



2018 Annual Report



THANK YOU

*from all of all the
Murfreeseboro Muslim Youth Team*



Assalaam Alaikum,

Without creativity, passion, and ambition, this would be a lackluster world. Observation gives birth to curiosity, and curiosity cultivates ideas. Beautiful, awe-inspiring, and colorful ideas that can change the world, paving the way to a brighter tomorrow.

What inspired Benjamin Franklin to experiment with the heavens? What drove the innovative spirit within Thomas Edison? A curious mind is a powerful tool. However, even with such a powerful tool, even great ideas will inevitably be lost without action, hard work, and the support of peers and friends.

In the wake of the horrific Chapel Hill shooting of early 2015, an observation was made. A heartfelt observation which sought out change, we decided to commemorate the three innocent lives lost there by establishing the Murfreeseboro Muslim Youth. It would be naive to believe that this world we live in can ever be anything but imperfect. However, it is our moral obligation as human beings and as Muslims to strive to perfect it.

Our organization encapsulates our moral values and promotes what our faith Islam teaches us: camaraderie, love, peace, and understanding of one another. We began with small tasks, pure intentions, and a strong determination. As our cause reached the hearts of people within our community, our youth began to take ownership, and we flourished.

2018 was a year of growth in activities and support. In 2019, we will continue to implement our youth ideas, to grow, to build bridges, and to bring about a positive change in our community, all while being proud and focused on our faith, Islam.

We couldn't have gotten here today without your support. Whether you are a volunteer, a friend, a donor, or simply here for the ride, you placed your faith in our idea and we are grateful. We hope and pray for your continuous support in 2019 and beyond.

Rawan Haj-Hussein
Murfreeseboro Muslim Youth Team

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



ABDOU KATTIH



ANAS HAJ-
HUSSEIN



AYMAN YASEEN



BASANT SALEM



FARIS
ABUZHARA



HANAN KAZEM



HANEEN AHMAD



LOAY
ABUZHARA



RAZAN HAJ-
HUSSEIN



SAMER KATTIH



SARAH ALZABET



SARAH OBEISSY



SARIN CHAMDIN



YAZAN MUSLEH



ZAID SWAIES

ABOUT MMY

MMY is an autonomous, incorporated, non-profit organization that was formed following the murder of three Muslim youth in Chapel Hill, NC (The Three Winners) in 2015. We are a 501c organization.

MMY encourages, supports, and finances our youth ideas and activities to improve the society they live in.

MMY supports the development of our Muslim youth character, skills, and knowledge in the realm of faith, social justice, advocacy, leadership, good citizenship, and organization.

MISSION & OBJECTIVES

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

Our objectives are to provide our youth with opportunities to serve the community we live in, foster relationships with one another, and enhance the good nature in each one of them, all while developing a sense of pride in our Muslim identity.

WHY ARE WE?

WELCOME

LOVE YOUR

NEIGHBOR

A project by:

Murfreesboro Muslim Youth
GOOD. PROUD. ACTIVE.

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FAITH & CULTURE
CENTER

Kwik Mart
414 N. First St., Murfreesboro

OUR INITIATIVES

Our Youth and Family initiatives enhance the development of the youth character, skills, and knowledge in the realm of faith, social justice, advocacy, leadership, good citizenship, and organization.

Our Interfaith initiatives empower us to work with others no matter their background. MMY encourages inclusion and love for all allowing us to see the best in everyone.

Our Community Service initiatives apply our faith to the community we live in by being active in charitable work across the community, giving back in a variety of ways, and showing kindness and love around us.

Our refugee's work is an endeavor that aims towards welcoming new refugee families to our community.

- Middle TN refugee helpers is operating on crisis help only.
- Murfreesboro Roots for Refugees builds a community for refugees through volunteer efforts. We provide a variety of experiences and opportunities for families, enhanced by our partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club, Girl Scouts, Tennessee Language Center, and Nations Ministries.



a year's overview

2018 IN NUMBERS



**MEALS
DISTRIBUTED**



**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**



VOLUNTEERS



ACTIVITIES



**BACK-TO-
SCHOOL ITEMS**



**CANS OF FOOD
DONATED**



**AND
MUCH
MORE!**



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

HUNTSVILLE MUSLIM YOUTH

Huntsville Muslim Youth was launched, modeled after the Murfreesboro Muslim Youth

FEATURED VOLUNTEER



Our board member Sarah Alzabet was featured as Volunteer of the Year in the Tennessean.



MIST TEAM

An amazing MIST tournament with many first-place winners from our team.

MEET AND GREET



Our first meet and greet to present our work to the Muslim community and our supporters.



501(C) STATUS

We are officially a 501(c)(3) organization.

MMY MOBILE!



We purchased a passenger van! Thanks to all those who made it possible.



RAMADAN APPRECIATION IFTAR

Our annual appreciation dinner was a hit! The purpose of this event is to show appreciation to local nonprofit organizations and volunteers.

RAMADAN 30 DAYS OF GIVING



Another amazing 30 days of giving took place with many special religious, fun, and give-back events.



VOTE WITH US

We held our first Vote With Us event to encourage people to go out and vote. Special thanks to TIRRC for making it a success.

MURFREESBORO LOVES ANNIVERSARY



We partnered with some amazing organizations to deliver Love Your Neighbor on the square as part of celebrating Murfreesboro Loves anniversary.



FIRST HOME!

We joined Cultivate Coworking to use their facilities for our activities and meetings.

FIRST GRANT



Our first grant arrived from TIRRC. Grants help decrease our dependency on donations.

2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- We maintain two bank accounts: one for general operations and one for refugee operations.
- Our finances are reviewed by an accountant on a regular basis.

\$0

spent on payroll or personal expenses.

90%

of all spending went directly to services and activities.

17

donors gave over \$1000 each in 2018.

495

donors support our work.

\$104K

total income from all sources.

\$70K

total expenses.

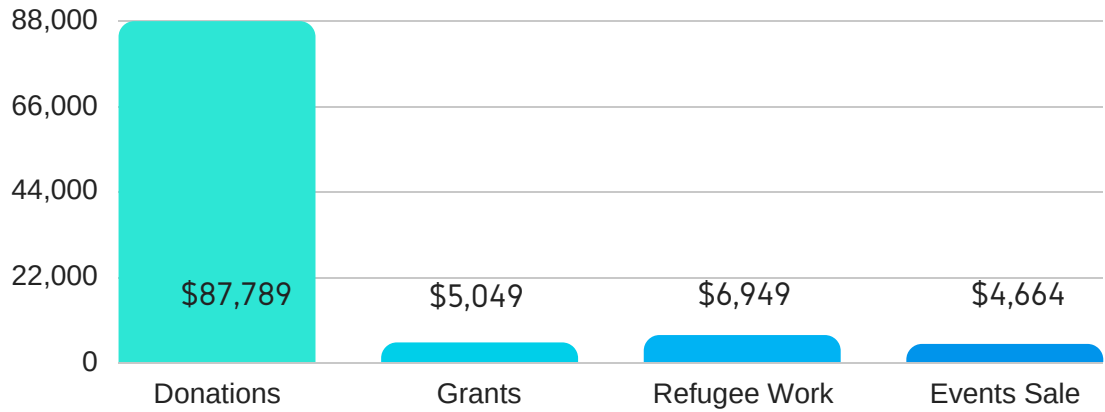


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FINANCIAL REPORTS

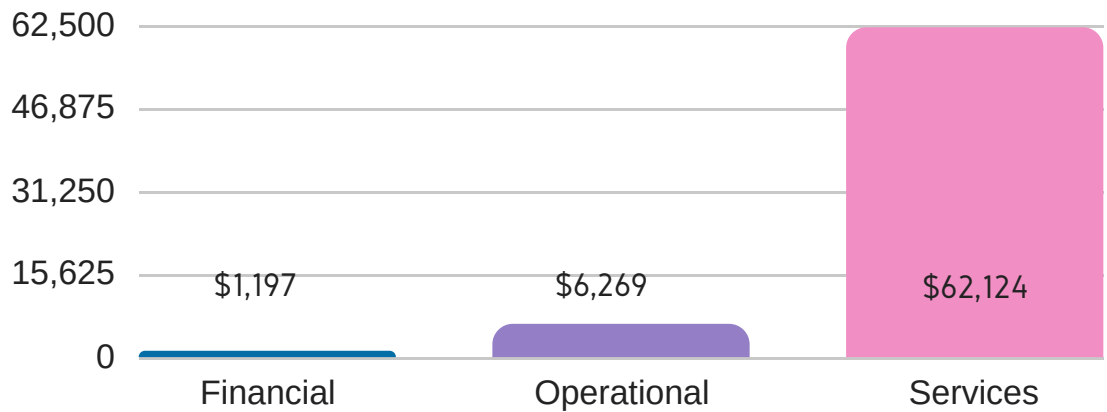
INCOME 2018

TOTAL \$104,451

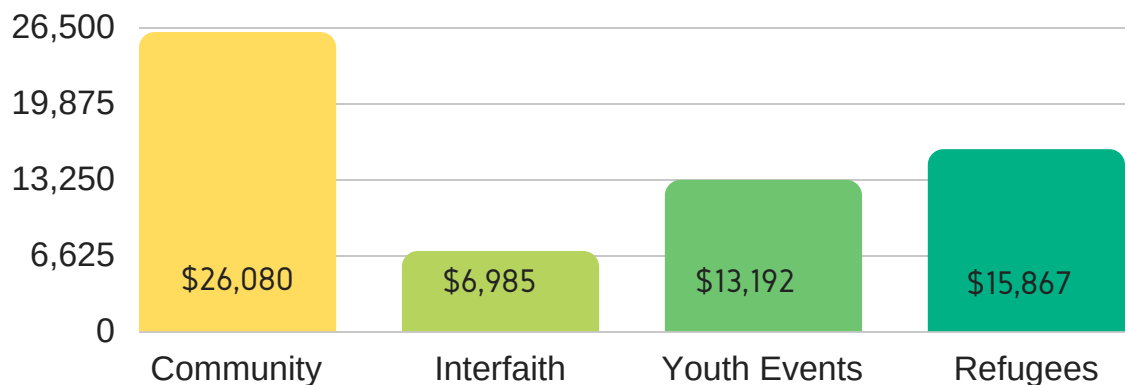


EXPENSES 2018

TOTAL \$69,590



SERVICES 2018



ACCOUNTABILITY

DID WE REACH OUR 2018 GOALS?



Keep 2018 budget under \$40,000, excluding refugee support.



Create an expanded operations board.



Develop a new creative Youth idea.



Host an MMY Information Gala.



Explore a solution to transportation issues.



Explore a solution to a physical location for meetings and events.

2019 GOALS



Increase grant income to at least 10% of spending.



Plan a youth and family retreat.



Enhance and grow our recurring Dollar Donations.



Host more relationships-centered events for the youth.



Reach 2000 followers on Facebook.



Develop a creative new idea to add to our services.

EASY WAYS TO HELP

1 JOIN OUR TEAM

Subscribe to our text/email group to stay up-to-date and use volunteering opportunities to help others in our community. **JOIN BY TEXTING "MMY" to 84576.**



2 DOLLAR4CHANGE

Join our team of supporters by regularly giving a dollar or more at the frequency you chose to keep us going. One dollar can buy a meal for a homeless person, a lunch box for a child, among many other things. When many of us give a small amount, a lot can happen.

Will you spare a dollar a week?
Maybe a dollar a day?
Maybe more?
Do it!



MurfreesboroMuslimYouth.org/donate

3 CHECK US OUT ONLINE

Visit our website, like us on Facebook, and follow us on twitter or Instagram. See what we are up to and get an inside look at our work.



4 KROGER REWARDS

Sign in at KrogerCommunityRewards.com



Under community rewards select Murfreesboro Muslim Youth.

5 AmazonSmiles

Designate us as your AmazonSmile charity and we will get 0.5% of your purchase amount, no extra cost to you.



<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-4437752>



HAVING FUN
AT HOLIDAY
WORLD AND
SAFARI

PREPARING
OVER 200
HOMELESS
CARE KITS



BUILDING
HOMES WITH
HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY IN
SMYRNA



NONPROFITS APPRECIATION IFTAR

SUPPORTING
WALNUT
GROVE
BAPTIST
CHURCH
AFTER
VANDALISM



THANKSGIVING
MEALS TO THOSE
IN NEED AND TO
FIRST
RESPONDERS AT
WORK



FEEDING THE
HUNGRY VIA
CANNED FOOD
DRIVES AND
DIRECT MEALS





MIST WAS AMAZING!





RAFTING WAS FUN!



VOTE WITH US PARTY



A SEAT AT THE TABLE WITH AMAC





HELPING LAUNCH HUNTSVILLE MUSLIM YOUTH



CLEANING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS



DISCOVERY CENTER RAMADAN EXHIBIT



LAYING FLOORS AT LOCAL SHELTER



MEET THE MURFREESBORO MUSLIM YOUTH



VOLUNTEERING AT FCC MUSIC CITY IFTAR



THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US FOR AN AMAZING FOUR YEARS!

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