

ANNUAL REPORT

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MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

الحمد لله

It is with deep gratitude to Allah (SWT) and sincere appreciation for every member of our community that I present this year's message on behalf of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH). Your trust, generosity, and dedication continue to inspire our mission and strengthen our shared vision of service, unity, and excellence.

By the grace of Allah and your unwavering support, ISGH has continued to grow and expand its impact across Greater Houston. Over the past year, we have added three new masajid and community facilities, further increasing access to places of worship, education, and community support for our rapidly growing Muslim population. The completion of the funeral home in the Abu Bakr Southeast Zone marks a significant milestone in providing compassionate and dignified services for families during life's most difficult moments. Meanwhile, construction projects in Waller, Pearland, and Cypress are progressing rapidly, with several nearing completion, inshaAllah.

We are also pleased to share that Bayan Academy has successfully assumed operations at the Abu Bakr Southeast campus. Alhamdulillah, the school is now financially sustainable and contributes approximately \$4,000 per month to the masjid, strengthening long-term educational opportunities for our children and future generations.

Recognizing the importance of strong religious leadership, ISGH welcomed three new Imams this year. Their presence has enhanced spiritual guidance, youth engagement, and educational programming across our centers, enriching our community with knowledge, compassion, and leadership rooted in Islamic values.

Our Social Services programs continue to serve as a vital lifeline for families in need. ISGH provides ongoing assistance for rent, utilities, groceries, and other essential needs, reflecting the Islamic principles of compassion, dignity, and responsibility toward those facing hardship.

EMRAN GAZI

Alhamdulillah, the blessed month of Ramadan brought renewed unity to our community. Daily iftars across our masajid fostered spiritual reflection and togetherness. Large-scale Eid prayers brought together approximately 9,000 and 21,000 worshippers at the Bayou City Event Center and the EPI Center, respectively—serving nearly 30,000 attendees across both locations. This remarkable turnout reflects the continued growth and strength of the Muslim community in Greater Houston.

None of these achievements would have been possible without your continued support. Your generosity—through donations, volunteer service, and sincere du'as—remains the foundation of our progress. We humbly request your continued partnership as we expand our services and strengthen our institutions.

Together, with faith, unity, and service, we continue building a stronger future for generations to come.

May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts, bless our community, and guide us toward continued success.



**Jazakum Allahu
Khairan.**



2025 MAJLIS-E-SHURA

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ISGH ISLAMIC CENTERS

NORTH - ADEL ROAD NORTH - CHAMPIONS NORTH - THE WOODLANDS

NORTH - CYPRESS NW - SPRING BRANCH NW - BEAR CREEK

MW - KATY SW - RIVER OAKS SW - MISSION BEND

SW - NEW TERRITORY SW - SYNOTT SE - HWY3

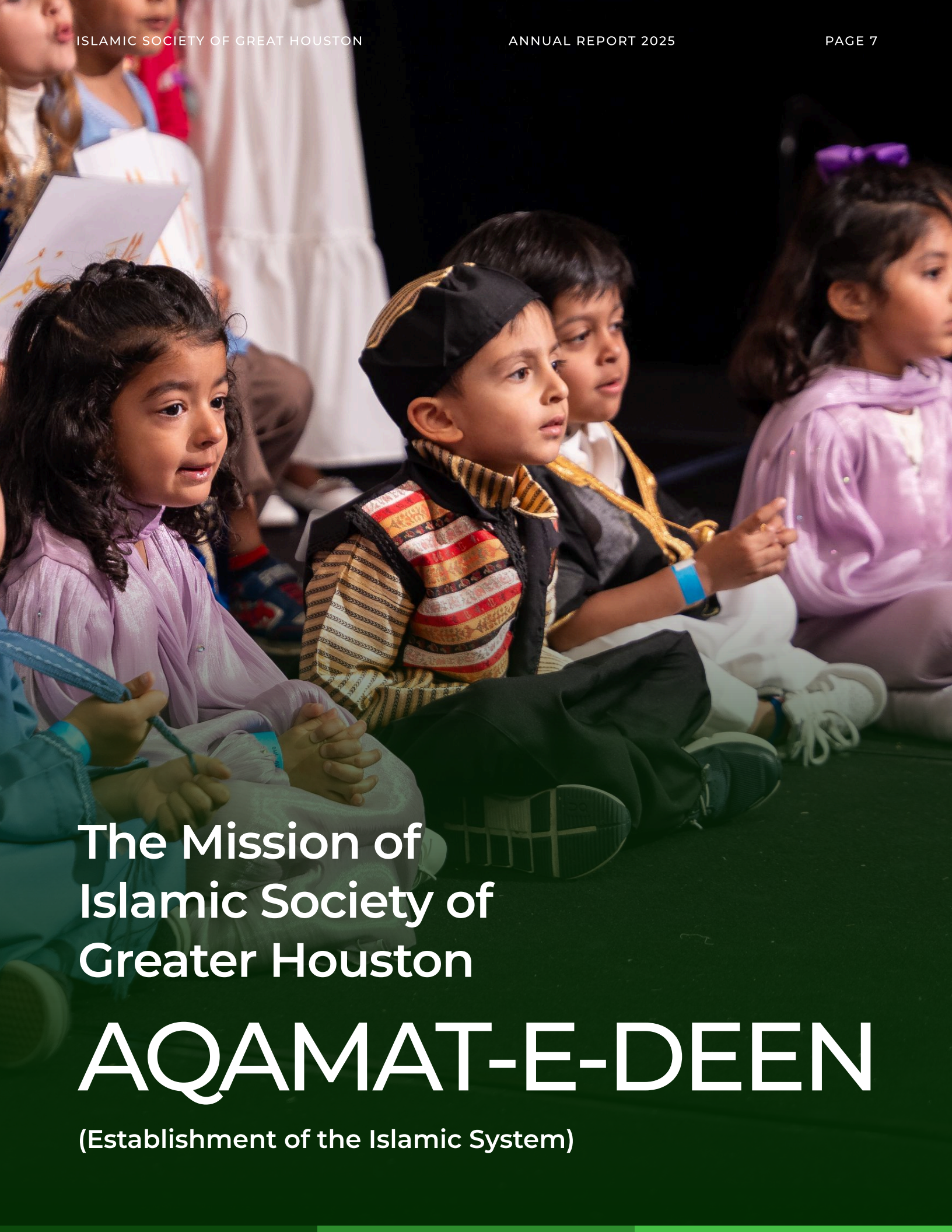
SE - PEARLAND SOUTH - BRAND LANE SOUTH - AYASHA

ISGH MUSALLAH'S

RIVERSTONE HARVEST GREEN MUSALEEN

WILCREST NORTH SHORE AL AMEEN

ALVIN

A group of young children are sitting on a green carpet, looking towards the right. They are wearing traditional Islamic clothing. A girl in the foreground is wearing a purple dress and has her hands clasped. Next to her is a boy wearing a black cap and a striped vest over a white shirt. Other children are visible in the background, some wearing white dresses. The scene is dimly lit, with a spotlight effect on the children.

The Mission of
Islamic Society of
Greater Houston

AQAMAT-E-DEEN

(Establishment of the Islamic System)



VISION

In service of its mission, ISGH shall provide religious and social services to all Muslims, to render help to any person of similar persuasion in adapting to the culture of the Houston area and to provide channels of understanding and communication between Muslims and the Houston community in general.

ISGH HISTORY TIMELINE

“56 Years and
Counting”



1970'S

- ISGH ad in the newspaper establishes a presence for the organization and brings Muslims in the community together.
- Builds interfaith relations with the community.
- ISGH publishes "The Voice of Islam" newspaper.
- Holds symposium that draws scholars from around the world.

1969 New Beginnings

- ISGH begins when local families gather together for prayer at a small house in the Medical Center to pray, share meals and build community.
- Articles of Corporation are filed with the Texas Secretary of State.
- ISGH purchases a fixer upper on Richmond and Woodhead for \$24,000 and build its first masjid

1980'S Striving Towards Progress

- ISGH Membership increases to over 1,000.
- Four trailers are to become the first ISGH Musallah's in the North, South, Southwest and Southeast.
- Citywide Eid Prayer is held at the convention center.
- Brothers, sisters and youth come together to volunteer for growing programs.

1990'S & 2000'S

- Land purchase for Bear Creek Brand Lane and Baytown Islamic Centers.
- Adel Masjid establishes the first ISGH Funeral Home.
- Full time IEIT Islamic Schools open.
- More land purchases for Mission Bend, New Territory, Northshore, Cypress, Woodlands, Pearland and Katy.
- Cemetery land was purchased to establish the first exclusive Muslim cemetery. Two more funeral homes were established.
- Membership has grown to 8,700.

OUR STORY OF COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH TIME

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was a privilege to serve as ISGH Treasure for the last 2 years and be able to work with all of you for the betterment of the Muslim community in the greater Houston area.

I am pleased to report that overall ISGH remains in a strong, stable financial position, with some IC's doing better than others. While this inequality has always existed within our centers, it is concerning that some of our Masjids are struggling to meet their operational and general funds obligations. This requires more concentrated efforts from all of us to raise awareness about the need not only to build and construct new facilities, but the necessity to collect enough funds to run and maintain these facilities.

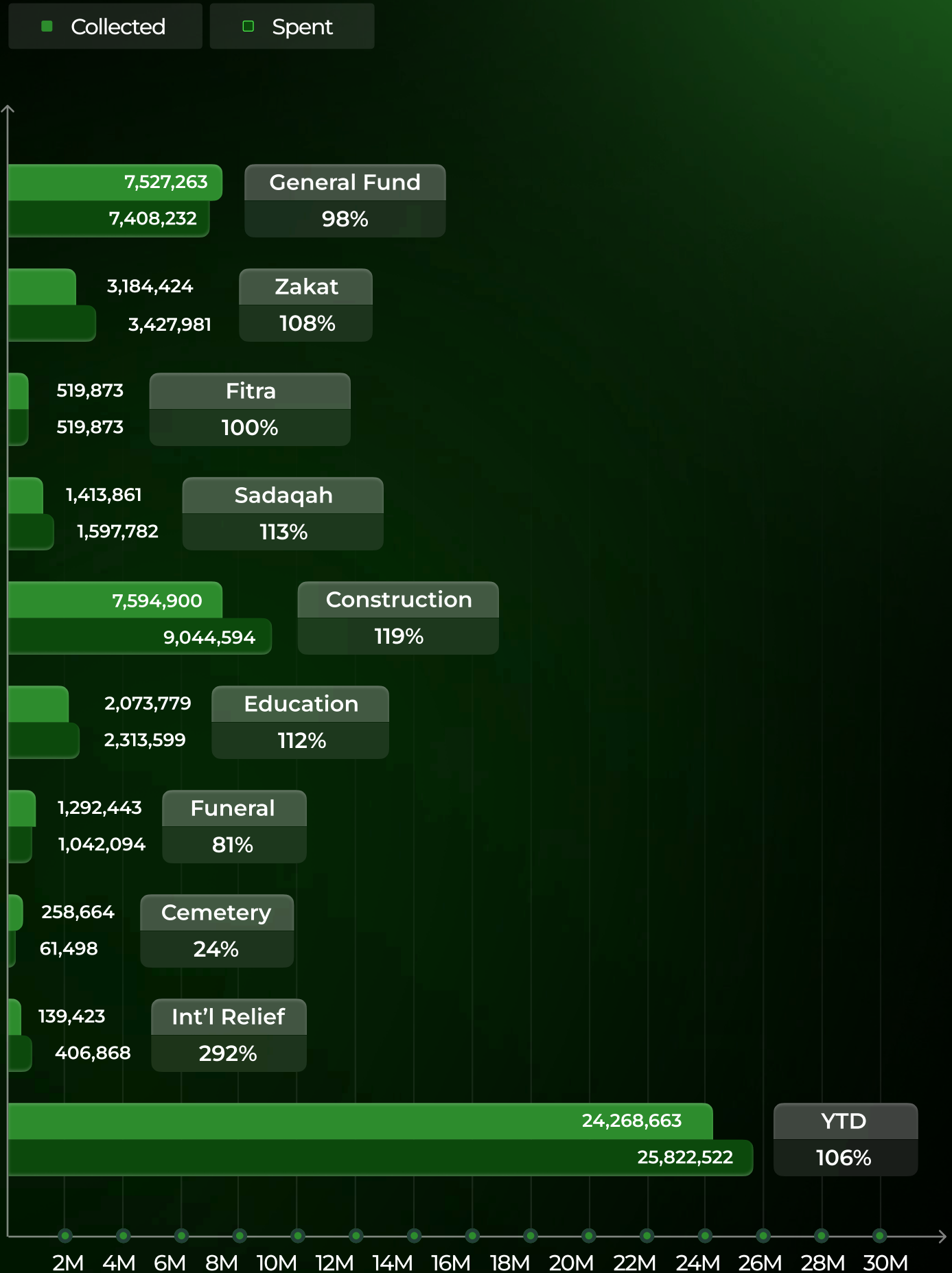
Although overall in 2025 ISGH collected 18% more funds than in 2024, the utilization ratio is so high that most of our IC's have no reserve and are spending whatever is collected. This lack of reserve funds can be contributed to some external factors, mainly the rise in costs for operation expenses. The impact was more profound in our Zakat department, where a combination of lack of any government grants and an increase in applicants led us to deplete our funds by late October. We do need to have a more focused campaign highlighting the services ISGH provide in areas of Zakat and Sadaqa for needy distributions.

ISGH financial success is directly tied to the trust you place in us, and I want to thank all our donors for the contributions towards the operations of our masjids, construction funds, Islamic education, and Zakat.

Finally I want to thank our main office staff who are the backbone of our operations and without them we will not be able to deliver the services our community needs.

AYMAN KHALIL

ISGH Treasurer





Rental Help

3,583,898

66%



Food Cards

817,485

15%



Zakat Administration

520,657

10%



Financial Assistance

310,945

6%



Utilities

168,825

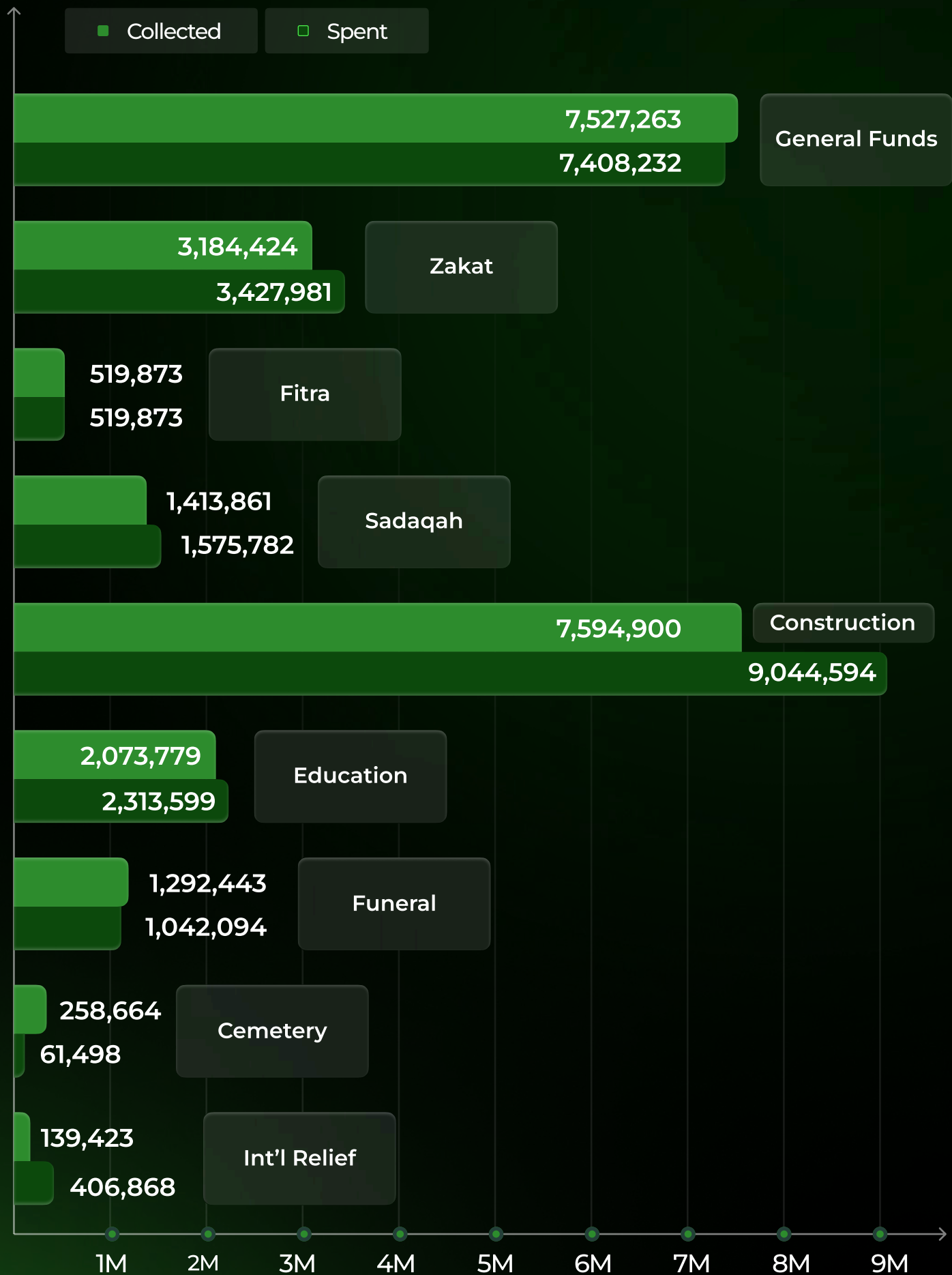
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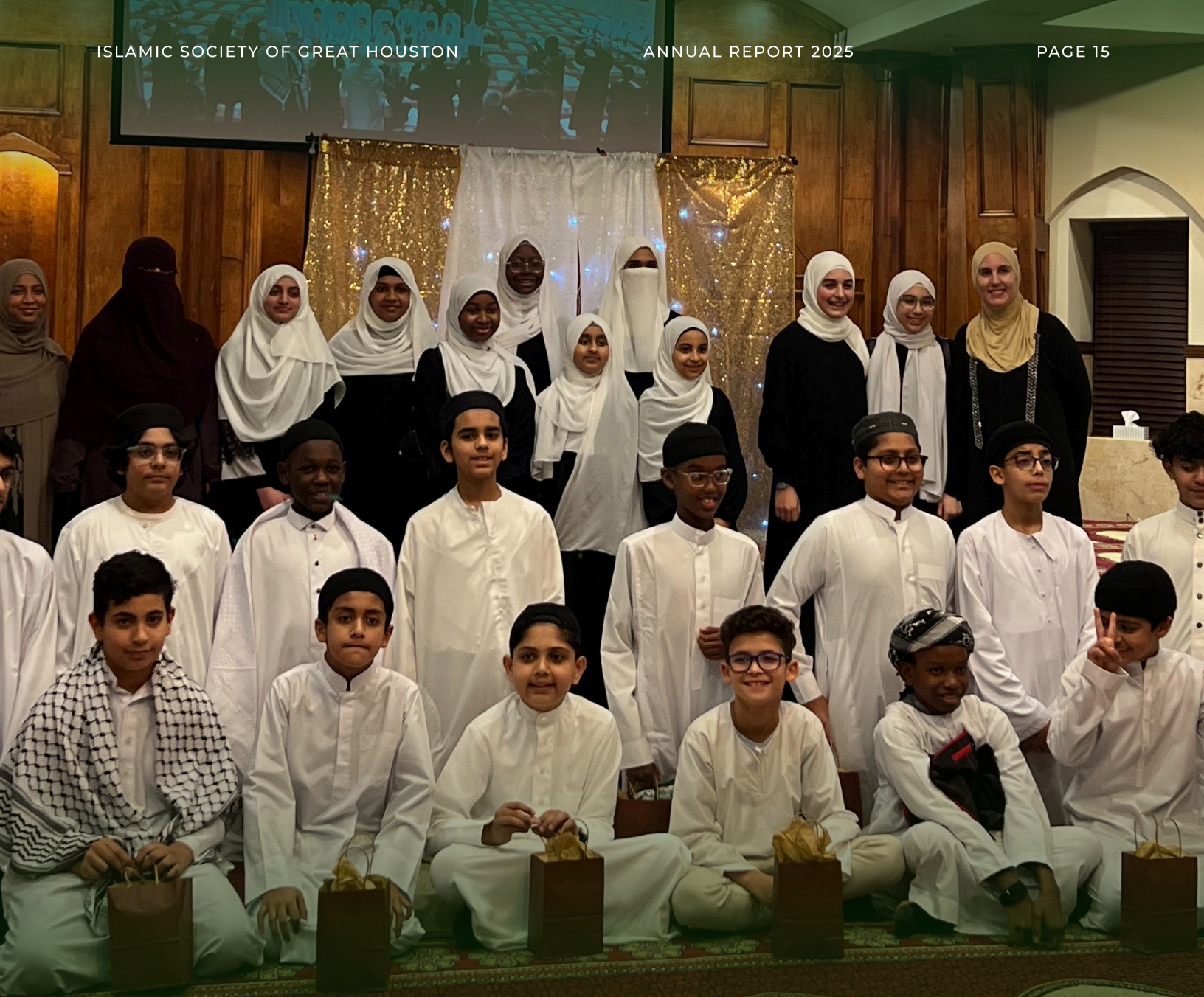


Educational Assistance

143,825

3%





ISGH CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

MISSION

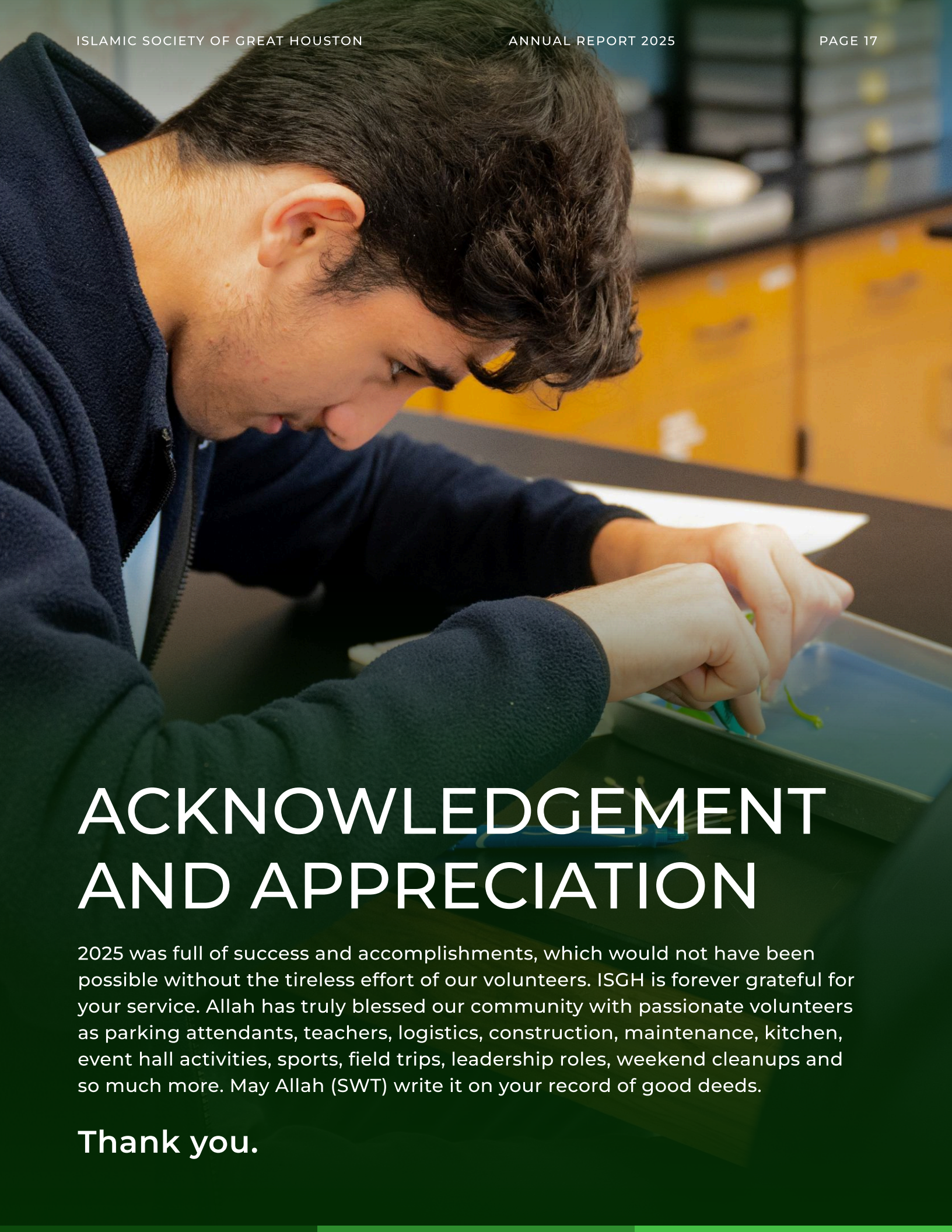
To assist and guide the Board in ensuring ISGH Constitution and Bylaws continue to comply with applicable laws and reflect best business practices.

ACTIVITIES

Since the last annual report, CBC prepared and recommended one corrective amendment to the Bylaws, which was approved by the Joint Meeting of the Board and IC Councils. One set of amendments was developed and prepared by the Board on its own with no input from CBC, some which were approved by the Joint Meeting of the Board and IC Councils. Since our last annual report, CBC responded to 9 Board requests for review and advice.

GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

To discharge with excellence, integrity and independence its' mandated role.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION

2025 was full of success and accomplishments, which would not have been possible without the tireless effort of our volunteers. ISGH is forever grateful for your service. Allah has truly blessed our community with passionate volunteers as parking attendants, teachers, logistics, construction, maintenance, kitchen, event hall activities, sports, field trips, leadership roles, weekend cleanups and so much more. May Allah (SWT) write it on your record of good deeds.

Thank you.

MASJID IMPACT

ISLAMIC CENTERS AND MUSALLAH'S (22)

With 15 Islamic Centers and 7 Musallah's coupled with \$9 million in construction spend, ISGH has expanded and improved facilities across Houston during 2025. Each of the Islamic Centers provide Nazirah classes, Quran classes, Weekend Islamic School, and two full time academies, Maryam Quran Academy (MQA) and Bear Creek (HAMD Institute). Also provided for the community are programs that would include youth, sisters, brothers, sports, mentoring, civic, evening guest speakers and resident scholars who give spiritual guidance. Local food drives, health clinics and wellness kit events are also happening across Houston.



QURAN CLASS ENROLLMENT

615



QURAN ACADEMY ENROLLMENT

140 PLUS HAMD



WEEKEND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

1,990



NIKKAHS

334



SHAHDAH'S

242

Dar-Us-Sakina is providing the much needed special education teachers at our Weekend Islamic Schools, for children with disabilities at Spring Branch, Brand Lane, Champions, Pearland and Katy Islamic Centers through 2025. The value of the ISGH Weekend Schools and Dar-Us-Sakina collaboration, is priceless when it comes to serving special needs children and giving our children the opportunity to grow spiritually.

THE ISLAMIC EDUCATION INSTITUTE OF TEXAS (IEIT)

IEIT is a subsidiary of ISGH and manages four fully accredited academies. All of our IEIT schools are focused on providing the highest level of Islamic and secular education in alignment with ISDs in their area. Our students participate in many standardized tests, scholastic competitions, sports competitions, and other extracurricular activities with other schools outside of IEIT. Both Elm and Everest expanded their facilities in 2025. We take pride in fostering the next generation of knowledgeable, ethical and well rounded individuals.

■ DARUL ARQAM ACADEMY NORTH (ADEL ISLAMIC CENTER)	 542 STUDENTS
■ EVEREST ACADEMY (BRAND LANE ISLAMIC CENTER)	 297 STUDENTS
■ PEACE ACADEMY (CHAMPIONS ISLAMIC CENTER)	 120 STUDENTS
■ ILM ACADEMY (SPRING BRANCH)	 112 STUDENTS
■ HAMD INSTITUTE (HIFDH PROGRAM AT BEAR CREEK ISLAMIC CENTER)	 242 STUDENTS



2025		■ TOTAL BURIALS AT ISGH CEMETERY: Over 1200+ burials to date. ■ NOTE: Around 68% of burials are now at the ISGH cemetery.
NUMBER OF FUNERALS	410	
NUMBER OF BURIALS	389	
BURIALS AT ISGH CEMETERY	271	

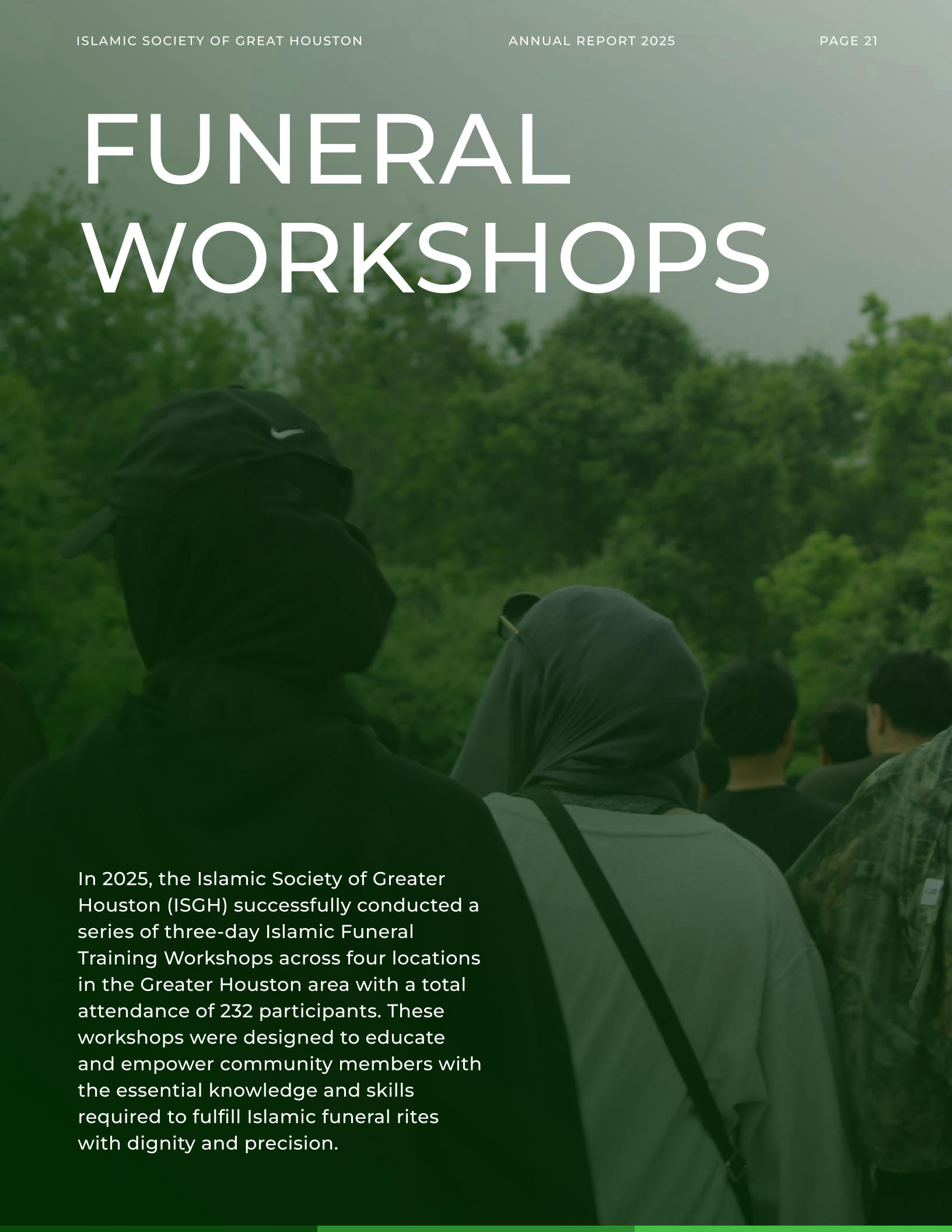
I INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Continued maintenance and landscaping of burial sections throughout the year to preserve a respectful and well-maintained cemetery environment.
- Constructed a new permanent building to store digging and landscaping equipment, supporting ongoing operations and future maintenance needs.
- Opened a new funeral home facility at Masjid Abu Bakr on Highway 3, providing space for ghusl, funeral preparation, and janazah arrangements.

I FUTURE PLANS

Planning is underway for the next cemetery section scheduled for 2027, as the current burial section is expected to reach capacity in 2026.

FUNERAL WORKSHOPS



In 2025, the Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH) successfully conducted a series of three-day Islamic Funeral Training Workshops across four locations in the Greater Houston area with a total attendance of 232 participants. These workshops were designed to educate and empower community members with the essential knowledge and skills required to fulfill Islamic funeral rites with dignity and precision.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Islamic Guidance for Pre-Death and Post Death Matters
- 2 Responsibilities of Family, Relatives and Friends from Time of Death to Funeral Home Transfer
- 3 Rules and Procedures for bathing the Deceased
- 4 Shrouding Guidelines According to Islamic Teachings
- 5 Janazah (Funeral) Prayer Protocols
- 6 Burial Procedures and Etiquette

CERTIFICATION AND HANDS-ON TRAINING

Participants who attended all three sessions and successfully completed the quizzes were awarded certificates of participation. These certified individuals were then enrolled in hands-on training sessions to deepen their practical understanding and build confidence in performing funeral-related tasks.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The trained volunteers have become an invaluable asset to ISGH's funeral services. These individuals can now actively assist with the bathing and shrouding of deceased community members, ensuring that these sacred rites are performed with care, respect, and adherence to Islamic principles.



MEMBERSHIP

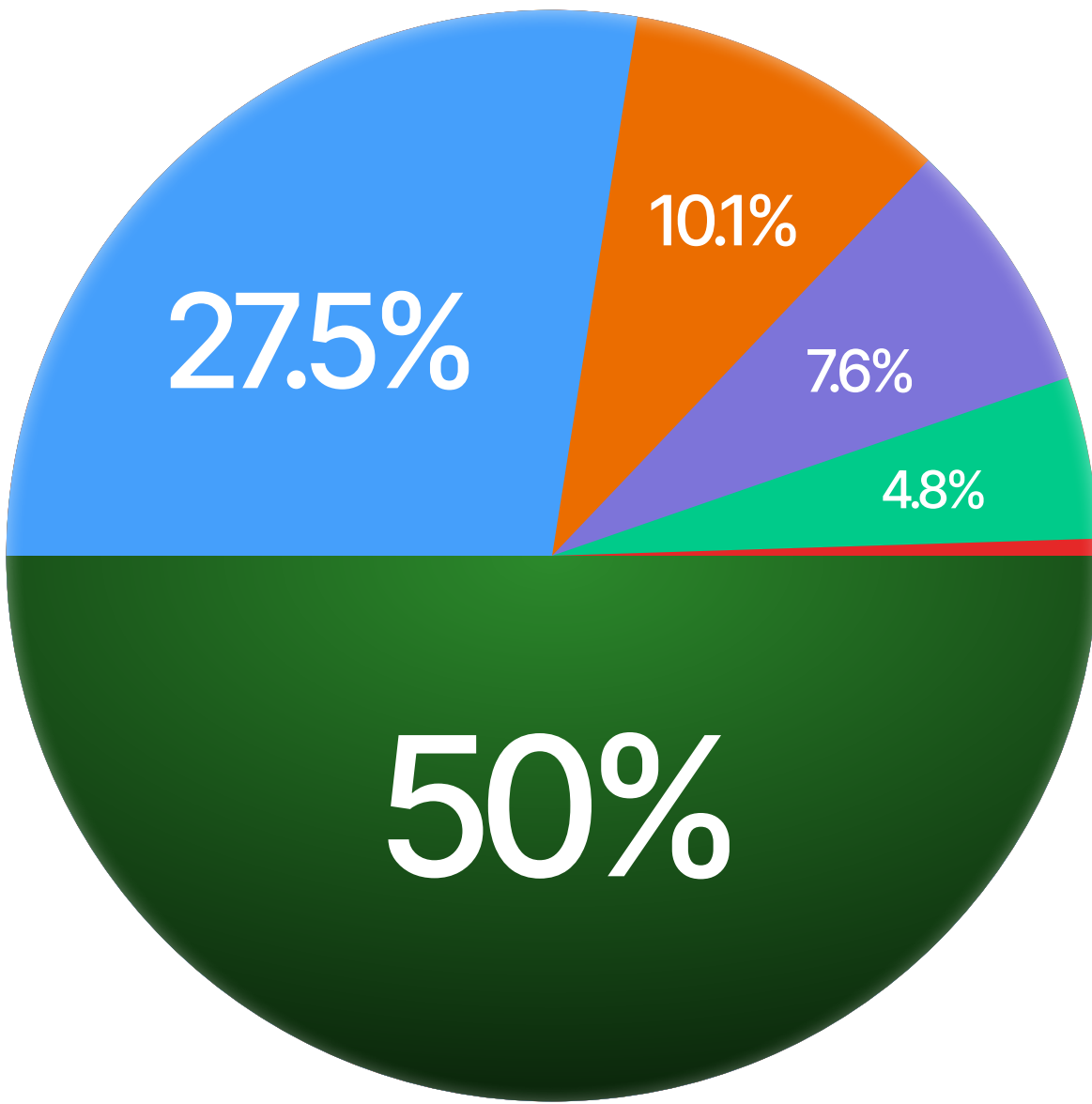
Alhamdulillah, in accordance with the bylaw changes implemented last December, member data has now been categorized as Head of Household, Spouse, and Individual.

For the first time in ISGH, comprehensive member lists were created and distributed to individual Islamic centers starting in early May. This allowed members ample time to review and validate their membership status well before the **June 30th** deadline.

The Membership Team visited at least one major masjid in every zone—either after Jumu'ah prayers or during weekend programs—to address member concerns directly at their local centers. Local membership drives were also organized, highlighting the benefits of ISGH membership, with information displayed across all centers. Additionally, the office reached out to individuals who had paid their membership fees but had not completed their online registration, ensuring their membership was properly activated. Phone outreach campaigns were also conducted with the help of dedicated volunteers.

We are currently working to ensure that all spouses of members are added to the system. The team is also reviewing payments made through various ISGH financial channels to confirm that all corresponding memberships are properly recorded and updated.

Looking ahead, our goal is to **integrate the membership and donor systems** to eliminate recurring issues and improve efficiency. The team is actively evaluating available software solutions in the market to support this long-term vision.



■ Total Number of Active Members

5385

50%

■ Total Number of Checkomatic Members

1084

27.5%

■ Total Number of Individual Members

824

10.1%

■ Total Number of Family Members

2960

7.6%

■ Total Number of Lifetime (Family) Members

516

4.8%

■ Total Number of Lifetime (Individual) Members

1

1%

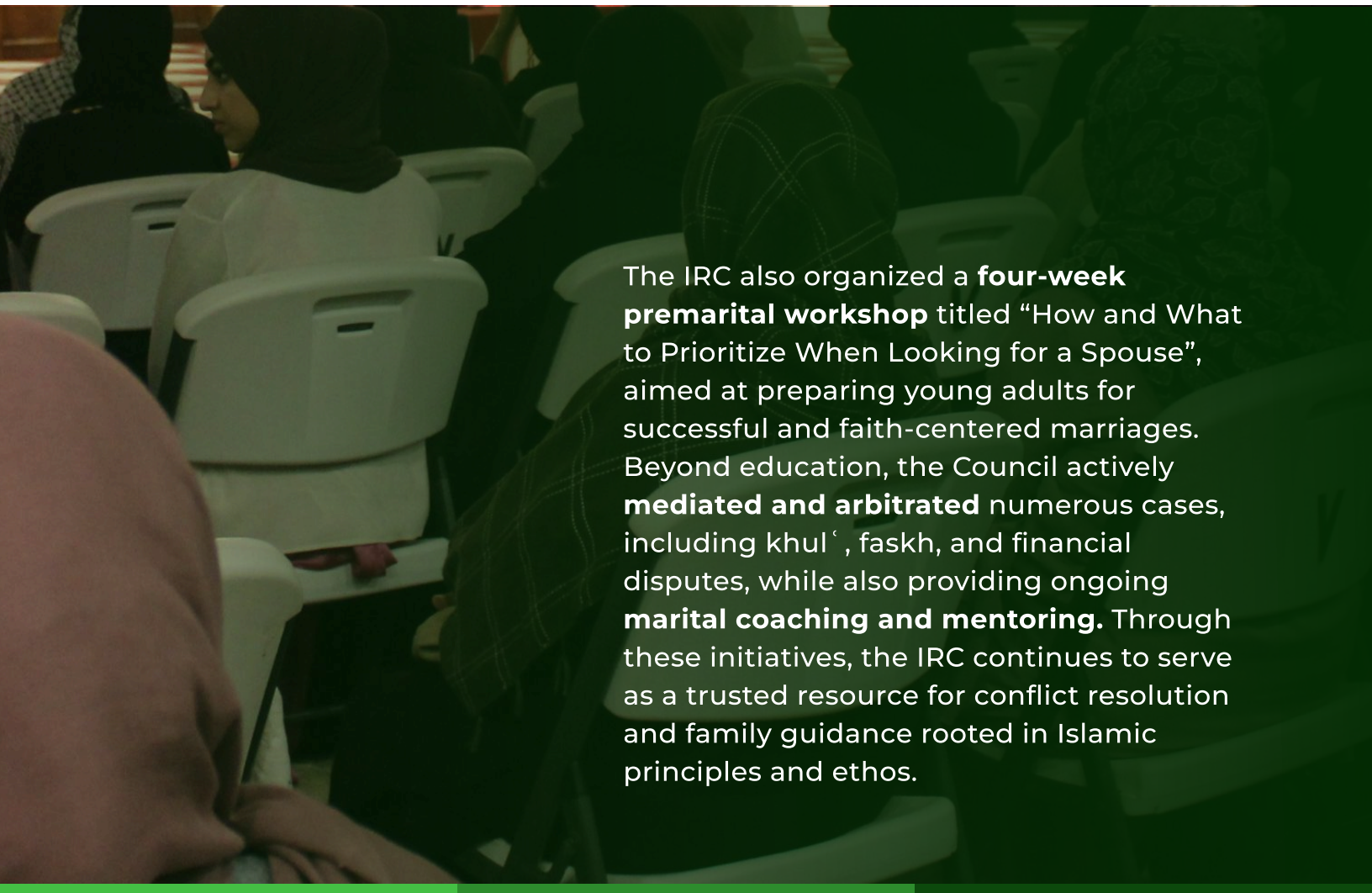


KHUTBAH'S

Trained Khateebis are delivering 48 Khutbahs weekly, 2,496 annually and are covering not only the ISGH masajid and musallah's, but a number of smaller masjids that rely on the ISGH Khutbah support.

ISLAMIC RECONCILIATION COUNCIL (IRC)

This year, the Islamic Reconciliation Council continued its mission of strengthening families and fostering harmony within the Muslim community. The IRC provided professional training to **11 Imams** across the Greater Houston area, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to effectively mediate family and marital matters. In addition, a series of **educational workshops and khutbahs** were delivered throughout **ISGH masjid** focusing on family unity. Topics included raising righteous children, being a role-model father and supportive mother, cultivating leadership in youth, the seven rights of children, and the rights of parents.



The IRC also organized a **four-week premarital workshop** titled “How and What to Prioritize When Looking for a Spouse”, aimed at preparing young adults for successful and faith-centered marriages. Beyond education, the Council actively **mediated and arbitrated** numerous cases, including khul‘, faskh, and financial disputes, while also providing ongoing **marital coaching and mentoring**. Through these initiatives, the IRC continues to serve as a trusted resource for conflict resolution and family guidance rooted in Islamic principles and ethos.



ISGH SPORTS LEAGUE

The ISGH Sports League had its 3rd year of organized basketball and a soccer league is just starting to formulate. Basketball had a successful year with participation of Hamza, Maryam, Synott, Sabireen, Champions masjid and three non-ISGH masjajids. The league included boys and girls teams in different age brackets from 9-17 years of age. The Sports league website was professionally run with weekly updates. The season starts with an Annual Coaches Meeting to set schedules, review rules and resolve issues for improvement.

APRIL-MAY 11TH (Team Tryouts and Scrimmages)

MAY 11TH- JULY 28TH (Regular Season)

AUGUST 3RD TO AUGUST 11TH (Final Tournament)



FATWA COUNCIL LIVE SESSIONS

In today's fast-paced and ever-evolving world, families and individuals face a growing array of challenges and uncertainties. With new circumstances emerging regularly, the need for timely, reliable religious guidance has become more critical than ever. Recognizing this, the Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH) has continued to prioritize a dedicated platform where community members can seek answers to their religious questions with clarity and confidence.

| 2025 IMPACT SUMMARY

■ Total Weekly Sessions Conducted

49

■ Religious Questions Answered

Approximately 480

I INITIATIVE

In response to the growing demand for accessible religious guidance, we have initiated the compilation of these fatwa questions and answers into a comprehensive digital library. This effort aims to preserve the scholarly insights shared during these sessions and make them readily available to the broader community. Once complete, the digital archive will be published on the official ISGH website and select materials will be made available in book form to serve as a lasting resource for individuals, families, and educators seeking authentic, Quran- and Sunnah-based rulings.

JOB NETWORKING

The Job Networking Team empowers the community with networking opportunities and training and provides a path to employment and success.

Activities at citywide masjids included

- GPT Boost Your Resume
- Leadership Training
- AI Training
- SAT Online Workshop
- Monthly Job Assist Booths
- Business Education Seminar
- SAT Summer Camp
- Career Prep
- Communication Workshop Webinars
- Seventh Annual Teacher Training Conference
- ISGH Job Networking and IEIT Job Fair

OUR SERVICES



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