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- **General Secretary elected 2023-24.**
 - ★ Continued to develop the strategic plan which focused on 4 key areas: Grow the Society, improve the customer experience, migrate to new membership software Black Baud, and clean up the membership list.
 - ★ Over 1000 individuals and families became ISGH members this year following several membership phone drives in May and June. We proactively contacted lapsing members and alerted others with circumstances jeopardizing their voting ability.
- **Executive Board Member, Islamic Society of Greater Houston, 2023-24.**
 - ★ We hired an Executive Director. to improve operational excellence.
 - ★ We hired four new imams and are in the process of hiring 3 more.
 - ★ We hired an Imam to provide various centralized services such as nikka, funerals, bereavement counseling, new Muslim support, and a fatwa night program.
 - ★ Conflict resolution at local centers and provide guidance.
 - ★ Initiated and organized workshops on domestic violence and family Arbitration Service (upcoming)
- **Member ISGH Cemetary and Funeral Committee, 2020- till now.**
 - ★ Chair, Initiated the Abu Bakr Funeral home construction project, managed the construction process, and raised over \$300K for the project near completion.
 - ★ Speaker at South Texas palliative care symposium about end-of-life care in Islamic tradition.
 - ★ Published article in the Journal of Nursing regarding end-of-life care in Islamic tradition.
- **Southeast Zonal Director elected for 2020-21**
 - ★ Served as a member of the Board and helped the team formalize policies to navigate through difficult times during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - ★ Organized several food distribution events during the pandemic.
 - ★ Supervised **five Islamic** centers Abu Bakr, Pearland, Baytown, Northshore, and Alvin. Helped with the reconstruction of a Multi-purpose building at Abu Bakr post Hurricane Harvey recovery, Alvin Center after a winter storm, and construction of a new 6,000 sqft parking space at Pearland.
- **Associate Director at Pearland IC elected for two terms 2017-2019.**
 - ★ Initiated the Grand Masjid project and completed the design and underground utility work.
 - ★ Initiated construction of a new 6,000 sqft parking space at Pearland.
 - ★ **Received Congressional recognition** from Congressman Pete Olson for post-Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts in the city of Pearland and Brookside. Organized an emergency shelter, and distributed food, water, and water sanitization chemicals to 1400 residents.
 - ★ Organized a citywide first responder recognition program A Proclamation was issued by Mayor Tom Reid.
- **Chair, Civic Engagement at Pearland IC, 1989-Now**
 - ★ Established the Interfaith Peace Garden **inaugurated by the late Mayor Tom Reid.**
 - ★ Organized in collaboration with Pearland Police Department and other faith groups Annual National Faith and Blue Weekend three years in a row, keep Pearland Beautiful program and volunteer at Pearland Community food pantry.
 - ★ Member of the Pearland faith group leadership panel.
- **Khateeb(Delivery of Friday Sermon) and Fundraising Speaker**
 - ★ Member ISGH Khateeb panel- Deliver regular Friday Khutba since 2000 in Pearland, Brandlane, Cypress, Wilcrest, Abu Bakr, Northshore, Baytown, Alvin, Aisa Center, Suffa Center, La Marque IC, Clearlake Hospital, and MD Anderson Hospital.
 - ★ Raised \$4 million plus over the years for the construction of Pearland Islamic Center, Alvin Center, Cemetery development, Abu Bakr Funeral home, and other non-profit organizations.
 - ★ Conduct Nikah (marriage) services.
- **Dawah and Education**
 - ★ **Secretary, ISGH central Dawah committee**
 - ★ **Prion Dawah Coordinator:** In 2023 and 2024 distributed 2700 Quran, 800 pounds of dates, 1000 boxes of Eid meals, Friday prayer, and Education services. Hundreds of inmates have taken shahada.
 - ★ Halal House collaboration with 5th Ward Islamic Center- provided \$30K in loan support to purchase land Provide weekly Islamic Circle at Aisa Center for the last nine years.
 - ★ Beginner Arabic Course at Pearland 2017-2019
 - ★ Organized door-to-door distribution of 3000 copies of the Quran.
 - ★ Speaker Ramadan with your neighbors and organize successful dawh booths in the flea markets.
- **Education and Career**
 - ★ Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Houston (Twice in Dean's list).
 - ★ Completing an Associate degree in Islamic Studies from Al Maghreb Institute.

