

Mosque Foundation

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Leading & Serving  
During COVID-19  
and Beyond



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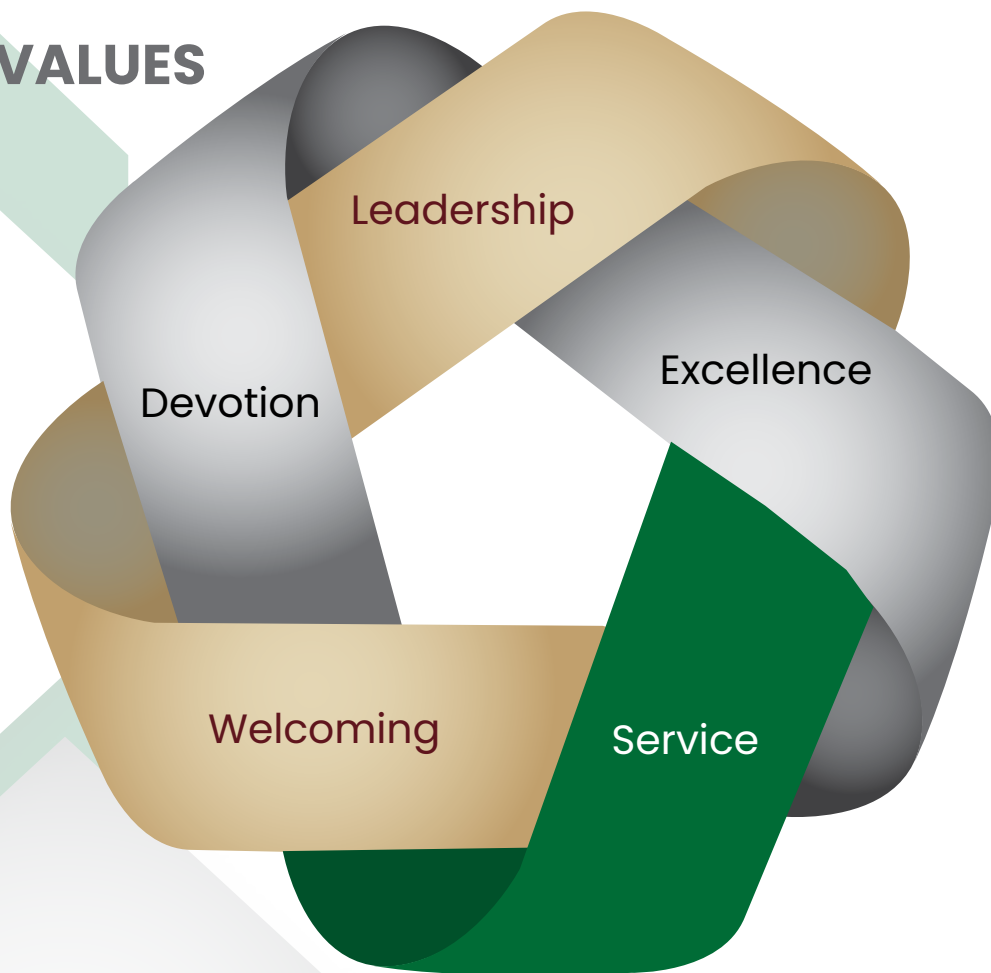
## VISION STATEMENT

To be the leading Masjid in the United States in providing Islamic guidance and service to our diverse community.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mosque Foundation serves the spiritual, religious, and communal needs of area Muslims by nurturing their faith, upholding their values, and fostering the surrounding community's well-being through worship, charity, education, outreach, and civic engagement.

## CORE VALUES



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assalamu Alaikum,

As we slowly emerge from this global pandemic, we pray to Allah to graciously bestow His mercy on us all. Despite the challenges of the past year, your involvement, dua', and support of the Mosque Foundation continue to propel it to grow and develop in the US, addressing our diverse community's spiritual, religious, and communal obligations over the past 40 years. This year of 2021 is a remarkable year that marks 40 years since we were established in 1981.



**OUSSAMA JAMMAL**  
President & Chairman of the Board

Although our doors temporarily closed in 2020, our programs and services never stopped. As soon as it was safe, we re-opened for daily and Jumu'ah prayers. Generous donors provided \$5.3M, which was used to maintain the Masjid, Community Center, Al-Siddiq School, Zakat assistance programs, and expand endowment properties and improvement projects.

The Mosque Foundation continues to play an active role in civic responsibility, social justice, and activism. We play a pivotal part in encouraging community members to exercise their civic duty as American citizens in the political process.

Although we could not open our doors for typical Masjid events, 2020 kept us busy as we successfully transitioned to your homes through our online platforms. We continued supporting Muslim families through educational and enrichment programs virtually on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, the website, weekly newsletter, and the app. We are blessed with multiple Imams, dedicated staff and volunteers who have the knowledge and expertise necessary to serve our community.



**SH. JAMAL SAID**  
Principal Imam & Director

The Community Food Pantry saw a dramatic increase in families needing support during these difficult times. With the help of Allah first, and secondly with your assistance, we can accommodate every hungry family or individual who comes to our pantry. In 2020, we provided food aid to approximately 430 families every week. The Masjid's local Zakat assistance program also saw a dramatic increase in demand, providing over \$868K to local families and nonprofit organizations. In 2021, we plan to continue serving our hungry neighbors with the purchase of a larger facility to safely and efficiently accommodate our volunteers and clients.

The following report details the results of your active participation, financial and moral support. We owe our success and endurance first and foremost to Allah, and then to you, our generous donors, volunteers, members, and supporters.

Finally, we pray to Allah to reward you for your loyalty and trust in our leadership, and we humbly ask you to forgive us for any shortcomings.

President & Chairman of the Board

*Oussama Jammal*

Principal Imam & Director

*Sh. Jamal Said*

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Mosque Foundation provides a spiritual and educational environment for community members to worship with peace of mind and a sense of belonging. In the past years, thousands of people found solace within our Masjid walls. They developed their spirituality, the needy came for assistance and support, and the troubled found personal help. In 2020, we had to limit our in-person services in order to adhere to safety guidelines. However, our services never stopped.

Imams continued to provide religious guidance and education through our social media platforms during Ramadan and throughout the tumultuous year.



Mosque Foundation's Eid-ul-Fitr 2020 drive-thru celebration spread joy to families for miles.



Families enthusiastically drive by our festive campus to celebrate Eid.

Ramadan remained a bustling month at the Masjid with daily virtual services and programs. The Masjid also had a drive-through Eid celebration in our very own parking lot, with cars lining up for miles.

During Eid-ul-Adha, the Mosque Foundation offered worshippers the opportunity to share their adahi with ease and convenience during the Hajj season through several organizations that distribute the sacrifices locally and abroad.

Over 3,700 cars (about 10,000 individuals) participated in our Eid celebration while maintaining social distancing. The Masjid leadership greeted families as they drove by our festive campus.



Volunteers diligently prepare gift bags and distribute them to families.



Br. Oussama Jammal addresses the media regarding our community's Eid-ul-Fitr celebration.



Aisheh Said greets the community and helps distribute Eid gift bags.



Imams Ahmed Arafat and Ali Mashhour welcome families as they drive by.

# IMAMS & SOCIAL SERVICES

The Mosque Foundation is blessed to have devoted Imams who not only lead prayers and present lectures, but also provide counsel, guidance, and advice to community members in times of joy and distress. Despite the pandemic, our services persisted remotely.

- *New Muslim orientation*
- *Premarital counseling*
- *Marriage/divorce support and counseling*
- *Islamic arbitration and mediation services*
- *Parental & Youth counseling*
- *Funeral services at the Masjid and graveside*
- *Religious consultations*



Sh. Ahmed Arafat serves as an Imam and leads prayers and various lecture series for youth and adults throughout the year.



Sh. Jamal Said leads prayers, lectures, social services, programs, and more at the Masjid.



Aisheh Said leads the women's programs including her Wednesday lecture series. She offers counseling to women including Fiqh-related and marital support. Umm Albara continues to be a strong voice for women, advocating for them and empowering them.



Sh. Ali Mashhour serves as an Assistant Imam and leads prayers and various lecture series throughout the year.



Sh. Jamal Said counsels families and individuals at the Masjid.

## Social Services

- Professional social worker, Aisheh Said counsels couples, families, and individuals
- Community service hours
- Religious exemption letters
- Volunteering opportunities

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Building a stable foundation for generations to come is integral to the Mosque Foundation's mission. Through relevant educational programs for men, women, and youth, in Arabic, English, and Spanish, the Masjid continues to cultivate Muslims who are well-versed in their faith. Not only did our core programs continue, but we expanded our topics and depth of discussions. Most of the below programs were delivered virtually on social media or Zoom. Below are highlights of these programs:

- *2020 Elections: Candidate Forums*
- *99 Names of Allah with Sh. Ali Mashhour*
- *Provisions for the Hereafter with Sh. Ali Mashhour*
- *Weekly Women's Lecture with Umm Al-Bara*
- *Weekly Lecture with Sh. Jamal Said*
- *Authentic Remembrance with Sh. Ali Mashhour*
- *Insights of Faith from the Supplications of the Quran with Sh. Ahmed Arafat*
- *This is Our Prophet...To Know Him is to Love Him with Sh. Jamal Said*
- *The Darkness of Modern Superstitions Under the Light of Islam with Sh. Ali Mashhour*
- *Explanation of Nawawi Hadeeth with Sh. Ahmed Arafat*
- *In Solidarity with Our Community: Black Lives Matter*
- *"Effortless Deeds with Great Rewards" Virtual Ramadan Fundraising Events*
- *Daily Ramadan Khatirah*
- *Lebanon Emergency Response*
- *Quran Tilawa and Memorization*
- *Friday Khutbah*

## Funeral Services

Another essential service the Mosque Foundation performed during the pandemic was funerals with religious rights performed under supervision from our Imams and volunteers.

The Mosque Foundation takes great care to provide respectable and safe burial/funeral services for our community. Because we are experiencing a global pandemic, the Mosque Foundation takes extra precautions to keep our team and community members safe during the Janazah (funeral) process. The past year the community experienced the loss of many members to the pandemic.



Essential services such as funeral prayers continued to be offered to community members during the pandemic.



# SERVING & PERSEVERING UNDER COVID-19

The Mosque Foundation continued to take advantage of quarantine to prepare its halls for a full reopening. Continuous daily and weekly programs streamed LIVE via our social media platforms maintaining community involvement and engagement. Family and individual counseling, daily prayer at the Masjid, delivering personal protective equipment (PPE) to our front line workers, are a few of our continued services.

## Remodeling Masjid Project

- The Mosque Foundation led efforts to ensure our community was counted in the 2020 Census
- Enhanced prayer halls
- Updated restrooms/wudu area
- New carpet installation
- Daily sanitization



The Mosque Foundation revealed the beautiful renovation of the Masjid with a completed front hall.



The Mosque Foundation takes extra precautions to keep the safety of our community a top priority.



### Census 2020

- Partnering with the US Census Bureau to ensure every member of our community was counted
- Deploying dozens of staff members and volunteers to help our community complete the Census
- Since July, we have reached over 11,000 members of our community

The Mosque Foundation launched tremendous efforts to get our community counted in the 2020 national Census.



### Civic Outreach

- Educating and encouraging members to register and vote during the national and local elections.
- Hosting a candidate forum in the month of October in the Masjid parking lot to inform community members on critical issues.
- Rally with prominent leaders in support of Black Lives Matter.

The Mosque Foundation successfully holds a Candidate Forum.

# CHARITABLE AND ZAKAT ASSISTANCE

Throughout the year, the Mosque Foundation actively collects and distributes Zakat funds for those in need. In 2020, the Mosque Foundation provided 1,170 payments of financial assistance to needy families, as well as 19 trusted charitable organizations that serve thousands locally and internationally.



The Mosque Foundation partners with trusted organizations to distribute your Zakat and Sadaqa to families in need.



The Community Food Pantry serves hundreds of families every month with essential food items.



The Mosque Foundation Food Pantry continues to serve local families despite the massive increase in demand.

## Mosque Foundation Community Food Pantry

- For over 20 years, the food pantry has been offering sustenance to lines of people, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or religious background.
- Since the tragic start of the pandemic, families served by our Food Pantry increased from 150 families per week to 430 families per week.
- Food delivery to hundreds of homebound residents as far as the city of Chicago for the elderly and other at-risk families.
- Increased demand in a safe, dependable, and welcoming environment for volunteers and visitors.



During the pandemic, the Mosque Foundation donated personal protective equipment to help keep local healthcare workers safe.

## Personal Protective Equipment & COVID-19 Community Education

- Hundreds of masks donated to local front-line healthcare workers to support them to perform their duties safely. Thousands of masks given to our community members.
- Instructions and guidance in several languages to the community on COVID-19 and how to protect themselves and their families.

# MFCC YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth programs serve as a sanctuary for boys and girls to gain spiritual development and receive emotional support. This past year, the MFCC transitioned from in-person activities to online platforms to continue meeting our youth's needs and keep them engaged and connected to the Masjid.

Here are highlights of our youth initiatives:

- Be Among the 7
- Youth Talks: Staying Connected During Hardship & Ease
- Kalam Jameel with Brother Jameel
- 2020 Census Outreach
- Ramadaniyyat for Youth
- Al-Siddiq School and Mosque Foundation Community Center Saturday School support student learning and excellence in Quranic Studies, Arabic language, and religious studies.
- Ramadan Quran Tracks
- Ramadan Quran Competition
- Islam 101
- Young Muslimahs
- Flu Shots Campaigns



Youth enjoy a safe return to the Masjid with a session presented by Imam Ali Mashhour and Brother Jameel Karim.

# AL-SIDDIQ SCHOOL

Al-Siddiq School is a weekend school serving our community for more than 30 years by providing excellence in three major areas: Quran (recitation, memorization, and interpretation), Arabic Language, and Islamic Studies. In addition, Al-Siddiq School has many extracurricular activities to help build a proper Islamic identity for our students. In typical years, we usually have over 500 students and more than 80 staff. During the pandemic, the school programs ran virtually with over 100 students and over 15 staff members.

## Students Of All Ages Benefit From The Exceptional Educational Programs Offered By The MFCC.





# MOSQUE FOUNDATION EDUCATION CENTER (MFEC)

In collaboration with MAS, the Mosque Foundation has a Quran program, managed by Sh. Ahmed Al-Sheikhi and conducted at MFEC. This program consists of two levels. The first level focuses on building the teaching skills that help prepare students to memorize the Quran. The second level (صاحب القرآن - Quran Accompanier) focuses on the memorization of the whole Quran.

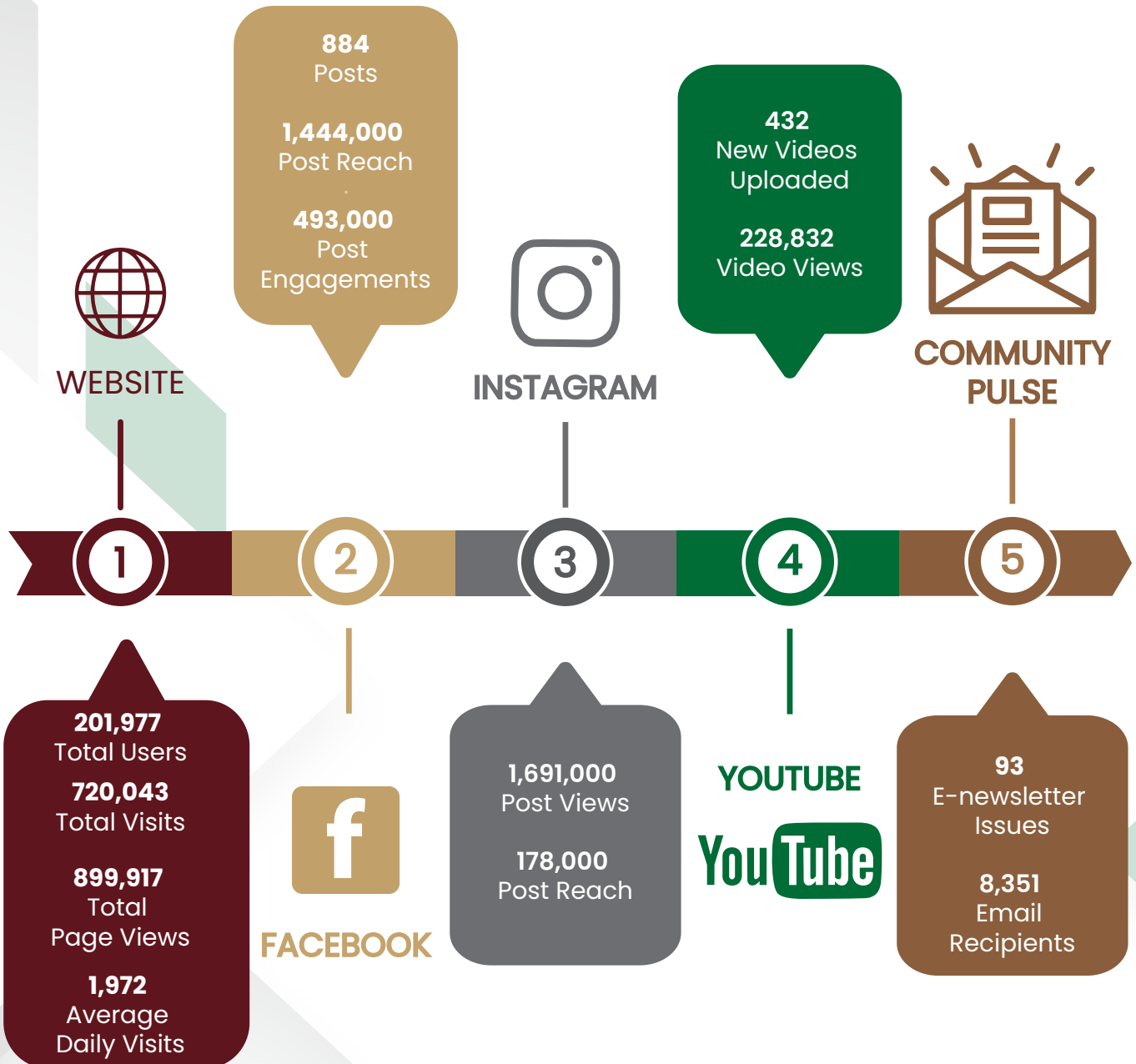


Sh. Ahmed Al-Sheikhi dedicates his time and effort to instill a love of the Quran to our students at the MFEC.



# VIRTUAL OUTREACH

## 2020 Virtual Community Outreach in Numbers



# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

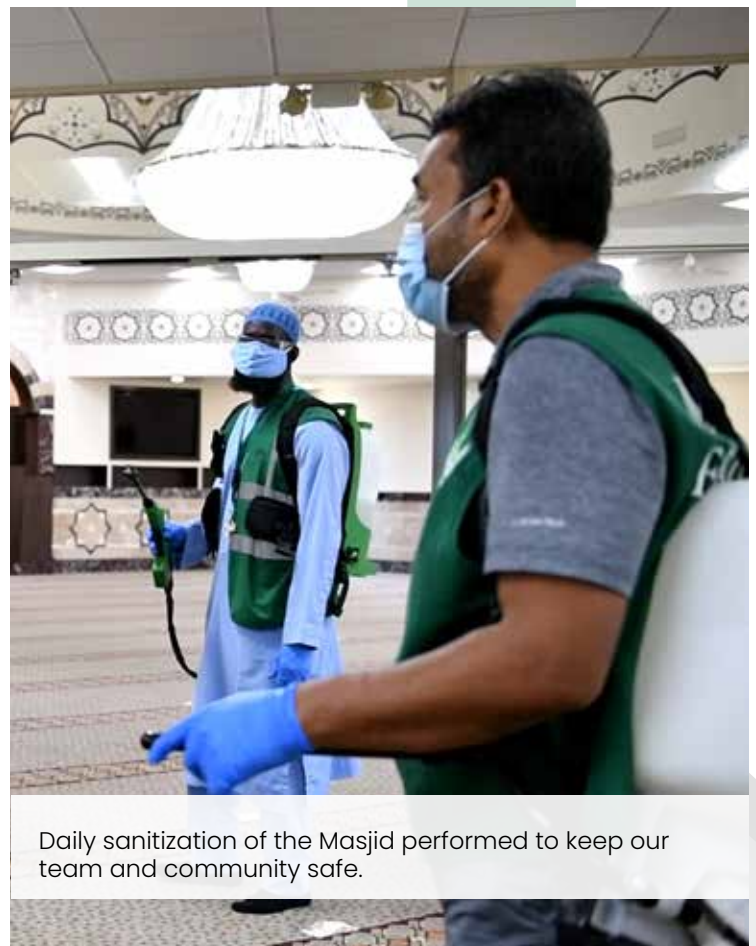
Indeed, the Mosque Foundation is blessed to have a committed team of volunteers who provide support, professional skills, and assist in all functions and services, to ensure that community members have a positive experience each time they visit the Masjid. May Allah reward them immensely and accept their deeds.



Volunteers are the cornerstone of providing services at the Mosque Foundation.



Volunteers assist worshippers at the Masjid.



Daily sanitization of the Masjid performed to keep our team and community safe.

# YEAR IN PICTURES



Volunteers greet happy families during the festive Eid ul Fitr drive-thru event at the Masjid.



Sh. Jamal Said greets worshippers outside of the Masjid as they drive by.



Worshippers bring their own rugs, social distance, and pray safely outside.



Bridgeview Police Department meet with the Mosque Foundation security team.



PPE is prepared to be delivered to local healthcare workers.



Br. Jameel Karim speaks at a rally held in support of Black Lives.



Youth participate in a rally held in support of Black Lives.



A youth participant speaks at a rally held in support of Black Lives.



Members of the community listen attentively during the Candidates Forum



Food Pantry volunteers provide emergency food assistance to local families.

Eid Mubarak greeting lights up Harlem Ave during Eid days.





Sh. Ali Mashhour performs Janazah prayer at the burial site.



Sh. Ahmed Arafat and Brother Hussam pack face masks at the Masjid to be delivered to local hospitals.



Sh. Ahmed Arafat delivers PPE to a local hospital.



President Oussama Jammal encourages the community to exercise their civic duty and vote in local and national elections.



Our new Food Pantry facility will allow us to continue serving our hungry neighbors safely and efficiently.



Census volunteers reach out to our community members to ensure we are counted.



# THE MOSQUE FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Income	Amount
General Donation	593,288
Grants	323,535
Auto Monthly Pledges	473,627
Eids, Events & Activities	117,851
Endowment (Restricted)	-
Friday Prayer Donations	506,290
Fundraising Annual Event	699,482
Other Donations	583,847
Ramadan	523,196
Schools	119,671
Services*	575,827
Zakat Fund	818,075
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,334,690</b>
Expenses	
Program Services	
Education	431,301
Civic & Outreach	593,542
Religious	434,148
Youth	325,475
Zakat	868,138
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>2,652,603</b>
Supporting Services	
Fundraising	296,234
Management & General	667,061
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>963,295</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,615,898</b>
Net Proceeds (Deficits)	1,718,792

\* \$350k is added as a projected value of the products received from Chicago Food Depository

# THE MOSQUE FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Assets	12/31/20
General Operating Acct	278,611
MFCC Account	26,867
School	21,811
Zakat Fund	589,706
Other Current Assets	3,185,920
Fixed Assets	11,788,083
Other Assets	1,056,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>16,946,999</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	56,092
Loan Payable	47,000
Payroll Liabilities	(26,349)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>76,743</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	15,151,464
Net Income	1,718,792
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>16,870,256</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>16,946,999</b>

# 2020 BOARD & COMMITTEES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Oussama Jammal  
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Banan Said  
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Oussama Jammal, President  
Hussein Ata, Vice President  
Abdallah Shuaibi  
Kalid Baste, Treasurer  
Ahmed Kamni, Secretary  
Habes Abdallah

## BOARD COMMITTEES

### Constitution & Policies

Aisheh Said, Chairwoman

### Finance

Kalid Baste, Chairman

### Planning

Oussama Jammal, Chairman

### Membership

Aisheh Said, Chairwoman

### Nominations & Elections

Habes Abdallah, Chairman

## FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES

### Counseling & Arbitration

Sh. Jamal Said, Chairman

### Due Diligence

Mohammed Mowla, Chairman

### Islamic Studies Scholarship

Habes Abdallah, Chairman

### Education & School

Abdallah Shuaibi, Chairman

### Events

Abdelbaset Hamayel, Chairman

### Human Resources

Mohamad Chehade, Chairman

### Interfaith

Karen Danielson, Chairwoman

### Itqan Initiative

Abdallah Alshuaibi, Chairman

### Maintenance

Jafar Faraj, Chairman

### Publication Editorial Board

Oussama Jammal, Chairman

### Programs

Sh. Jamal Said, Chairman

### Public Relations & Outreach

Oussama Jammal, Chairman

### Women

Aisheh Said, Chairwoman

## FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES CONT.

### Zakat

Sh. Jamal Said, Chairman

### Safety and Traffic

Habes Abdallah, Chairman

### Youth Committee

Banan Said, Chairwoman

### Facility Development

Oussama Jammal, Chairman

## OTHER ENTITIES

### Mosque Foundation Community Center

Abdelbaset Hamayel, Director

### Al-Siddiq School

Aisha Rahima, Principal  
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