



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2016**



# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*Assalam Alaikum (Peace be upon you),*

In early 2015, following a horrific shooting incident of three Muslim students in Chapel Hill, N.C., a small group of Muslim volunteers decided to show condolences by breaking stereotypes, spreading kindness and helping those in need.

That initial project inspired volunteers to continue with similar events that promoted peace, love, kindness, generosity and faith in Murfreesboro. The initiative became officially known as the Murfreesboro Muslim Youth group.

Everyone who, in anyway, had contributed to this organization does their part to share in the work of Allah (SWT). We are all the equivalent of working cogs and screws in the grand scheme of the overall mission.

In 2016, MMY continued to grow even beyond expectations. MMY established its name as a trusted Islamic organization in Murfreesboro and created many new allies. Members delivered more supplies, aid and meals than ever anticipated. The group held more events than originally planned. But most importantly, MMY members built friendships that will hopefully last for years to come.

We enter 2017 with a stronger will to keep giving back tirelessly, building new friendships, growing in faith, supporting those in need, and strengthening the trust in The Murfreesboro Muslim Youth organization's name. We enter 2017 with the understanding that the MMY mission will carry on with or without us as individuals. We must leap forward at the slightest opportunity to be a part of something much bigger than ourselves.

We are proud of the work we've done and thankful yet humbled by the people we work with who take the time out of their daily lives to give back to our community.

On behalf of the Murfreesboro Muslim Youth board, we thank everyone for their continuous support, donations and trust in our work in 2016 and for the years to come.

First and foremost, we thank God for his blessings upon us. We ask God to continue to bless our work, volunteers, and supporters.

Thank you!

*Murfreesboro Muslim Youth Board*

## MEET THE BOARD



Abdou Kattih



Anas Hajhusein



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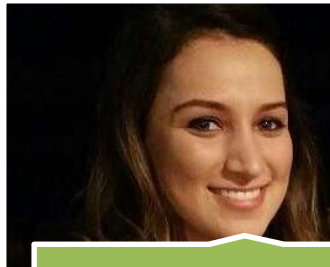
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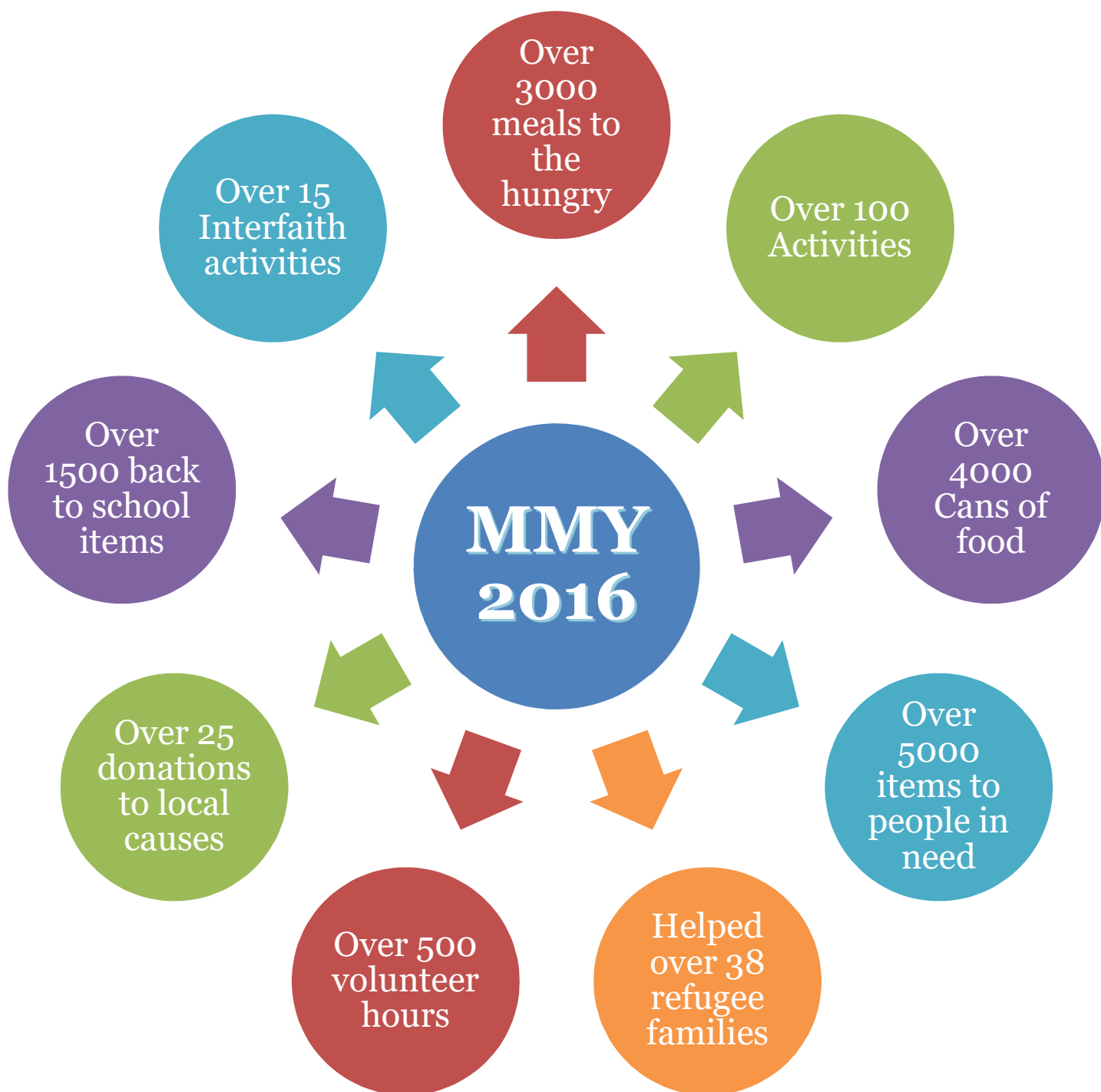
### MMY MISSION

- Our mission is to help connect, develop, grow, learn from, and educate our youth from all age groups through community services and working together.

### MMY OBJECTIFIES

- Our objective is to provide our youth with opportunities to engage in activities that will serve the community we live in, foster relationships with one another, and enhance the good nature in each other, all while developing a sense of pride in their Muslim identity.

# 2016 AT A GLANCE





# YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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MMY encourages, supports, and finances our youth work to improve the society they live in while building their own character, skills, and knowledge in the realm of faith, social justice, advocacy, leadership, organization, and fundamentals of positive social reformation.

## FUN ACTIVITIES

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Our fun activities are geared towards every age, and are open to Muslims and non-Muslims. Through these events, we hope to provide fun, create friendships, build trust, establish bonds, and enhance the sense of pride in one's faith.



## MIST

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Annually, The MMY will help MIST Nashville providing volunteers, and / or financial support. Mist is The Muslim Inter-Scholastic Tournament (MIST)<sup>TM</sup>



# COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

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The MMY team works with local groups and shelters to provide food to those in need within our community on regular basis.

## CANNED FOOD DRIVES

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The MMY helps stock local nonprofit food pantries and food banks.

## ADOPT A HWY

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MMY helps keep our neighborhood clean. We sponsor Mile marker 22 to 24 of Bradyville pike.

## SHOWING CARE

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We reach out to and help local families and individuals at times of need.

We take part of local causes that benefit our community.

We help local groups that work with the less fortunate, homeless, and anyone in need in our community.

We volunteer in local activities, events, and nonprofit causes whenever we can.



# EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES



## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

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### Help them succeed campaign.

Each year, The MMY will be collecting back-to-school supplies to help underprivileged children in local schools, or as part of other back to school drives.

## LITTLE LIBRARY

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To encourage education & reading, the MMY aims to place Little Free Libraries in underprivileged areas in our community. We will replenish books as needed.



## TUTORING CONNECTION

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Bridging Muslim students and success through one-on-one private tutoring with other Muslim students.

**THIS WILL BE DISCONTINUED IN 2017**



# INTERFAITH INITIATIVES



In 2016, we held 3 picnics that attracted hundreds.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love your neighbor is a potluck picnic meant to bring the community together, regardless of ethnicity, faith, race, or anything else.

Purpose of this popular event is to show that love and peace are the face of our community.

## A SEAT AT THE TABLE

**A Seat At The Table (ASATT) is a project by THE Faith & Culture Center.**

We help with logistics and facilitation of ASATT events in Murfreesboro.

This is part of our approach to building respect and relationships within a diverse community.



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in 2016, we raised over \$1,300 to other charities.

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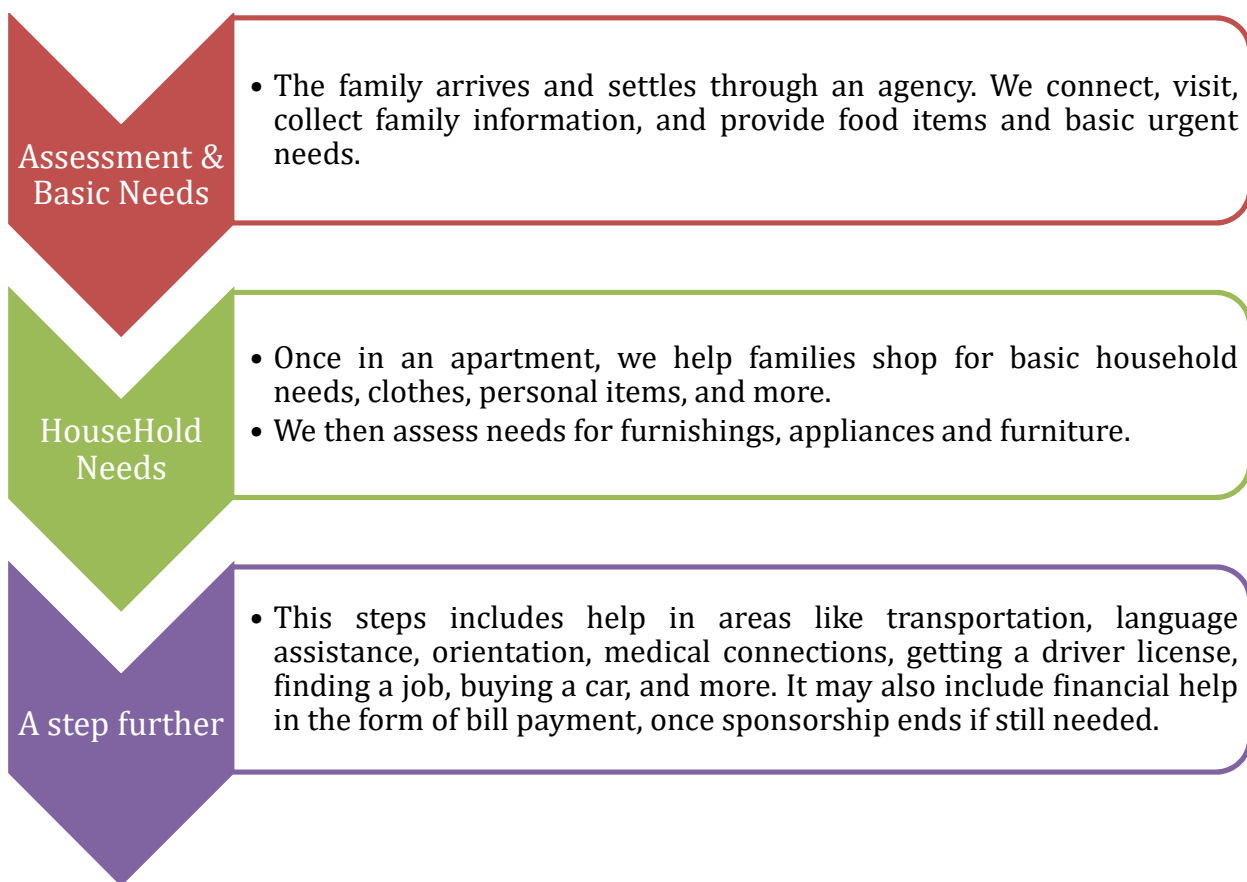
Annually, we hold a dinner where Muslims and non-Muslims can join us in fasting, and then breaking the fast, during Ramadan, our month of fasting.

We charge a small fee for the dinner. The money collected is used to fund other charitable organizations.

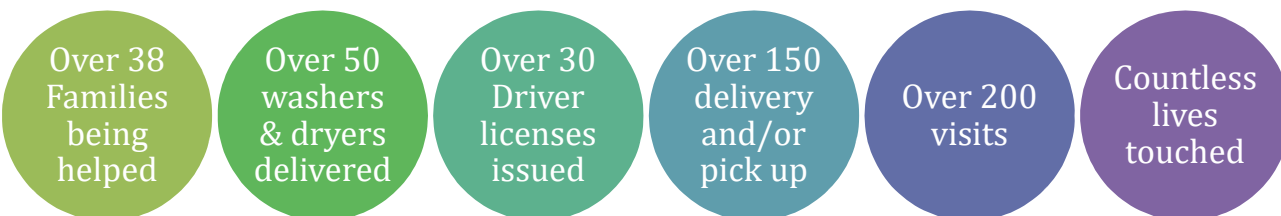
# REFUGEES WORK

Middle Tennessee Refugee Help or Home Away from Home is a local community effort managed by the MMY. It aims towards welcoming new Syrian refugee families to middle Tennessee.

Our goal is to supplement the families' needs and ease and shorten the transition. We follow these protocols:



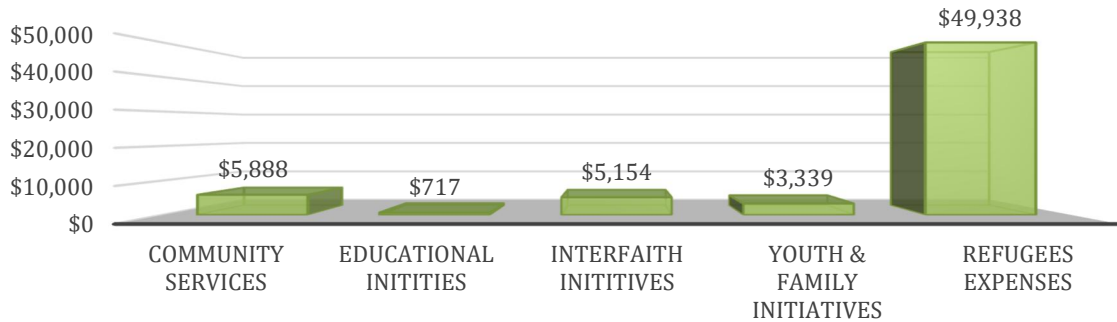
## 2016 Refugee work in Numbers:



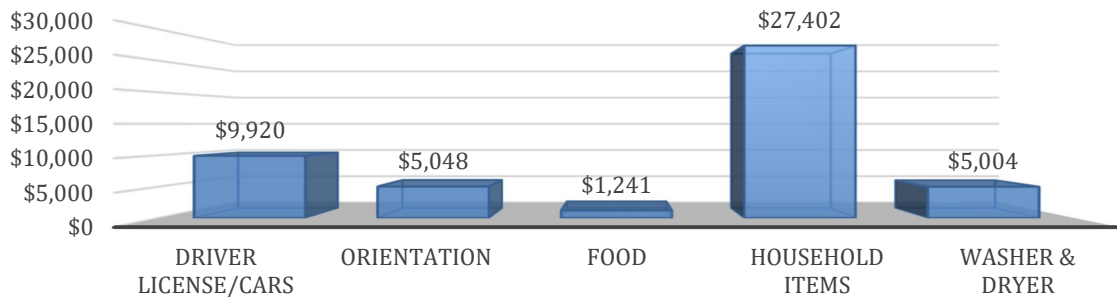
# FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF 12-26-2016

General Donations	\$32,050	Financial Expenses	\$844
Refugee Donations	\$52,004	Operational Expenses	\$2,577
Grants	\$2046	Services & Events	\$65,037
Total Income	\$86,100	Total Expenses	\$68,458

## 2016 Breakdown of Services & Events



## 2016 Breakdown of Refugees Expenses



# 2016 ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK

Did we keep our promises for 2016?

## NO

- MTSU Scholarship was not launched.
- Little Library was not launched.

## YES

- Financial budget was met
  - Allies were expanded
  - Communication was improved
- Adopt a Hwy launched
  - Tutoring Service launched.

## Looking forward to 2017

Keep budget under \$25,000 excluding refugees work.

Strengthen existing services & relationships.

2017  
PROMISES

Improve digital and online presence.

Come up with an out-of-the-box Ramadan idea.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### DONATE!

- Donations will help our programs and activities keep going.
- You may donate online, by mail, or in person.

### VOLUNTEER!

- Volunteer with us. We will call you when we have a need.
- Many of our volunteering opportunities could count towards community service hours.

### GIVE US FEEDBACK!

- Your feedback is most valuable to us.
- Please send us suggestions, feedback, compliments, criticism, ideas, or anything else you would like to see.

### ATTEND

- Our work is open to everyone, the youth loves seeing their parents at events.
- You may also attend if you do not have any youth.

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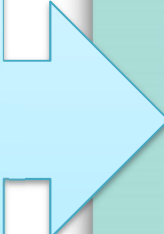
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Preparing Personal Care Kits  
July-2016

Delivering  
Canned  
Food to  
Greenhouse  
Ministries  
Feb 2016



Thank You!  
Murfreesboro Muslim  
Youth





Volunteering for the Autism Walk Oct-2016



Seat At The Table Aug-2016



## Holiday World Trip July 2016



## Ramadan Around the World Exhibit May -2016





Love



Your



Neighbor



Potluck



Interfaith



Picnic





## Towards Love & Respect November 2016

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2016. THANK YOU!

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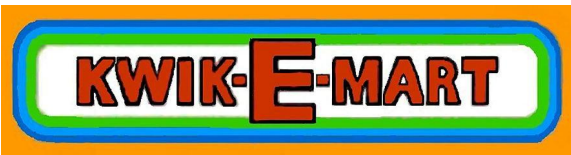
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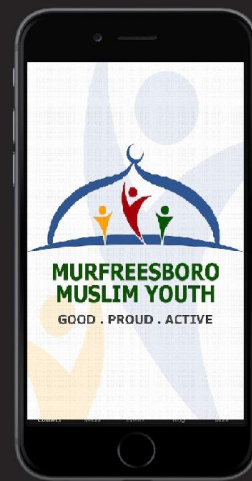




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