council

**Shaykh Basem Hamid**
Member, ISGH Fatwa Council

**Mosjid Aqsa**
KATY ISLAMIC CENTER

Family Night
How to Strengthen Family Relations?

Saturday, December 10th
After Isha at Masjid Aqsa (Katy IC)
2810 Saddlehorn Trail, Katy, TX 77494

**Shaykh Tauqeer Shah**

**Imam Ahmad Khan**

**Qari Muawia Bin Khalid**

ATTEND ON-SITE OR WATCH ONLINE
fb.com/isgh/live youtube.com/isgh50

**ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER HOUSTON CELEBRATES**

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
Our respected African American Khatibs will be visiting the scheduled mosques and will share their insights on the Islamic History in America. Join us at the centers below!

This Week's Khatibs **Friday, Feb 17th**

**Imam Abdullah Rasheed**
Masjid Bilal - 1:30PM
1818 Aker Road
Houston TX, 77067

**Imam Asim Sharif**
Masjid Al-Mustafa - 1:30PM
7725 Coventry Park Dr
Houston TX, 77064

**Imam Dr. Wazir Ali**
Masjid Al-Taqwa - 1:30PM
8048 Sylvest Road
Sugarland TX, 77478

**Imam Jilhad Muhammad**
Masjid Hameza - 1:30PM
6233 Tree Lakes Dr
Houston TX, 77061

**Imam Hanif Khalil**
Maryam Islamic Center - 12:30PM
516 Sartartia Road
Sugarland TX, 77479

**Imam Ahmad Shaheed**
Wilcrest Musallah - 12:30PM
12446 S Wilcrest
Houston TX, 77099

**Imam Tyerre El-Amin**
Pearland Islamic Center - 1:30PM
1920 Gordon Rd
Pearland TX, 77581

ISGH Community Programs

ISGH provided consistent educational programs for the community. During Ramadan, a special Ramadan Ready Intensive was held with scholars and Imams of Houston. Monthly Fatwa Nights and Family Nights continued at rotating ISGH centers. For Black History Month, African American khatibs were invited to masjids to share thier insights on the Islamic History in America.



Youth Programs

Since the post COVID reestablishment of the ISGH Youth Leadership Committee in 2022, the leadership has grown with more youth representatives appointed by participating masjids. In February of 2023, the ISGH Youth Sisters and Brothers held individual meetings with subcommittees to share information, local programs, and ideas. As would be expected from our sisters, they organized and held a **Sisters Gala at the Hamza Event Hall with over 300 in attendance.**



Getting back to work, at the onset of the Turkey-Syria earthquake crisis, the ISGH Youth Leadership sprang into action and organized a **city-wide donation drive.** This included hands-on sorting, organizing, packaging, labeling and delivering items to the Turkish Consulate and Helping Hands. The youth leadership continues to meet monthly to share activities, challenges, and lessons learned.



isghsportsleague.com



ISGH Youth Sports League (Sisters and Brothers)



November marked the end of the ISGH 2022 Fall Basketball Season, but not before holding the Fall Tournament. Medals and trophies were awarded along with flyers circulating to build support for the youth and league. During the off-season, Masjid Al-Salam sponsored a December school break tournament with four masjids participating. Lots of fun and pizza to enjoy. March 18th brought the end of the 2023 Spring Season and another exciting tournament was held at

Masjid Hamza. Vending with hot dogs, fries and nachos made it a perfect day. Al-Salam sponsored an off-season tournament of six masjids, that was held after Taraweeh with food trucks to serve participating youth. August 13th brought a close to our 2023 Summer Season and another tournament. The ISGH Basketball League has seen tremendous growth with now **over 15 teams and 140 plus players.**



Job Networking



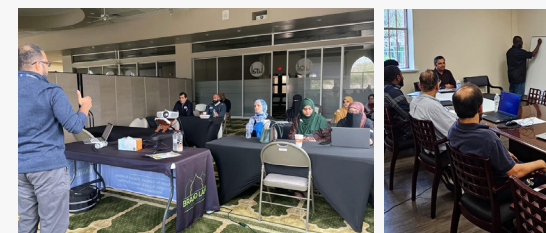
50+ Volunteers

8 City-wide Programs



5,000 Community members networked through email, social media and onsite programs since 2018.

900 Community Members Served in 2022/2023



Job Networking continues to endeavor towards making a bigger impact to serve the local community. As professional networking remains the most important way to secure job leads, our program continues to make strides towards increasing our visibility, outreach, and viability as a networking source for our community. We have expanded our educational program and network by partnering with many masājid and organizations across the Greater Houston Area.

Our flagship class, Workplace and Conversational English, continues to be a success. We also offer the most successful and popular of the technical classes such as SQL, Python and many others. Recently we added Microsoft Excel, Computer Networking, and PowerPoint to our roster and hope to add more where value is seen. Programs include Resume and LinkedIn Sessions, College Application Workshop, College Prep, Youth SAT, Adult Resume, Youth Career Path and Basic Computer Skills. In collaboration with the ISGH Sisters Committee, we have also scheduled MicroSoft Office Workshops in Aqsa, Synott, Woodlands, Maryam, Hamza, and Champions Masjids.



Khutbahs and Khateebbs are our flagship in sharing knowledge with the community.

1,664 Khutbahs

ISGH has 20 centers in its rotation and currently oversees 2,028 khutbahs every year (36 weekly) with a roster of approximately 120 khateebbs coordinated by a committee. This is an immense program managed by few. Beyond the khutbahs, the committee manages a Khutbah Depository, multiple annual training sessions, and quality control through post khutbah evaluations.

36 Khutbahs Weekly

120 Total Khateebbs

322 Khutbah Feedback Submissions

Funeral and Cemetery

ISGH facilitated 208 funerals through July 2023 via our two funeral homes (Hamza and Bilal). Additionally, we conducted 122 burials at the ISGH cemetery, bringing the total number of graves at ISGH Cemetery close to 500.

We invested in a new funeral home van as part of our commitment to continually improving our funeral services. This acquisition has bolstered our fleet, enabling us to enhance our transportation capabilities.

Emphasizing community engagement and the importance of a well-maintained cemetery, we organized a successful landscaping event. This event brought together over 70 community members, volunteers, and kids to beautify the cemetery grounds. Through collective efforts, we planted flowers, bushes, and other decorative plants, enhancing the landscape and creating a serene and inviting space for visitors and families.

Over the year, we planted 150 trees within the cemetery premises to enhance the beautification of the cemetery grounds. These trees will eventually provide shade for years. We also installed a modern sprinkler system that optimizes water usage, efficiently maintaining the landscape and preserving its beauty. This installation includes 12 water spigots for visitors across phase 1 development area of the cemetery.

Currently, we are working on building walkways to facilitate movement for visitors. These walkways will provide a safe and comfortable path and prevent people from stepping on the graves. We are also installing a comprehensive security camera system as part of our ongoing commitment to

ensure a secure environment. With this report, we are pleased to announce the groundbreaking of the Waller Masjid, which is being built in front of the cemetery grounds.

Lastly, we have embarked on an ambitious project to construct **Abu Bakr Masjid Funeral Home**, a significant milestone that will expand and enhance our funeral services for the community (isgh.org/funeralhome).



Number of Funerals	2022	372
	2023 (YTD)	236

Number of Burials 202 (2022) 140 (2023 YTD)

502 Burials in ISGH Muslim Cemetery



Financial Assistance Services

With the numbers of qualified recipients increasing and funding being 16% less than that in 2022, we have made the decision to lower the average amount given so we can cover the additional applicants, not turning away anyone who qualifies.

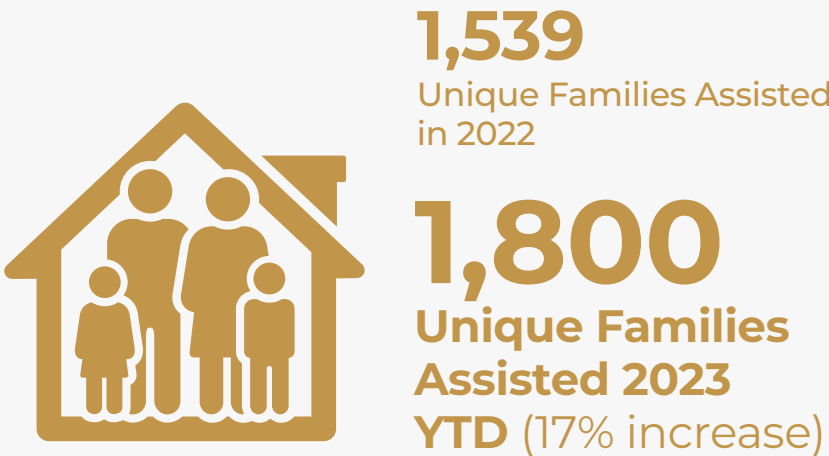
In 2022, ISGH provided Zakat and Sadaqa assistance to an average of 636 families per month and in 2023 that number **has now increased to an average of 765 families per month**. The increase in recipients is still driven by the resettlement of Afghan refugees and a significant increase in new non-refugee applicants. Al Hamdu Lillah we received a \$436K grant from the federal government. Strategically in 2022, ISGH opened a 2nd office located off Harwin close to our most populated recipient area, which has easy access by bus and is strictly for Zakat Assistance. We now have seven dedicated zakat employees.



571 Average Number of Families Assisted Monthly in 2022

Each Month
765
Average Families Assisted Monthly in 2023 YTD
(34% increase)

- Food
- Rent
- Utilities
- Critical Needs
- Education
- Transportation Costs



Our Partners in Community Service

By working together, we can raise the impact, both within our community and internationally. ISGH ensures volunteers, recipient registrations and Masjid facilities are ready for distribution and resource support.

Making an Impact Together



University of Houston Muslim Student Association

UH Muslim Student Association and ISGH are in the 3rd year of partnership with ISGH sponsoring the Chaplaincy Program, which provides mentorship for young brothers and sisters, lectures, and Khutbahs



LIFE Relief USA

Life Relief USA and ISGH in 2 collaborations worked together to distribute during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha:



200

Ramadan Food Boxes Distributed to those in need



240

Qurbani Meat Distribution - Families Served



Islamic Relief USA

Islamic Relief and ISGH in 4 collaboration events packaged and distributed items for those in need:



1,000

Food Boxes for those in need

1,040

Qurbani Meat Distribution - Families Served

1,000

Day of Dignity recipients of Wellcare services & distributions



Multi Cultural Center (MCC)

The Multi-Cultral Center (MCC) and ISGH for the 2nd year have partnered in the "Hunger Truck Program, Muslims Giving Back" with ISGH sponsoring food costs, serving various communities across Houston.



Minaret Foundation

Minaret Foundation, The Houston Food Bank, ISGH and other faiths came together during National Hunger Awareness Month under a "Competing for Goodness" campaign, a food drive to support the Houston needs.



ISGH'S ANNUAL SHARE THE KHAIR

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

Zakat funds donated online or in-person any time during this day will go half to partner organizations for overseas relief efforts.

ALL ISGH CENTERS

Causes Supported: Relief work in Syria, Yemen, Horn of Africa, Pakistan, and India

This is for Zakat Only.

DONATE TO ISGH.ORG/ZAKAT

Share the Khair

Helping Hands USA
Pure Hands Inc.
Amoud Relief & Development

Syrian American Medical Society
Indian Muslim Relief & Charities

\$51,043 Total Raised





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Qurbani Meat Distribution - Families Served

1,000

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Dar-us-Sakina

Dar-us-Sakina and ISGH continued the partnership, with Dar-us-Sakina providing 13 certified "Special Needs" teachers within the ISGH Weekend Islamic Schools. This partnership has allowed 75 students the equal opportunity to learn with their peers.

13 Certified Special Need Teachers 75 Students Served



INCLUSION REVOLUTION

unleashing the power of DIVERSITY

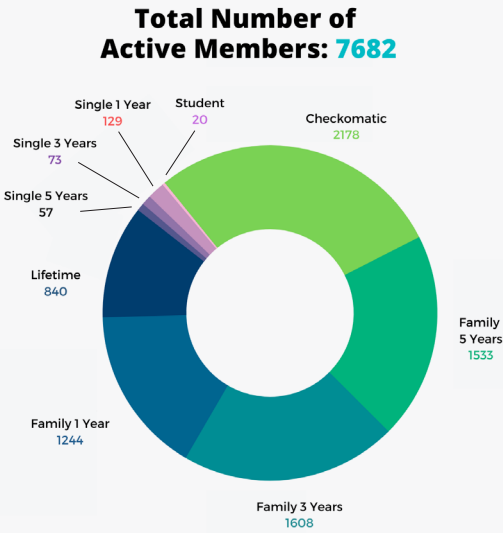
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Membership

This year the membership team focused on increasing new membership by working with local masjid membership secretaries, and having membership drives on Fridays and during special events. We saw an increase of inquires about membership and benefits.

As in previous years, we continued our membership campaign, and made sure members had information on how to access the membership portal and update their information.



ISGH 2023 MEMBERSHIP

BECOME A MEMBER

By becoming a member you are investing in your community! Be a part of positive change and join today!

Sign up by Friday, June 30th for 2023 voting rights:
isgh.org/membership

YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS

- Full-Time Islamic Schools
- Free Shifa Health Clinics
- Low cost Funeral Service for Members (\$2500)
- Job Networking
- Prison Dawah Activities
- Youth Activities & Programs
- Member-only Access to the Portal
- Communication About Citywide Programs & Events
- Nikkah Services
- Financial Aid and Support
- Dawah & Interfaith Activities
- Student Volunteer Opportunities

Your voice determines the direction of the organization!

Questions? Contact us at membership@isgh.org or (713) 534-6615 ext 108



Islamic Institute of Knowledge (IIK)

IIK, a subsidiary of ISGH, publishes and distributes English translations of “Al-Qur’an - the Guidance For Mankind” and other publications such as “What is Islam? Who are the Muslims?”, “As-Salat - the 2nd Pillar of Islam” Al-Zakat Software, Al-Qur’an audio and Al Wasiyyah software for the preparation of “wills”.



Our distribution effort reaches 23 plus countries from our publishers in Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Pakistan.

The goal is to convey the Message of Allah in complying with the Mission of our beloved Rasool Allah Sullalaho Alaihi Wa Sullum of conveying Allah's Message to the whole of mankind.

Our Islamic Schools



Under the umbrella of ISGH, the Islamic Education Institute of Texas (IEIT) continues to grow its physical footprint and the student population served by its full-time Islamic schools and Quran Academy Programs. The ILM Academy has acquired an additional property for \$2.3 Million to meet the increasing demand for enrollment This will enable it to double its student enrollment in the Early Childcare Center (ECC) and Montessori classes, as well as open multiple classes per grade-level in elementary school. The Everest Academy has received the town of Stafford’s special use permit (SUP) approval for the master plan including the \$4 Million School expansion and Gym Project. Darul Arqam Academy North has formed a construction committee and is updating its plans for facility expansion. DUAA-N also achieved 1st position in the National MIST Competition and graduated its 15th High School Class. The Houston Peace Academy (HPA) has tripled its student population from two years ago and is planning to reach the pre-2018 level. HPA is also working on its plans for facility expansion.



School Masjid-Location Program/Grades

	School	Masjid-Location	Program/Grades
1	Darul Arqam Academy-North	Adel Road-Houston	Pre-K to 12 th
2	Darul Arqam Academy-SE	HWY 3-Clear Lake	Early Childcare to 3 rd
3	Everest Academy	Brand-Lane-Stafford	Pre-K to 10 th
4	Houston Peace Academy	Old Louetta, Champion	Early Childcare to 6 th
5	ILM Academy	Conrad Sauer-Houston	Early Childcare to 8 th

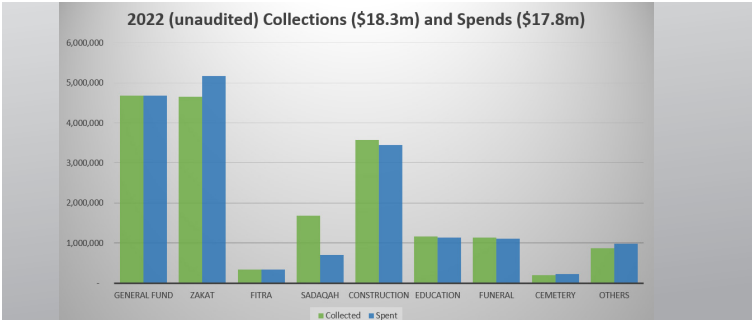


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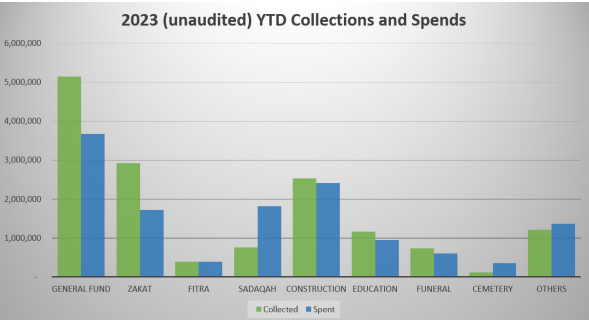
Alhamdulillah, another beautiful year has passed, and we can’t thank Allah enough for the blessings that He has bestowed upon all of us, the Houston Muslim community and your beloved organization, the Islamic Society of Greater Houston. As you continue to read through my report, you will notice how all of you have continued to have confidence in the organization and supported it financially.

Alhamdulillah, with Allah's blessing and your support, we have continued to surpass previous years' collections and disbursements. Our collections and disbursements in 2022, surpassed those of previous years, reinforcing that our community continues to have confidence in ISGH, it's leadership and the impact that it has in the community through our various programs. We collected a total of approximately \$18.3m in donations for our various funds, a 19% increase over our 2021 totals. Similarly, we grew in our disbursements totaling \$17.8m compared to \$13.4m in 2021. This was driven not only by the expansion of the organization’s activities but also by the huge increase in the **financial assistance needed** in the community.

Funds	2022 (Unaudited)	2022 YTD Percentage Allocation	2021 (Audited)	2021 YTD Percentage Allocation
General Fund Collected	4,682,664		4,746,333	
General Fund Spent	4,686,909	100%	4,559,554	96%
Zakat Collected	4,648,340		2,529,457	
Zakat Spent	5,168,891	111%	1,640,271	65%
Fitra Collected	346,292		300,064	
Fitra Spent	346,292	100%	300,064	100%
Sadaqah Collected	1,688,631		1,312,427	
Sadaqah Spent	707,421	42%	280,143	21%
Construction Collected	3,571,884		3,721,775	
Construction Spent	3,442,201	96%	3,579,775	96%
Education Collected	1,160,562		771,581	
Education Spent	1,134,524	98%	646,052	84%
Funeral Collected	1,138,856		1,310,602	
Funeral Spent	1,113,956	98%	1,064,045	81%
Cemetery Collected	200,372		424,410	
Cemetery Spent	229,426	115%	1,023,275	241%
YTD Collected	18,304,098		15,459,772	
YTD Dispensed	17,808,730	97%	13,399,128	87%



Funds	YTD 2023 (January - August) (Unaudited)	2023 YTD Percentage Allocation
General Fund Collected	5,153,682	
General Fund Spent	3,670,995	71%
Zakat Collected	2,923,348	
Zakat Spent	1,719,232	59%
Fitra Collected	387,182	
Fitra Spent	387,182	100%
Sadaqah Collected	756,766	
Sadaqah Spent	1,822,255	241%
Construction Collected	2,533,294	
Construction Spent	2,417,777	95%
Education Collected	1,165,563	
Education Spent	953,062	82%
Funeral Collected	735,352	
Funeral Spent	605,530	82%
Cemetery Collected	113,166	
Cemetery Spent	351,829	311%
YTD Collected	14,985,206	
YTD Dispensed	13,297,415	89%



Financial Assistance

As the community knows, ISGH has been working to professionalize our Financial Assistance services to be able to keep up with the increasing demand for financial assistance in the community and to be able to standardize our services. We introduced you to our team of professional staff in our last annual report. As the demand for assistance kept increasing it became increasingly clear that we needed a separate office that is easily accessible to our clients. In December of 2021, ISGH inaugurated our Financial Assistance office. It has allowed us to be able to interview a much larger number of community members who need assistance. As of today, we are averaging about 40 visitors to the office every day.

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The ISGH Financial Assistance office is located at 10333 Harwin Dr., Ste 245, Houston, TX 77036. The hours are from 9am to 5pm every day and our staff is there to assist anyone who walks in requesting financial assistance. In addition, the staff does intake over the phone or remotely as well. Finally, the office staff also hold office hours at some of the masajid around the city to help make it easy for the community members to approach them.



The increase in requests caused our average number of families assisted every month to jump from approximately 500 at the beginning of 2022 to almost 900 by the end of 2022. Due to limited funds, we have scaled the assistance back to stay at an average of assisting around 650 families a month, but the huge demand still exists. During July and August of this year, we assisted 770 and 850 families bringing it back to the pre-2022 levels. We disbursed over \$5m in Zakat (isgh.org/zakat) which includes a large portion of the \$1.8m housing assistance grant that we received. However, this was largely due to having to disburse the federal grant before our deadline. In 2023, up until last week year to date, we have spent about \$3.92m in financial assistance. Our largest area of assistance has been our rental assistance that ISGH provides to hundreds of families every month coming in at \$2.2m in 2023 till date.

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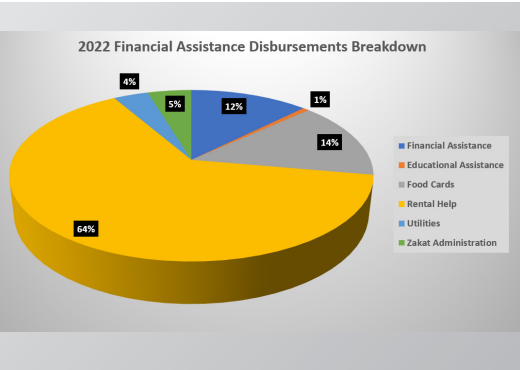


Our plan is to maintain our current average disbursement levels and close the year at about \$5m in assistance to the community. This year, our EFSP grant received was approximately \$0.5m towards ending homelessness, much lower than what we received last year due to reasons that are unknown to us.

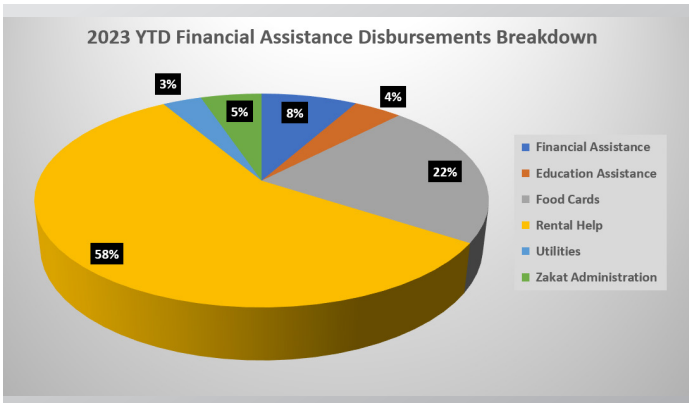
I also want to take this opportunity to thank the dozens of volunteer Zakat Committee members that we have in our local masajid that work closely with the office staff in providing financial assistance to our community.

Treasurer's Report

Funds	2022 (Unaudited)	2022 YTD Percentage Allocation	2021 (Audited)	2021 YTD Percentage Allocation
Financial Assistance	780,382	13%	333,953	18%
Education Assistance	41,435	1%	6,333	0%
Food Cards	908,490	15%	278,607	15%
Rental Help	3,973,388	64%	1,124,654	61%
Utilities	230,773	4%	79,552	4%
Zakat Administration	288,135	5%	18,555	1%



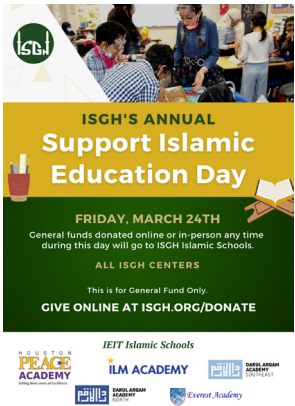
Funds	YTD 2023 (January - August) (Unaudited)	2023 YTD Percentage Allocation
Financial Assistance	321,002	8%
Education Assistance	161,609	4%
Food Cards	859,303	22%
Rental Help	2,252,427	57%
Utilities	130,458	3%
Zakat Administration	203,870	5%



Ramadan 2023

Alhamdulillah, Ramadan this year was as busy if not busier than years in the past. With the number of activities around the centers and the generosity of our donors, we had a successful Ramadan. With several food drives around town, ISGH decided not to do one by ourselves this year. We partnered with some other organizations and hosted them instead. This is also the busiest time for our financial assistance office. Our Fitra collection this Ramadan was at an all time high with the community donating \$387k of their Fitra to be distributed locally. This Fitra amount was distributed to approximately 1540 families from around the city so they could have a wholesome and comfortable Eid. Compare this to last year's total of 1054 families and you will see that we had a huge increase in the need in the community by over 40%.

As a part of the Annual Share the Khair program, ISGH disbursed \$51,000 of your donations to four partner organizations that included HHRD, IMRC, Pure Hands Inc. and Amoud Foundation. Also during Ramadan, as we do every year, the first Friday was dedicated to IEIT school support. ISGH collected over \$32,000 which was used to help bridge the gap for IEIT schools that were struggling financially.



Relief Fundraisings

SubhanAllah, this year we had a catastrophic earthquake that hit both Turkey and Syria in February. As a result, ISGH set up a special fund to allow our local community to donate towards the cause. In addition to the online donation fund, we also dedicated several Fridays of Zakat and Sadaqa collections in our centers to be directed towards this fund. **During that time, we collected over \$690K* from across all avenues.** ISGH does not keep a single dollar of the donated amount. Additionally, ISGH vetted the various organizations that were doing relief work on the ground in Turkey and Syria to ensure that the maximum donation was spent on the cause. Subsequently, the board approved the funds to be distributed across eight different Muslim organizations that were actively working on the ground in either Syria or Turkey. The organizations were Syrian American Medical Society, UHR, HHRD, Rahma Worldwide, UOSSM-USA, SWASIA, Life and Syrian Forum USA.



We are currently in the middle of another set of disasters – earthquake that has hit Morocco and floods that have ravaged Libya. ISGH is actively raising funds for relief work for both disasters. So far, **we have collected approximately \$175K** and continue to encourage the community to donate (isgh.org/morocco-libya).

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Audit

Alhamdulillah, we take our annual external audit seriously and I am happy to report that we have successfully completed our 2021 audit. We are in the process of kicking off our 2022 audit. You can find the audited financials on our membership portal just like the previous years' reports.



Turkey-Syria Relief

Collaborating Organizations:

Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS)
Syrian Forum USA (SFUSA)
Life for Relief and Development, Inc.
United Hands Relief, Inc.
UOSSM USA
Swasia Charity Foundation
Rahma Worldwide Aid and Development
Helping Hand for Relief and Development

\$690K Total Raised

*\$60,000 from Masjid ElFarouq

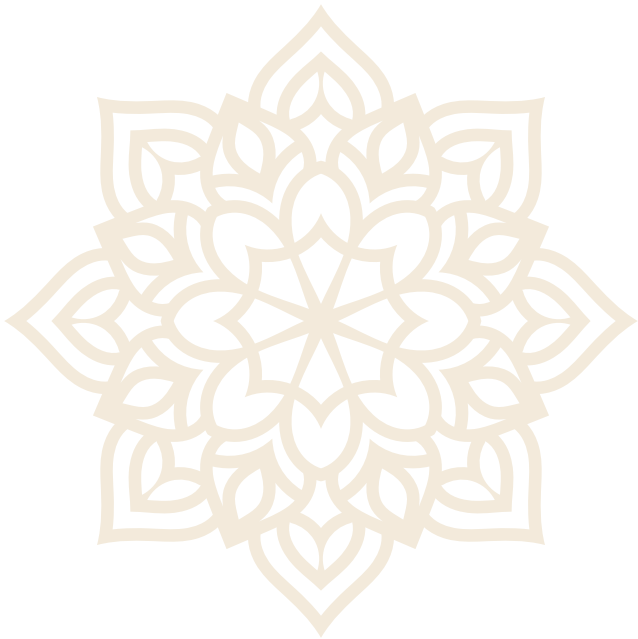
Treasurer's Report

Concluding Remarks

As my term draws to a close, I am happy to report that the financial health of your organization, ISGH, is stronger than it has ever been. ISGH continues to grow along with your confidence in the organization. This is evident through your support of the organization, and we can't thank Allah enough for this opportunity. I am very proud of what we have achieved together in the last 4 years and the growth that we have experienced. It is humbling to be a small part of this journey in our quest to professionalize the operations and achieve organizational excellence. I ask Allah to accept it from everyone who has been involved with our beloved organization from the founding till today and from everyone who has supported the organization in any way possible. May Allah bless ISGH and the Houston Muslim community.

Jazakallah Khair.

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Islamic Centers at a Glance

NORTH ZONE

Woodlands Islamic Center Masjid Al-Ansaar

The Woodlands Islamic Center provides an expanded range of educational classes/workshops including Quran classes for the children, youth, and adults. Additionally, there is an active community focusing on Revert support, Dawah, Prison Dawah, Outreach, and building strong civic relations within Montgomery County. Woodlands has a strong partnership with the local food pantry serving the needy on a regular basis. Hats off to the Youth Leadership who are seen traveling to the city for volunteer events.

On the construction front, design work and permitting is nearing completion for the parking lot expansion project, planned for 200 additional parking spots.

 **125** Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

Quran Class	
Children's	12
Brothers	15
Sisters	15



Cypress Islamic Center

Cypress Islamic Center holds various programs for the community that includes family nights, tafseer and breakfast for men, evening discussion topics such as spiritual, social and mental well being and Iftar on Thursdays. The Youth have enjoyed events such as roller skating, bowling, picnics and carnivals. Youth adults are being mentored in the value of volunteering. The Weekend Islamic School is very active and led by volunteers. Weekly Nazirah and Hifz classes are also offered to the youth.

The community is expanding requiring an additional trailer to be brought in permanently until the new masjid is completed of which Phase I for the parking lot has been completed with 160 spaces.

 **120** Weekend Islamic School Enrollment **20** Nazirah and Hifz Class



Adel Road Islamic Center Masjid Bilal

Adel Road Islamic Center highlights included Tablighi Jamaat Ijtima over four days, a motivational talk with the youth titled "Motivating the Muslims" delivered by Pakistan Cricket Legend Saeed Anwar, Hafiz Zaighum Butt presenting "Connecting with the Creator", and an Adhan Competition earlier in the year. Congratulations to Darul Arqam North for receiving 1st Place in the Annual Mist Competition. Community Service education included a Janazah Workshop titled Ghusal & Shroud, for the sisters.

 **43** Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

80 Quran Class
50 Hifz Class



Islamic Centers at a Glance

NORTH ZONE

Champions Islamic Center - Masjid Al-Salam

Champions Islamic Center continues to grow and has expanded its Education Programs to include multiple topic Halaqas for different age groups, Sisters Mentorship and Quran Hifz/Nazirah classes for brothers, sisters, children and a special Quran Class for reverts. There are ongoing workshops on health, civic rights, social, premarital advise, Islamic finance, self development and more. The Weekend Islamic School is growing, and offers certified “special needs” teachers provided by Dar-us-Sakina, and after school clubs for all ages. Dawah and Outreach is a mainstay at Champions hosting community events (Islamic Arts Festival), and interfaith projects like the community garden project. Sports for all ages are available with flood light cricket and soccer, kickboxing and soon to start pickleball. Youth volunteers champion the Ramadan programs.

Sports participation has taken off with the new sports field completed in 2022. The Community Hall expansion is almost complete and soon there will be the groundbreaking for the Clinic Project.



320

Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

50

Quran Class



Champions College Scholarships
12 Students



NORTHWEST ZONE

Spring Branch Islamic Center



Spring Branch Islamic Center center has an exemplary full-time Islamic school, ILM Academy, and Weekend Islamic School. ILM Academy had 211 full time students during the 2022-23 academic year. This year, **ILM Academy also reached an amazing milestone. In the efforts to prioritize Islamic Education in our community, ILM Academy acired an additional building for the expansion of the campus and to meet growing enrollment** The Weekend Islamic School enrolled 170 students. A part of Spring Branch's legacy is being the first ISGH weekend school to partner with Dar-us- Sakina who provides certified “Special Needs Teachers” to ensure every child has an opportunity to participate. Highlights include 'Community Service Day' partnering with “FEAST” (Friends Engaging And Servicing Together), distributing hygiene packs for the homeless.



Katy Islamic Center - Masjid Aqsa

Katy Islamic Center provided a diverse selection of speakers over the past year that focused on topics such as “Misconceptions About Anxiety”, Immigration, “Understanding Teenage Minds” a talk by Nuzat Khan, as well as Imams Khaled Griggs and Qasim Khan speaking about Black History. In addition there were movie nights, family nights and a Science Fair. The Youth started a Boy Scouts Program and hosted the Derby Car Race. Katy Dawah highlights included hosting neighbors for “Basics of Islam and Ramadan” evening and held a masjid tour for a neighboring church.

Construction highlights include the parking lot expansion, mens restroom upgrade and the water & sewer system upgrade planning with the county office. Insha Allah the masjid expansion will follow the water & sewer project.



310

Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

70

Quran Classes



SOUTH ZONE

Brand Lane Islamic Center - Masjid As-Sabireen

Brand Lane Islamic Center has Weekly Programs that include family nights and seminar workshops that focus on social, political, spiritual, mental and life skills. BLIC also provides a Quran Academy, Weekend School, iLeap Program for High School students, and has partnered with Dar-us-Sakina to provide certified teachers for “Special Needs” children. Youth Programs are offered Friday evenings and there is a Weekly Book Club for Young Professionals and Adults. Dawah Outreach Events for Reverts, Fort Bend Interfaith and the New Muslims class are held annually.

Quran Class

Girls	30
Adults	10

On the Construction front, the school expansion plans have been submitted to the county for approval. An engineering firm has been assigned for producing parking and drainage plans. Under the BLIC control, Masjid Aisha updates include the extension of the men's prayer area, a new AC System has been installed, basketball court is being built and the final design for new construction is being finalized by the architect.



220

Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

25 Hifz Memorization

100 Qaida and Nazirah Classes

37 Quran Academy (Level) Graduates



Bear Creek Islamic Center - Masjid Al-Mustafa

Bear Creek Islamic Center holds consistent weekly programs including family nights and lectures with a wide range of topics. Dawah events were held including an Eid education and celebration for the reverts. An appreciation night was held for volunteers. The Youth also have their educational programs on a monthly basis. Bear Creek has on their campus the Hamd Institute, a full time Quran Academy.

New AC's have been installed, a multi-purpose trailer has been purchased for Ihtikaf and Tableegh Jamaat. Going forward, a part of the parking lot is being planned to be covered. The weekend Islamic School has received new dividers and new computer hardware.



160

Weekend Islamic School Enrollment



SOUTHEAST ZONE

Northshore Islamic Center

Northshore Islamic Center provides children's Arabic and Islamic Studies and holds Youth Programs after Asr on scheduled days. Quran classes are also on a schedule for seniors twice a week including Tafseer. Other programs include Daily Hadith, Stories of the Prophet (PBUH), Dawah, spiritual advice by Sheikh Aidi, and scheduled lectures.

Early this year a new surveillance system was installed, and needed maintenance on the AC units was completed. Diligent efforts are being made to increase community attendance and weekly collections.

Hwy 3 Islamic Center - Masjid Abu Bakr

HWY3 Islamic Center offers many programs including New Muslim Support, Hifz and Nazira Quran Classes, Weekend Islamic School, Weekend Family Programs, youth mentoring and religious counseling. Going forward Adult Quran programs will be added and a Quran Academy is being established.

There have been many enhancement projects such as new fencing around the entire campus, improved concrete walkways, soccer field ground leveling, remodeling of the gym, installment of new AC's, wudu area and landscape improvement.



Islamic Centers at a Glance

SOUTHEAST ZONE

Baytown Islamic Center

Baytown Islamic Center had two primary focus areas. The first being the Khutbah platform built around six dedicated khateeb, lead by Quadri Kazeem, which focuses on “Family Matters” topics with 52 khutbahs covering community needs and issues of concern.

The other area of focus has been on the much needed maintenance and repair of the roof replacement, window replacement, new AC units, new carpet, and bathroom faucets. Five daily prayers are held and childrens classes are held two days a week.



Pearland Islamic Center

Pearland Islamic Center has a strong focus on the Weekend Islamic School with year-on-year growth in students (10%). Part of their success is 95% teacher retention which is attributed to reinvesting in their teachers through professional development opportunities and administrative support. Parent feedback and satisfaction is at 95%. Beyond having a quality weekend school, Pearland holds lectures and family nights benefiting from Imam Boqiev’s knowledge, who joined the community in mid-2022.

 **118** Weekend Islamic School Enrollment



SOUTHWEST ZONE

Synott Islamic Center - Masjid At-Taqlwa

Synott Islamic Center is highly focused on the youth not only in Islamic education and recreation, but also in community services. Food provisions are distributed to 100 families biweekly from the Synott Food Pantry. Through the Houston Food Bank, the Synott community packs and distributes food for 200 families once a month. Over 470 families received Qurbani this past Eid. Educational events and lectures are ongoing for Brothers and Sisters. This past year, Synott Islamic Center has hosted 12 Dawah and Q&A sessions.

In the past year, community hall tile work took place, the kitchen was remodeled, 5 new AC’s have been installed, new carpeting installed and the dome and basketball projects are underway.

 **70** Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

80 Qaida and Nazirah Boys and Girls

40 Youth Boys Friday Nights **35** Youth Girls Saturday Nights

200 Youth Boys Lockins (2) **35** Youth Girls Lockins (2)



River Oaks Islamic Center

River Oaks Islamic Center provides weekly education from Shaykh Ammar AlShukry, and twice monthly from Shaykh Mohammed El Farooqui along with other visiting scholars. The New Muslims Class, now led by Rehan M. Safiullah, continues to meet every Saturday and is broadcasted city-wide. It is all year round with Spring, Summer, and Fall Semester Sessions. ROIC has one of the strongest Dawah Programs, totaling over 2,000 Qurans distributions annually.

Facility improvements included new fencing and entrance gates, carpeting, and security system upgrades.



98 Weekend Islamic School Enrollment



2,000 Qurans Distributed



101 New Muslims Class Students



Maryam Islamic Center

Maryam Islamic Center has a strong focus on Islamic Education with a full-time Quran Academy Hifz Program, an after school Quran Program, and a Weekend Islamic School Program. Departments for programming include Youth Education, Interfaith Education, Female Education, and Community. Beyond the many diverse programs, Maryam hosts esteemed scholars to visit and educate the community through workshops and lectures.

In order to meet the growing number of musalleens attending the masjid, the construction committee is moving forward with expansion plans that include the construction of the foundation for the extension. A 2,000 ft public water line to accommodate the increase in occupancy of up to 400, has been completed, as well as the outdoor covered courtyard for community gatherings. New parking curbs have been installed in the parking lot, and utilities were connected to service the trailer school complex. A fence to separate the students from the parking lot was also installed. A new playground is planned to be installed in the fence area.



400 Weekend Islamic School Enrollment

40 Maryam Quran Academy

62 After School Hifdh Program **One-On-One Quran Classes**



Mission Bend Islamic Center - Masjid Hamza

Mission Bend Islamic Center has held several family night dinners with various speakers and collaborating organizations. Ramadan highlights include the serving of 200-350 musalleens Iftars every day. A pre-Eid Bazaar was organized to connect the vendors with the community and to help the community do their Eid shopping conveniently. The Annual Eid Carnival was held with the Youth stepping in for the volunteer needs. Mission Bend's collaboration with the Houston Food Bank continues twice a month serving

more than 500 families in total. The Seniors and Youth are active with the Community Garden growing a variety of vegetables and fruits. The Youth Program has basketball and soccer practice every weekend for the boys and girls.. Lock-ins, lectures, bowling, and road trips were also planned. PreKinder Play day is organized on the last Sunday of every month. The Seniors enjoy their pot-luck dinners and the Sisters enjoy their monthly breakfast meetings. The After School Quran Program is well attended four days of the week and a Full-time Hifz Program has been launched.

Over the course of the year, there were many facility improvements completed which included boundary fence painting, remodeling of the brothers and sisters bathroom, replacement of the AC units, new book shelves and shoe rack, and upgrades to the children's play equipment.

100 After-School Quran Program

8 Full-Time Hifz School Opening



ISGH Elected Officials

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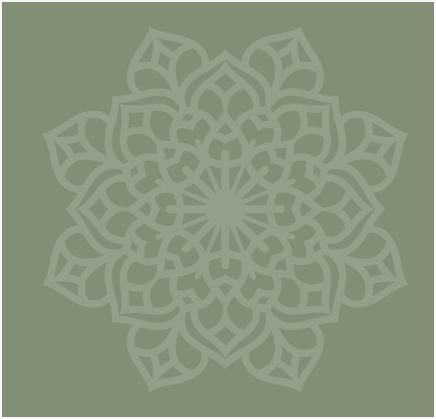
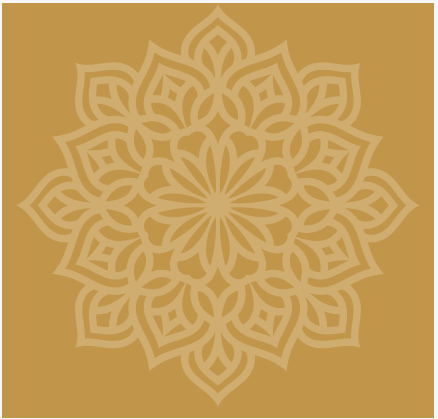
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