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Through the Journey of Life*



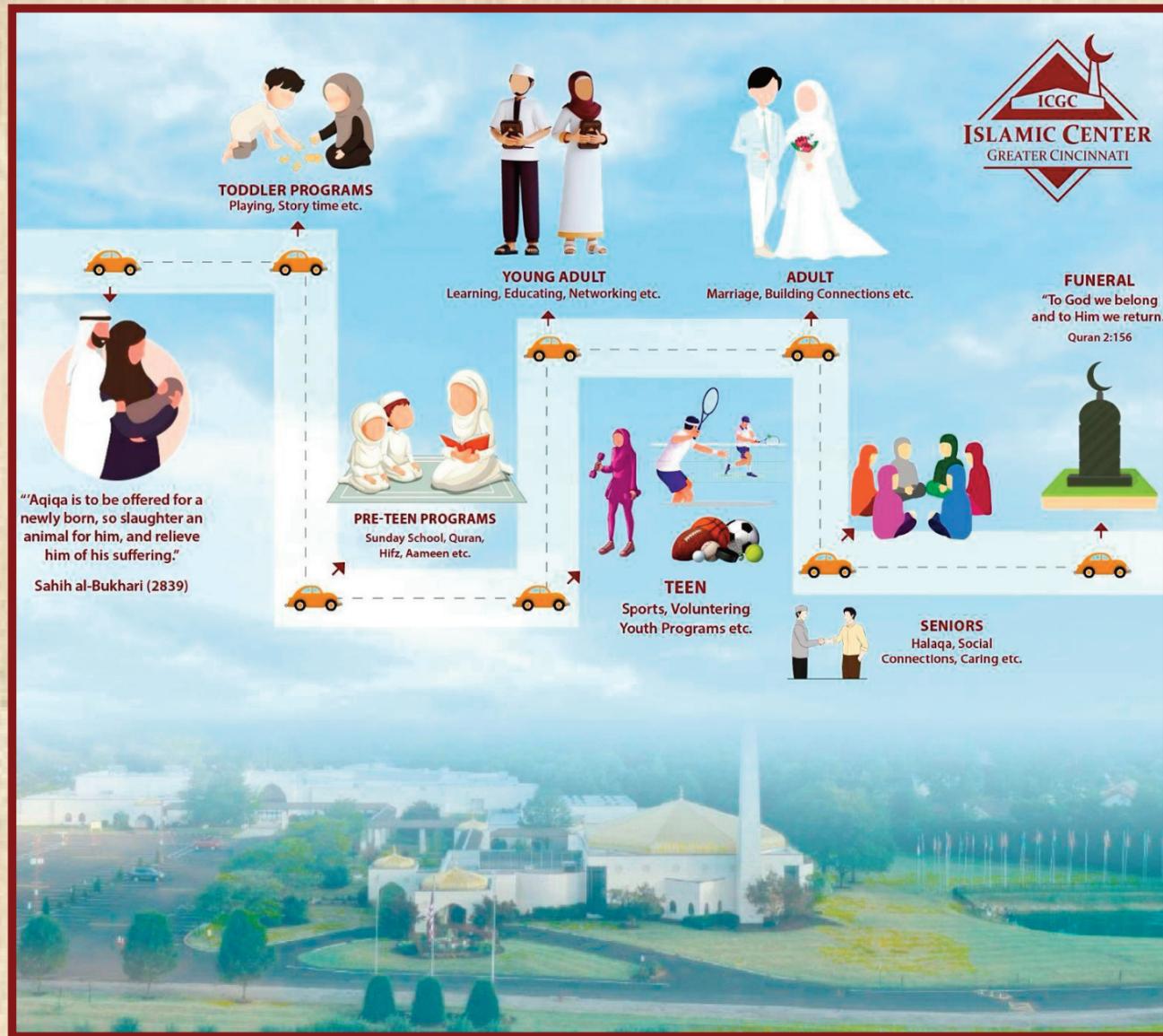
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Thank you to all our staff, volunteers,  
and donors who enrich our  
community in countless ways.



Please join us in this Journey  
and become a member of ICGC.



## Vision

*Uplifting Lives as a Model Muslim  
American Community.*

## Mission

*The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati  
(ICGC) is the Spiritual Oasis for Muslim  
Americans, Living Islam through Worship,  
Education, Service, Leadership, and  
Outreach.*

## Guiding Principles

- God Consciousness
- Integrity
- Trust
- Inclusivity
- Compassion



# A note from the Imam

Shaykh Hossam Musa

## Raising A Faithful Generation

*Allah SWT Says: "O believers, Fasting is prescribed for upon you as it has been prescribed upon those before you so perhaps you will become mindful -of Allah-." 2:183*

The objective of Fasting is to attain Taqwa, being more mindful of Allah SWT. As we are experiencing another blessed Ramadan, Alhamdulillah. Enjoying many delicious filling meals, our brothers and sisters in Gaza and in many parts of the world are starving and being killed, while most of the world leaders, Muslim & Non-Muslim, barely do anything to stop this genocide and death by starvation and cold-blooded murder and mass destruction! One would say, if there was mindfulness of Allah SWT (Taqwa), in the hearts of those leaders and decision makers, there would not be this complicit shameful stance and support for such atrocities and genocide. Point being, we MUST do what is required to raise a generation of people and future leaders, who will have deeply rooted Taqwa, mindfulness of Allah SWT. A generation of individuals who are practicing Muslims deeply rooted in their faith and its high moral character, conscience, and mindfulness of Allah SWT. A generation of individuals who will NEVER be bought nor will they crumble under pressure or threat. People whom Allah SWT describes: "O believers, Whoever among you abandons their faith, Allah will replace them with others who love Him and are loved by Him. They will be humble with the believers but firm towards the disbelievers, struggling in the way of Allah; fearing no blame from anyone. This is the favor of Allah. He grants it to whoever He wills. And Allah is all-Bountiful, All-Knowing. 5:54.

How do we raise such a generation?

By being good practicing parents. Cultivating a warm practicing culture and environment of Iman in our homes. Educating our children in full-time Islamic schools. Holding strongly and tightly on to the rope of Allah SWT, The Holy Quran, by reading it, learning it, practicing it, and teaching it to the next generation and generations to come. Being an active member at our local Masjid. Part taking in our weekly lectures, classes, dinners, Umrah trips, and activities offered by our Masjid, as well as local and national Muslim conventions and conferences. And of course, fleeing towards Allah, making duaa, and begging Him for guidance for us, our children, loved ones, community, and Ummah.

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# Board of Trustees

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# A note from the Executive Director

Henry Hane

*Assalaamu aleykum Dear Esteemed ICGC Members and Supporters,*

As we reflect on the past year's journey, I cannot help but be filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. Through the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment of our community, ICGC has continued to thrive, even amidst unprecedented challenges.

In the face of adversity, we have remained steadfast in our mission to uplift lives through services that encompass every step of journey of life for the different segments of our community. Our annual report serves as a testament to the remarkable progress we have made and the positive impact we have had on the lives of those we serve.

Throughout the year, we have achieved significant milestones, including robust educational programs, engaging and prioritizing our youth, being there for our community members when they need a lift through various programs and services such as social services, community services, professional services, social events, sports, spiritual support, mental health resources, advocacy as well as logistical improvements that includes parking expansion, technology upgrades, and a new playground for our youngest. These accomplishments are a testament to the collective efforts and collaboration of our team, volunteers, partners, and supporters.

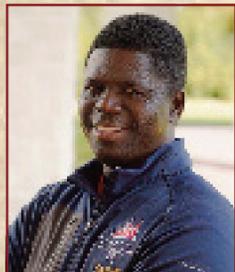
2023 was also a year when we, as Muslims, faced one of the most difficult tests with the brutal persecution and massacre of our brothers and sisters in Palestine and some other parts of the world. That heartbreaking and painful experience called for a swift and strong support for our oppressed brothers and sisters through both advocacy and supportive programs at ICGC. And we continue to stand with our brother and sisters until their oppression is ceased. Nevertheless, our work is far from over. As we embark on the journey ahead, we must remain committed to both celebrating our growth and work together to enhance and amplify our services and impact in the Greater Cincinnati region. Together, we have the power to effect meaningful change and create a brighter future for generations to come, with Allah's consent.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and passion. Your contributions have been instrumental in driving our success and making a positive difference in the lives of others.

As we look to the future with optimism and determination, let us continue to stand together, united in our mission and shared values. Together, we can achieve even greater heights and create a world where we uplift lives as a Model Muslim American community.

Jazaakum Allaahu khairan for your continued support and commitment to our cause!

With gratitude,  
Henry Hane, Executive Director



**Henry Hane**  
Executive Director



**Shaykh Hossam Musa**  
Imam



**Shaykh Mahmoud Khalil**  
Imam



# A note from the Board Chair

Dr. Tarig Sultan

*“When My servants ask you concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calls on Me: let them also, with a will, listen to My call, and believe in Me: that they may walk in the right way.” (2:186)*

Dear ICGC family,

Alhumdulillah, we are blessed with another Ramadan. May Allah(SWT) accept our Siyam, worship, charity, and duas, and may He grant us forgiveness, Ameen. I'm truly grateful to Allah SWT for giving me the opportunity to serve ICGC as Chair of the Board of Trustees. I pray to Allah SWT to guide me and forgive my shortcomings. Every year in Ramadan, as we focus on Siyam and the Quran, we are also reminded to make dua, not only for ourselves but for others as well. Our beautiful ICGC all started with sincere duas from the founders. They wanted a facility that would serve not only them but also for generations to come. Their duas and years of planning and fundraising produced an institution beyond their imagination – a beautiful campus with stunning architecture and tremendous community growth, Alhamdulillah.

In 2023, Alhamdulillah, we were able to serve the community with many religious ongoing activities, including the five daily prayers, Hifz program, Khatiras, Qiyam, Taraweeh prayers, religious educational seminars, led by our beloved Shaykh Hossam Musa and Shaykh Mahmoud Khalil. May Allah SWT reward them immensely.

In addition we have a variety of activities for every age group, including youth programs, educational programs, senior tea, sports, outreach, tours and talks, social services, weekend school, health fair and New Muslim classes, to name a few.

By the grace and blessings of Allah Subhanahu Wata'la, the following projects have been completed:

- The Shifa Health Clinic officially opened to serve those who do not have health insurance.
- The children's playground had its ribbon-cutting ceremony and is in full use.
- Meetings with West Chester township resulted in a traffic light signal adjustment to facilitate Jummah traffic.
- Additional 80-90 parking spaces to address parking concerns.
- Both external and internal audits of ICGC finances were conducted and Alhamdulillah no issues were found.
- A long-time community request for burials without caskets will now be implemented at Crown Hill Cemetery.
- We are working on the picnic shelter.
- Off-site food pantry to serve the community .
- Increase collaboration with Local Masjids in Cincinnati and Dayton areas.

Alhumdulillah, our community is growing by leaps and bounds, a future project, which is a Multipurpose community center, is critical to our needs. The first phase, will include a Youth & Senior Center, Café, Kitchen, Auditorium, Fitness Center, and Conference Rooms. More information to follow after Ramadan and work will start once we have the funds secured InshaAllah. ICGC is blessed with amazing volunteers, Alhamdulillah, and a team of dedicated personal involved with the center: Our Executive Director, Henry Hane, Ali Salahuddin who is the muezzin, caretaker and face of the ICGC affiliated with ICGC for years. Sr. Noor, Sr. Nadia, Sr. Huma, Sr. Faiza, and Sr. Aya, Sr. Samira, Br. Isa, Sr. Sadia, Sr. Luna, Sr. Talat, Br. Yousef, team leaders and the Board of Trustees which has the immense responsibility of taking care of ICGC. Please keep everyone in your duas. We are asking everyone to be a part of the ICGC journey. Please bring your positive energy and support in whatever way you can by volunteering, donating, keeping the center clean and safe, and most importantly, with your duas.

While we are amid incredible blessings, Alhamdulillah, our hearts are heavy with sorrow from the tremendous losses, from the earthquakes in Morocco to the floods in Libya to the ongoing and devastating oppression and genocide in Gaza, Sudan, Yemen, and other places in the world. May Allah Subhanahu Wata'ls ease their suffering, Ameen. Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters throughout the world in your duas, as well as the ones in our community.

May Allah Subhanahu Wata'la allow ICGC to be a beacon of light for years to come. May He bless our families with Iman, health, happiness, and prosperity. May He bless our community with guidance, unity, and strength and protect us from envy and arrogance.

We must strive to continue our sincere efforts and work towards our common goal to successfully maintain develop our center and community for future generations. Ameen.

# Staff



**Ali Salahudeen**  
Adhan and Facilities



**Ayah Hijji**  
HR Manager



**Faiza Abid**  
Accounting Manager .



**Huma Khan**  
A.R. Clerk



**Leanna Allouch**  
Bill Assistance



**Lujain Jamous**  
Career/Employment



**Luna Sakkal**  
IWS Principal



**Menna Ishak**  
Food Pantry



**Racine Diallo**  
Security



**Ruhi Firdos**  
IWS Clerk



**Sabeen Saijjad**  
IWS Clerk



**Sadia Malik**  
Youth Director



**Isa Ar-Razi**  
Sr. Youth Director



**Jackie Othman**  
Service Coordinator



**Samira Jaweed**  
S.S. Operations  
Mgr.



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Food Pantry  
Helper



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Admin. Asst.



**Noor Mustafa**  
Admin. Asst.

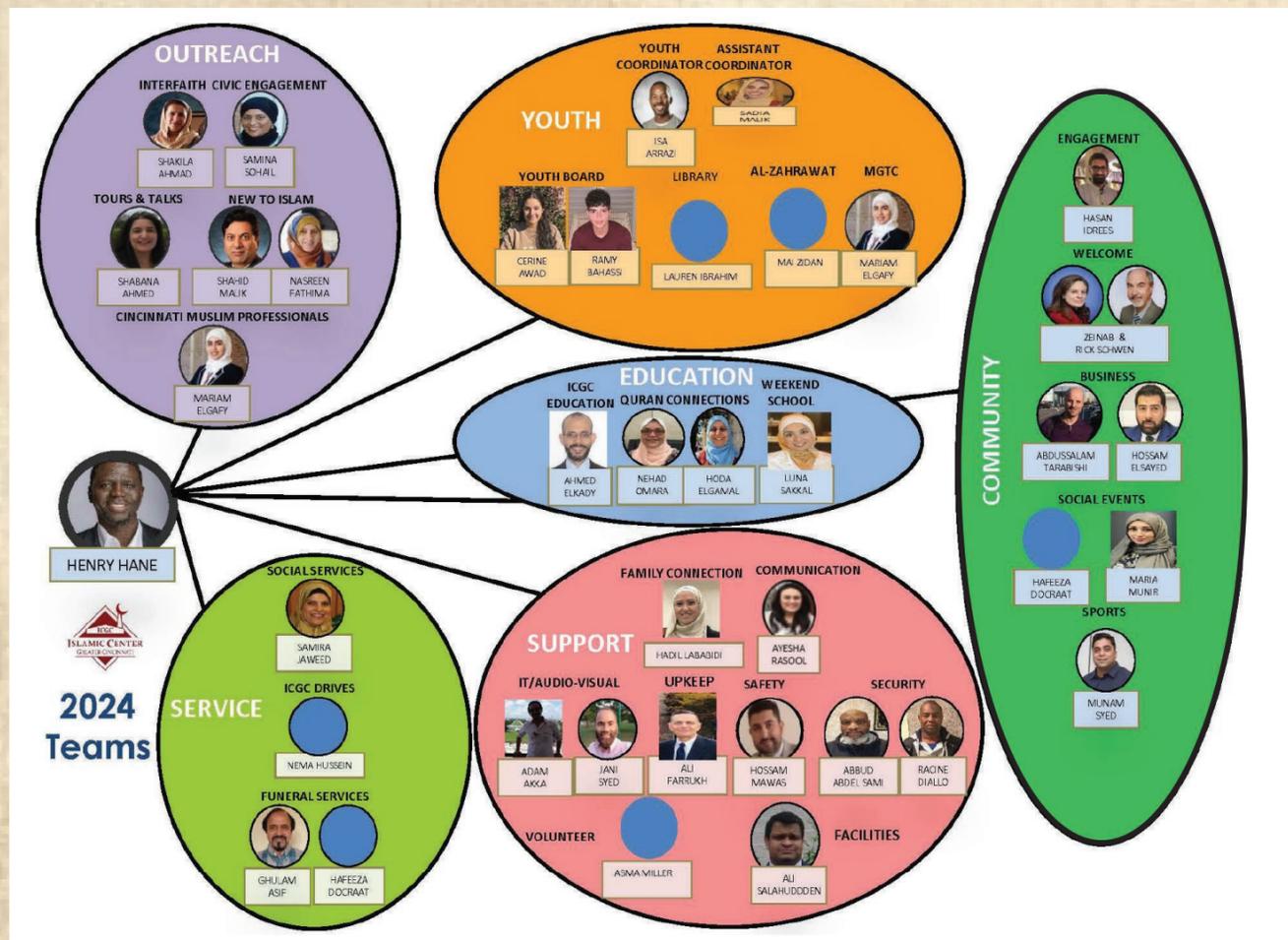


**Yousuf Alani**  
Parking Attd.

**Rafevel Green**  
Custodian

**Hasfa Ahmed**  
Qur'an Teacher

# Team Leaders



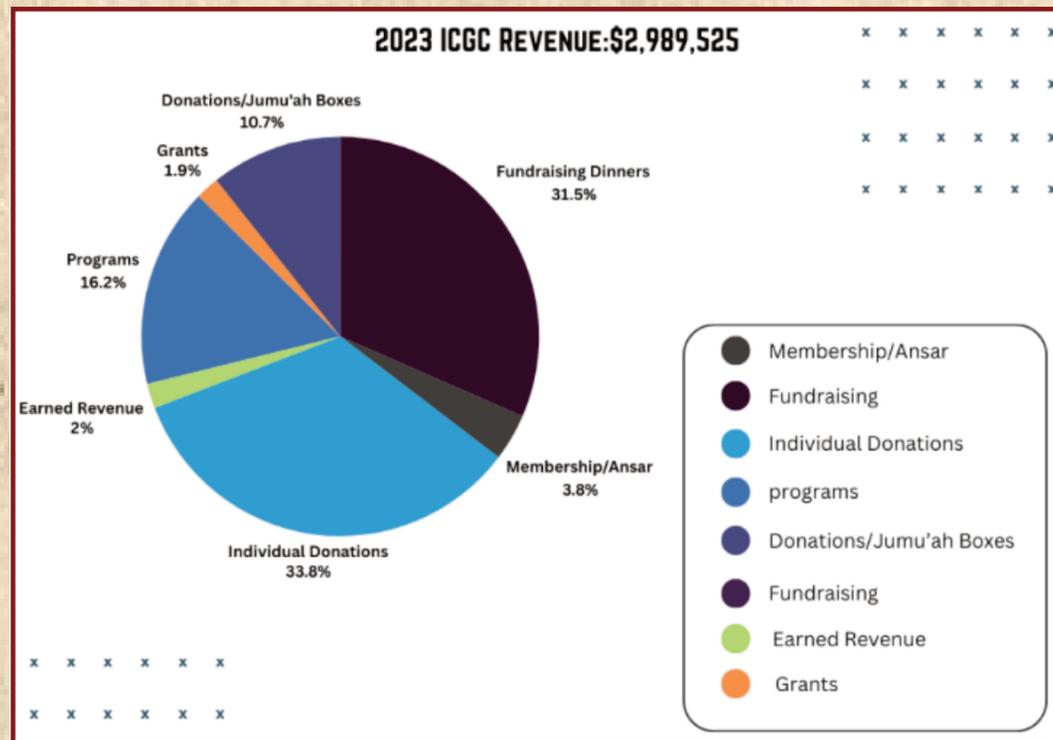
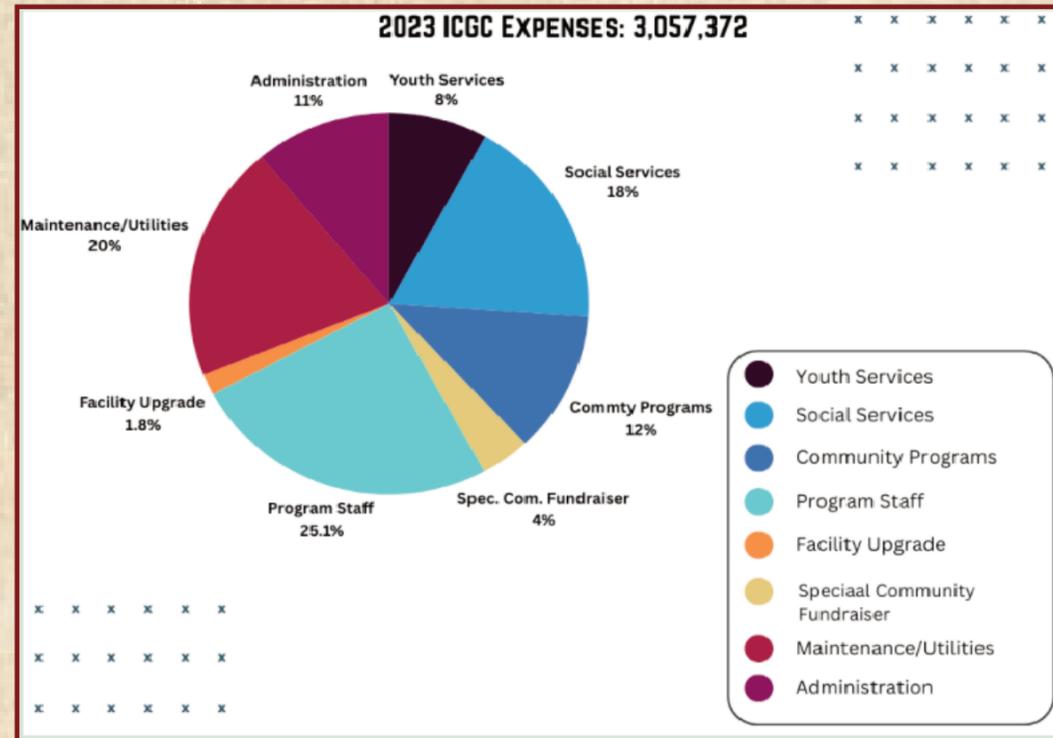
# Capital Improvements



- PLAYGROUND
- PARKING LOT EXPANSION
- BULLET-RESISTANT DOORS
- SHIFAA FREE CLINIC



# Financial



# Youth Board

**Cerine Awad**  
Senior at Lakota East

**Female President**

I want to help organize different events, & to attract the youth to a fun environment. I want to make the community a better & more welcoming place for all!

**Ramy Bahassi**  
Senior at Mason H. School

**Male President**

I want to work with my peers in order to contribute to a more safe & welcoming environment for the youth at ICGC.

**Zain Jaweed**  
Senior at St. Xavier

**Events Program**

I want to create a welcoming & enjoyable environment for youth by organizing the events that will benefit everyone & make us all better Muslims.

**Arshya Marciar**  
Sophomore at Walnut Hills

**Events Program**

I hope to stimulate a sense of belonging in community, especially to the newer members. I aim to address the current issues our community faces with the involvement of previous leaderships.

**Shahad Anjak**  
Senior at Lakota East

**Events Program**

I joined the board to become a big part of my community, help the younger generation to attend the events & to love their masjid the same way I do!

**Djibril Khalil**  
Senior at Walnut Hills

**Photography & Social Media**

I hope to encourage & facilitate meaningful Islam-orientated events for community & to establish an principled precedent for the future members of this board.

**Reham Ramlawi**  
Sophomore at Lakota East

**Oversight Committee**

I am one of the two members on the oversight committee, I'm so excited to help make our community a better and more welcoming place for everyone!!

**Azlan Alam**  
Sophomore at Lakota East

**Oversight Committee**

I Want to make a positive impact, connect with my community, & promote unity & understanding of the deen among young Muslims.

**Mohammad Samara**  
Sophomore at Lakota East

**Public Relation**

My goal is to make the community a greater & safe place so everyone can enjoy the things they love to do!

**Jenna Alshami**  
Senior at Seven Hills

**Oversight Committee**

I have committed myself to foster inclusivity for the youth through Islamic-centered events & create an environment where the youth enjoy & enrich their understanding of deen.

**Nashwa Fazlani**  
Freshman at Mason School

**Photography & Social Media**

I joined board to help unite & improve community. I'm looking forward to being able to create an impact on the youth & serve as a role model for others as well!

## ICGC Youth Board 2023-24





## TODDLER TIME LUNAR LITTLES KIDS CORNER LIBRARY

Variety of programs for toddlers to the very young to start making their connections with Islam.

Some key programs include:

- Ramadan Moon Seekers
- Ramadan Storytime
- Ramadan Decorating Contest
- Lunar Littles Preschool Event
- Writer's Workshop/Book Club
- STEAM Kids
- Iqra Lab Programs
- Hajj Simulation
- Storytime/Open Library
- Chess Club

**100+**  
**attendees**



## Toddlers

## Audio Visual Information Technology

- Upgraded network hardware for better and faster connectivity.
- Connected front gate with network for remote access
- Upgraded thermostats for remote connectivity
- Reinforced security of our networks
- Brand new website with multiple languages option
- Live Streamed khutbas and lectures
- Chat option on website
- Texting option to ICGC phone numbers including 513-755-3280



## End of Life Services

- Janazah services to 38 families
- 13 Visitations
- Additional burial plots
- No casket burial option added



*In Memoriam*  
*May Allah grant them Jannah*

*Dr. Tariq Siddiqi*  
*Dr. Mohammed Sarwar Alvi*  
*Dr. Tasleem Minhas*



## ICGC YouTube CHANNEL SUBSCRIPTION STATUS

**Not Subscribed:**

Views 33,898 (50.6%)  
Hours 3,516 (47.8%)

**Subscribed:**

Views 33,037 (49.4%)  
Hours 3,835.8 (52.2%)

**Total:**

Views 66,935  
Hours 7,351.8



# Family Connections



- Midwest Singles Event in Columbus
- Senior Tea and Connections with over 40 seniors meet every Friday for mutual support and socializing



# Communications

## RAMADAN 2023 (30 Videos)

- Revert series
- Community member's interviews
- ICGC teams and events
- ICGC Youth Programs

## SPRING FUNDRAISER VIDEOS (9 Videos)

- ICGC youth sports
- ICGC Discussions/Speakers and Community Service
- ICGC Youth Girls Al Zahrawat
- ICGC Kids Korner
- ICGC Youth Field Trips
- ICGC Hifz Program
- ICGC Muslim Girls Teen Club
- ICGC Library
- ICGC Quran Connection

## 27th NIGHT FUNDRAISER

## ICGC LEADERS EID MESSAGES

## EID CARNIVAL



# Youth

The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati (ICGC) offers several activities that are especially planned for our teens and younger children, making the Center a relevant and inspiring place for them.

Our activities are meant to entertain, accelerate learning, inspire social service, and grow our children into productive members of society. By staying connected to the masjid and the Center, children establish a healthy self-esteem as American Muslims who can make many positive contributions to their world.

### OUR VISION

To create a best in class Muslim youth organization that inspires our youth to be leaders who are connected to the Creator and creation.

### OUR MISSION

We instill holistic Islamic values to Muslim youth by providing fundamental teachings and leadership tools in a "constructive," fun, inclusive and safe environment.



# YOUTH STRATEGIC GOALS

## 1. Structured Intentional Programming:

Integrates relevant topics with Islamic guidance.

## 2. Engaging Activities:

A wide range of interactive activities that are age appropriate, enjoyable, and enriching.

## 3. Collaboration and Partnerships:

We can't do it alone. So we collaborate with internal and external organizations to provide opportunities, resources, and expertise to enhance our programs.

## 4. Mentorship and Leadership:

Our team of counselors, the youth board and the steering committee provides guidance and support that fosters personal connections and facilitates the spiritual and personal growth of our members.





## ALZAHRAWAT

Alzahrawat is designed for young girls aged 7-12 years to interact in a fun environment.

**Objectives include:**

- Develop girls with a strong attachment to the mosque
- Develop strong Muslim identity to interact with other faiths

Alzahrawat Girls Club meets once a month on a Saturday from 3-6pm at ICGC. The program includes a lecture and hands-on activity (art, drama, knitting, sewing, etc).



## MGTC

The Muslim Girls Teen Club (MGTC) is aimed for young female teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18.

**Objectives include:**

- Helping the youth preserve their Islamic identity.
- Fostering healthy bonds between the young participants.
- Creating a nurturing environment to provide the youth with needed skills to prosper in their future endeavors.
- Educate our youth of their civic rights and duties and help them give back to the community by engaging in community services, events and projects in the Greater City of Cincinnati.

MGTC meets twice a month on Friday evenings during the school year. The club organizes volunteering and other social outings in order to meet the program's objectives.



# Muslim Girls

# Social Events

## EID CARNIVAL

- **Attendance of Over 1000 Individuals:** Successfully attracted a large crowd, with over 1000 individuals participating in and enjoying our Eid Carnival.
- **Generated Revenue Exceeding 5k:** Through various activities and initiatives, our Eid Carnival generated significant revenue (proposed for 2023 was \$1500)
- **Expansion of Community Outreach:** Welcomed numerous new community members, expanding our network and outreach efforts.



# Social Events

## RAMADAN EVENTS

- **Decorations/Inflatables:** Esthetically enhancing our surroundings to foster a festive atmosphere during Ramadan.
- **27th Night fundraising Dinner:** Hosted a communal dinner to commemorate the significance of the 27th night of Ramadan.
- **Nightly Babysitting with Snacks (Sponsored):** Provided childcare services accompanied by refreshments during nightly prayers, thanks to generous sponsorship. Arts & crafts activities, supplies sponsored by generous donors.
- **Khatm Al-Quran celebration:** Organized a celebration with help of many community members to mark the completion of the Quran during Ramadan by sharing desserts and snacks.

## EID CELEBRATIONS

- **Brunches:** Hosted on both Eids (after third prayer only) a celebratory brunch to mark the culmination of Ramadan and the onset of Eid. Again, only possible with the help of many generous community members.
- **Decorations:** Adorned our premises with vibrant decorations to celebrate the joyous occasion of Eid.
- **Distribution of 1000 Goodie Bags:** Distributed goodwill gestures to commemorate Eid, spreading joy to the kids in our community.
- **Ice Cream Truck:** Delighted attendees with a refreshing treat from an ice cream truck, adding to the festive ambiance.
- **Eid Dinner:** Hosted a communal dinner to celebrate Eid with our team and community members. Many lessons were learned and registered.



# Youth Group



*"I love the brotherhood of ICGC and feel like it's a very welcoming environment where I can share my opinions. I also love that it gives me an opportunity to learn more about my religion and get to learn Arabic. I have made a lot of friends through ICGC and really cherish the opportunities that I get to see my Muslim friends at the mosque."*



*Y is 14, Arab. "Youth group helps me stay in touch with the Muslim community and masjid despite being busy with school and extracurriculars. It also gives me good reason to come to the mosque. It's welcoming, you learn something new, and you see your friends. I like getting food. I like sports tournaments and Qiyam nights. I like the counselors, they are nice. I feel like I have built a good relationship with the counselors and can trust them with issues. I feel like they are friends, but can be serious when necessary."*

- Annual Youth Recognition and Fundraiser
- Friday Night Program
- Summer Camps
- Ramadan Programming
- Youth Qiyams
- Fajr Challenges
- Community Suhoors and Iftars
- Dua, Dhikr Circles
- Basketball Tournament
- Service Opportunities
- Outreach Engagements



## Participants

- 190 Summer Camps
- 250 Ramadan Qiyams
- 400 Kids Corner & Friday Night Program
- 150 Fajr & Khatirah Challenge
- 180 Basketball Program



## QURAN CONNECTIONS

This is a great opportunity for you or your kids to learn how to read the Quran. The program is designed for all levels even children who are not familiar with the Arabic alphabet.

Quran Connection will teach your kids the alphabet until reading the Quran fluently.

**Program Goal:** To motivate, engage and encourage students to continue their learning journey to connect with Allah's holy book.

### Highlights of the program:

- For all ages and proficiency levels.
- 15 step program that places you at your level of proficiency.
- At the end of the 12 steps, you will start reading the Quran.
- Last 4 levels to master reading the Quran.
- This can lead to the path for Hifz for those who are interested.



200+ enrolled

# Youth Learning

## QURAN/HIFZ

40+ participants

ICGC has a thriving Quran/Hifz program that supplements Quran Connections. After students become proficient in the reading via Quran Connections, the Quran/Hifz program takes students to the next level in reading Tajweed as well as memorization. The Hifz program is led by Shaykh Mahmoud Khalil.



*I is 14 and African/African American. "I love the brotherhood of ICGC and feel like it's a very welcoming environment where I can share my opinions. I also love that it gives me an opportunity to learn more about my religion and get to learn Arabic. I have made a lot of friends through ICGC and really cherish the opportunities that I get to see my Muslim friends at the mosque. I feel very comfortable talking to the counselors and really like them. I loved field trips, especially the West Virginia trip. I like the Ramadan food tent and the soccer event. Like talking to friends at FNP, playing in the gym, eating pizza, and playing trivia."*

*AK is South Asian, recently moved to the area. Grew up in a small town in Northern New Jersey where there aren't many Muslims. There was lots of post-9/11 discrimination. Did not feel safe living as a Muslim there. Goes to Lakota East now and claims that there is no bullying. "ICGC has helped me learn more about Islam, and become a better Muslim. I have "100%" made lots of friends at this mosque. Have not dealt with any bad experiences at the mosque or at youth group events. It's the biggest mosque I have ever been to."*

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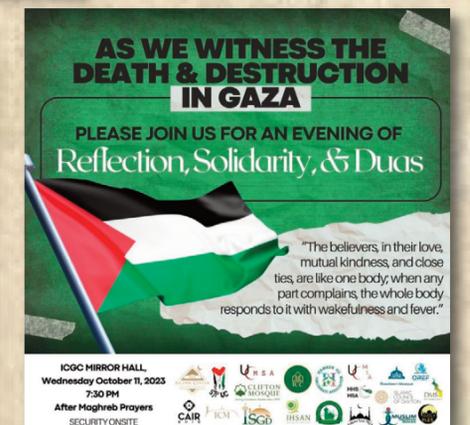


# In Solidarity



"ICGC community came together in many ways to show solidarity with our Oppressed brothers and sisters in Gaza in so many ways..."

- Night of Solidarity immediately following the outbreak of war with over 25 local Muslim Organizations present and over 700 people in attendance
- Nightly Prayers, Duas, Qunoot for Mercy
- Educational programs for the community and youth
- Community members- young and old- attended protests and rallies for Gaza in Cincinnati and DC
- Interfaith Peace Vigil for Gaza
- Mobilization around advocacy with elected officials
- Meeting with Ohio Governor
- Media interviews and Op-eds about the crisis sharing local impact and scope of devastation





# Outreach

ICGC promotes a Positive Image of Islam by "Inviting and/or Educating others about Islam in order to Combat Islamophobia and Re-Engage Disenfranchised Muslims".

## TOURS & TALKS

- Know your Neighbor (Monthly ): 10 events - 212 attendees
- Inbound Tours/Outbound Talks:
  - ◊ Over 50 Engagements, impacted over 2100 people
  - ◊ Educators Workshops, Islamophobia Presentations, Cultural competency, Life Center for Organ & Tissue Donation
  - ◊ Universities/Colleges/Schools
  - ◊ Law Enforcement
  - ◊ Healthcare:
  - ◊ Institutions:
- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT/ADVOCACY
  - ◊ CAIR-OH Masjid Leaders Retreat
  - ◊ FBI Multicultural Advisory Task Force
  - ◊ Governor Dewine Meeting/ Meeting with US Attny SW OH, FBI, West Chester Police Department

## INTERFAITH

- Festival of Faiths
- Interfaith Peace Vigil for Palestine

## MEDIA

- Media interviews with local news channels, Cincinnati Enquirer, The National News and Op-eds

## INTERCOMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Turkish Consular Visit
- Solidarity event for Gaza with over 20 Islamic Institutions



# Youth Learning

## ISLAMIC WEEKEND SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

The mission of ICGC Islamic Weekend School is to provide a healthy, loving environment to build a strong Islamic foundation in the lives of our students through the study of the Arabic language, a comprehensive sound Islamic and Quranic education, and mutual respect and support for one another.

### OUR VISION

Our vision is to ignite the love and intrinsic motivation within our students to learn the basics of their religion and promote generations of well-rounded Muslim Americans.

### OUR GOALS

- Ignite the love for Allah and his Messenger
- Basic Islamic Education
- Embrace Muslim American Identity
- Relevant to Now
- Model Islamic Etiquette, Manners and Behavior
- Build Tolerance of others
- Social Interaction and Connection
- Integrate social services with education



**300**  
participants



## WEEKEND SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS

Alhamdulillah, ICGC has established a unique Islamic Weekend School for special needs children. This program provides an opportunity for all students to learn about Islam. The program emphasizes an inclusive and individualized approach to learning about the principles of our faith and introduces students to the Arabic alphabet, Quran, and salat practice.

### Our future plans include:

- Wheelchair access
- Accommodations in wudu and prayer services
- Respite and family supports
- Inclusive opportunities at community events

We hope to continue to promote programs that further increase involvement and understanding of special needs in our community as a whole.





# Guest Speakers 2023



Dr. Main Alqudah



Shk M. Alshinnawy



Ustatha Zahra



Ibrahim Jaaber



Dr. Hatem Al Haj



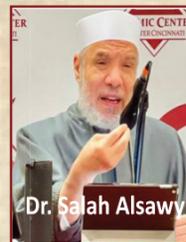
Dr Shoab Malik



Omar Husain



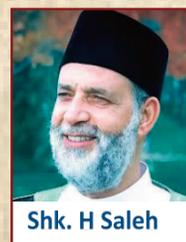
Mustafa Umar



Dr. Salah Alsawy



Mufti Waheed



Shk. H Saleh



Shk. A Mabrouk



Shk. M Abbas

# Social Services

## HOW WE CAN HELP

We are a Social Services agency located in West Chester, OH. We serve individuals and families primarily in Butler County regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or gender. Some of our programs have specific commitment requirements.

- Food, benefits & emergency financial assistance
- Employment
- Education
- Financial coaching



**54,000** meals served to 6,000 people from 62 zip codes

**30** job placements with 1,000 services assistance



**\$250,000** rent and utility assistance to over 200 applicants

## COACHING

financial coaching program, ESL and Citizenship classes



## OUR GOALS

- Transition individuals and families towards safety, self-sufficiency, stability, and growth.
- Facilitate access to essential needs, benefits, better jobs, higher education, and life skills.
- Empower individuals and families to face their challenges and work towards removing barriers.
- Foster a sense of agency, so families can identify goals, create a plan, and work towards self-sufficiency.
- Inspire those we serve to recognize their full potential while mobilizing them toward overall well-being.



# Community Services

- Feed the Hungry
- ArZaq Drives
- Health Fair
- Visit the Sick
- Back to School Drives
- Emergency essential items drive for Turkey/Syria Earthquake relief
- Refugee Task Force





# Community Engagement

- International Dessert Night
- Soccer World Cup Viewing
- High Tea for New Community Members
- Ice Cream Social
- DIY Workshop



# New Muslim

- Over 80 participants via Eid gathering and social events/ activities
- Weekly hybrid classes with over 35 attendees
- Weekly iftars during Ramadan
- Eid celebration at correctional facilities
- Ongoing support to incarcerated Muslims



# Cincinnati Muslim Professionals

## DISMANTLING ISLAMOPHOBIA THROUGH BUILDING BRIDGES

- Collaborative event with CAIR-Ohio and Outreach team
- Speakers: Sahar Aziz, Asmaa Uddin, and Amina Barhumi
- Special guests in attendance: Representative Munira Abdullahi, Rep. Dani Isaacsohn
- Attendees: approximately 70-80 attendees

## NETWORKING EVENT & MENTORSHIP PROGRAM CELEBRATION

- Speakers: Mouhammad Takieddin and Jawad Abde Rahman
- Gifts and certificates given to all mentors and mentees in program.
- Mentorship program video broadcasted
- Attendees: approximately 110

## CMP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM | INAUGURAL COHORT

- After 3 years of planning a curriculum, brainstorming, and researching mentorship programs – the CMP Mentorship Program launched in 2023!
- 4 themed workshops
- 1:1 pairing with mentor that matches identity and interests of mentee
- 1 social event – BBQ Mentorship Social
- Cohort:
  - o 5 mentees
  - o 15 mentors + 4 guest speakers for workshops

## PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

- 1 service event offered in 2024
- Approximately 35 professional headshots taken and edited.



# Worship

We welcome over 60 new members who took shahada at ICGC

Over 50 Qiyams performed at ICGC

Halaqas include ladies halaqas, halaqas for teenager girls on a weekly basis

Nightly Qunoot for Gaza at ICGC



**43**  
Marriages/Nikkahs



**7,000+**  
attendees for congregational prayers including Eid, Taraweeh, and Jum'ah prayers



# Adult Education

Provide a spiritual hub of learning and education that builds Islamic knowledge to meet our community needs.

The objective is to raise confident, practicing well educated Muslim Americans.

- Weekly Khatira and social engagement
- Monthly Seerah
- Monthly guest speaker programs

