



ANNUAL REPORT FY 2018-2019

The report details the events hosted by the Muslims' Student Association at York University and the revenue and expenses incurred throughout the year.





In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful and the Bestower of Mercy

MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION AT YORK UNIVERSITY

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ABOUT YORK MSA

The Muslim Students' Association at York University is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of Muslims on campus. The main objectives of York MSA is to provide students with prayer space, encourage and promote the practice of Islam, and hold lectures and social events to benefit the Muslim community at York University. We represent the MSA at York University's Keele Campus while the Glendon Campus has its own MSA.

In addition to various events and activities held throughout the year, the MSA provides services such as:

- 1) Regular prayers in Scott Religious Center Chapel and in Second Student Center Prayer Rooms (4th floor)
- 2) Jummah Sermon and Prayer at 1:30 PM every Friday in Second Student Center Congregation Room

The main MSA Office is located in Scott Religious Centre, Room 210. A separate sisters and brothers office is located in Room 406 and 407 of Second Student Center.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

This year marks the 27th year of operation of the Muslim Students' Association at York University. With the mercy of Allah, we are proud of our long and successful history. We are committed to do what's right for the long term interest of this organization so it will prosper for future students. It has been a strong year Alhumdlillah, due to the constant support and efforts of our general members. JazakumAllahu khayr for giving us your trust, time and feedback. It has been a pleasure serving the Muslim community of the York University as their President. Through this experience, we, as a team were able to serve both Muslims and non-Muslims. We were able to identify our shortcomings and use these shortcomings to work on better serving the community and aiming to focus on issues that are relevant to our members. We hope to continue improving and serving our members. May Allah reward all those involved with the best in this dunya and akhirah.

Best Regards,

Aqsa Kidwai

York MSA President

MESSAGE FROM TREASURER

I am pleased to provide you with my report on the 2018-2019 financial affairs, status and highlights of York MSA's membership, events, and administration activities. Alhamdulillah, with the grace of Allah, even though the club started off a little late this year, we managed to complete another year strong and successfully. Throughout this past year, York MSA continued to deliver services that meet the needs of the Muslims students on campus. We are more than happy to have gotten the opportunity to raise funds and donate to causes, from building a well in Mali with Pious Projects, to contributing in the construction of a school in Africa with The Rightly Guided. We've seen instability in our financial reports compared to previous years but are taking innovative steps to ensure ongoing financial strength and stability.

Internally and externally, 2018-2019 saw York MSA change for the better, and this was due to the relentless support from the Muslim students at York University. Their feedback, suggestions, ideas, and recommendations helped us lay a firm foundation to meet the complex needs of the future. York MSA appreciates it and looks forward to implementing each and everyone's suggestions in the upcoming years. I hope you enjoy the report and I encourage you to visit our website and social media pages where you can see how we continue to build a strong Muslim community at York University. I am proud of what the MSA has accomplished and want to thank the MSA team for their hard work in achieving the results outlined in this report. It has been a honour serving the MSA as their treasurer, for the sake of Allah. May Allah reward and bless everyone who has put their time and effort towards serving the Muslim Community at York University.

Sincerely,

Bushra Fathima

York MSA Treasurer

EVENTS THIS FISCAL YEAR

October 16th: MSA Annual General Meeting

This event was dedicated to introducing students to the MSA team and upcoming events that are to take place during this year. Students also learned about the MSA and what they can do to get involved, including the directorship positions. Refreshments were served to those who attended.

October 21st - October 28th: York MSA Charity Week 2018

York MSA participated in Charity Week 2018. Charity Week is an annual student-led initiative dedicated to collecting funds for children around the world, a flagship fundraising campaign of Islamic Relief for Orphans and Needy Children organization. The events held during this week included bake sales, lecture, brother's game nights, sister's social event, and after-jummah burgers.

November 7th - December 20th : Water Well Project

After raising funds for Charity Week, the MSA was dedicated towards collecting money towards building a water well in Mali through a campaign initiated by Pious Projects. MSA collected money through jummah donations, via the MSA website, and through tabling events such as bake sales and henna booths. York MSA collected over \$800 and were able to build an entire well in Mali, in honour of Muslim Community at York University, that cost \$2500 USD.

November 10th - December 4th: York MSA Hijab Drive

York MSA initiated a hijab drive, and collected new and gently used hijabs that were donated to serve Muslim women praying on campus. The drive ran for almost a month, and many hijabs were collected and were put in a bin beside the musalla for women to borrow.

November 13th - November 27th: MSA Logo Competition

The MSA team was looking to rebrand their logo and so called out a competition for designing a new logo for York MSA. The winning prize was \$50. The MSA received over 20 designs and selected a winner on the 2nd of December.

November 16th: Brothers' Game Night

After the brothers' enjoyed the first game night during Charity Week, they wanted another game night and so the MSA arranged for it. This game night was fee-free, and refreshments/snacks were available to those to attended.

January 8th and January 10th: York MSA Free Breakfast

The MSA team wanted to give back to their community and hosted free breakfast for two days in Vari Hall during tabling. Breakfast was "served" from 10am until supplies lasted. MSA team handed out waffles, pancakes, croissants, coffee and more. The MSA also had a chance to promote their club with banners, and flyers with upcoming events.

January 10th : Naseeha Circle

This was the first event of the winter semester. York MSA Community Services has invited Naseeha and the Muslim Medical Association of Canada to facilitate a conversation about mental health in the Muslim Community. It was an open event for everyone to discuss the rising issue of mental health, how to fight it, how it arises, and what others can do to help. The workshop was conducted by Sheikh Musleh Khan and Sister Kashmala Qasim. Questions and answers were also conducted and students opened up to their own stories. Refreshments were served.

January 31st: Dawah Training

A pre Islam Awareness Week Event held to prepare students on giving dawah. Students who wanted to help out/volunteer during IAW joined this lecture that was focused on how to answer questions and inquiries about the Islamic discourse. The speaker, Coach Zubair, talked about ways to call people to Islam, and spreading the word of Islam in the correct manner. He also explained how one should answer certain questions that are arising about Islam due to misconceptions of Islam publicized in the media. Refreshments were served.

February 1st: Khateeb Training

This event was specifically for brothers. The lecturer, Ustaadh Hassan, trained brothers on how to give khutbahs (Friday sermons.) Advice on public speaking, topics to discuss and how to mention them was given to brothers who were willing to, one day, give Khutbahs.

February 4th- February 8th: Islam Awareness Week

York MSA annually participates in IAW twice each academic year, once each semester. However, this fiscal year, MSA was only able to hold IAW in the winter term. IAW is a week dedicated to raising awareness about Islam. This year, the theme was "Change Within You." The MSA booked Central Square for tabling with 12 tables, each with a different topic about Islam, such as history, repentance, women in Islam, revelation, tawheed, etc. The MSA team, along with volunteers, handed out flyers and dua cards, while talking to students and answering any questions they had, when tabling from 10am-4pm the entire week.

February 5th: Why the Division?

This was a lecture event during IAW, with Sheikh Tamseel. The lecture topic was regarding the question as to how differences rise among Muslims. The speaker talked about the foundation of faith, and gave an explanation where the differences arise. Everyone was welcome to join and especially non-Muslims were encouraged to attend. Refreshments were served.

February 8th: Bring a Friend to Jummuah

This was the last event for IAW. Muslims brothers and sisters were encouraged to bring their non-Muslim friends to Jummuah (Friday sermon), held weekly in the Second Student Center Congregation Room. Non-Muslims were encouraged to ask questions about Islam to the Khateeb after the Jummuah salah. Refreshments/snacks were served.

February 19th: MSA Annual Ski Trip

York MSA annually hosts a ski trip to Snow Valley Resort during the reading week. This year York MSA collaborated with other university MSAs and decided to have the trip on the same day. Activities included skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing.

February 26th: The Legacy Tour

York MSA hosted the Legacy Tour with Being ME, an all-sisters event to discuss the female companions who were around the prophet (s.a.w) and how they strengthened the deen with their skills. Sisters travelled to the past and learned about how the sisters in the prophet's time struggled with their religion. Refreshments were served.

March 1st: Brothers' Archery Tag

York MSA hosted a Brothers' archery tag event where the brothers took a trip to Battle Sports Inc. Battles were fought, alliances were made (and broken) and marksmanship was challenged.

March 14th: Sisters' Quran Competition

A sister's-only event that allows young Muslim students the experience to collectively celebrate the divine word of God through the recitation of the Quran. This year's challenge was to recite (out of memory) a section from Surah Ar- Room and Surah Qaaf. The participants were tested on tajweed and memory.

March 14th : Resistance to Slavery

York MSA hosted a black history month event with Droplets of Mercy, sponsored by Human Concern International. The event did not occur during black history month due to increment weather conditions and was postponed to this day. The lecturer, Sheikh Abdul Hakim Quick spoke about the resistance to slavery that the Africans and African-Americans went through during those times, and touched on the topic of false misconceptions of slavery within Africans.

March 27th: York MSA Annual Winter Dinner

This was the last event of the year. The York MSA team hosted an annual dinner to express their appreciation to its members and non-members. The theme of the dinner was "The Ultimate Winner." The night was filled with entertainment, games, knowledge, socializing, and of course, dinner. Recap of what York MSA accomplished this year and what is to come in the following years was announced, and the new executive team for 2019/2020 was introduced.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

October- December

October 2018: Beginning Cash Flow

MSA Operations	\$ 8,913.83
Sadaqah	\$ 4,302.98
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	\$13,216.81

Revenue:

MSA Operations:

Jumm'uah Collections from October 2018- December 2018	\$ 509.10
YFS Funding	\$ 214.24
Memberships	\$ 320.00
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	\$ 1,043.34

Sadaqah:

Jumm'uah Collections from October 2018- December 2018	\$ 935.75
Charity Week Collection	\$ 2,049.19
Water Well Project Additional Collection	\$ 437.52
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	\$ 3,422.46

Total Revenue	\$ 4,465.80
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Expenses:

MSA Operations:

Annual Meet and Greet	\$ 14.25
Parking Tickets October 2018- December 2018	\$ 105.55
MSA Logo Contest	\$ 50.00
Gifts to Speakers	\$ 150.00
Bank Charges	\$ 5.06
Charity Week Expenses	\$ 472.30
Miscellaneous	\$ 27.95
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	\$ 825.11

Sadaqah:

Donations Transferred to Charity Week	\$ 2,049.19
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	\$ 2,049.19

Total Expenses	\$ 2,874.30
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 1,591.50
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TOTAL CASH	<u>\$14,808.31</u>
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

January- April

January 2019: Beginning Cash Flow

MSA Operations	\$ 9,132.06
Sadaqah	\$ 5,676.25
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	\$14,808.31

Revenue:

MSA Operations:

Jumm'uah Collections from January 2019- April 2019	\$ 822.65
YFS Funding	\$ 617.08
Memberships	\$ 270.00
Ski Trip	\$ 3,273.94
Brother's Archery Tag	\$ 325.00
Winter Dinner Ticket Sales	\$ 804.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 127.37
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	\$ 6,240.54

Sadaqah:

Jumm'uah Collections from January 2019- April 2019	\$ 1,493.20
Other Donations	\$ 11.05
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	\$ 1,504.25

Ramadan Iftar Program

Jumm'uah Collections from January 2019- April 2019	\$ 1,310.65
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	\$ 1,310.65

Total Revenue	\$ 9,055.44
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Expenses:

MSA Operations:

Events:

Naseeha Circle	\$ 129.80
Breakfast	\$ 58.10
Islam Awareness Week	\$ 982.67
Brother's Archery Tag	\$ 326.04
Sister's Quran Competition	\$ 276.62
Ski Trip	\$ 2,978.08
Winter Dinner	\$ 918.31

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Other Expenses:	
Office Supplies	\$ 313.07
Bank Charges	\$ 108.03
Miscellaneous	\$ 53.90
Printing	\$ 28.35
Gifts to Speakers	\$ 219.35
	<u>\$ 6,392.32</u>

Sadaqah:

Donations Transferred to Rise 2 Relief	\$ 212.00
Donations Transferred to Water Well Project	\$ 3,423.45
Helped a grandmother with hospital bills	\$ 200.00
Donations for Building a School in Africa	\$ 476.20
Ramadan Welfare Packages	\$ 1,500.00
	<u>\$ 5,811.65</u>

Total Expenses	\$12,203.97
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (3,148.53)</u>
TOTAL CASH	<u>\$11,659.78</u>

April 2019: Ending Cash Flow

MSA Operations	\$ 8,980.28
Sadaqah	\$ 1,368.85
Ramdan Iftar Program	\$ 1,310.65

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTS

The Muslim Students' Association's main source of funding is through the donations received from the student body. The funding is then distributed through three major accounts: MSA operations, Sadaqah and Ramadan Iftar Program (collection started in April this year.)

MSA Operations is used to make any necessary purchases to run a smooth and organized club. It can be used for events and activities such as dinners, lectures, Islam Awareness Week, etc. or it can be used for operating expenses and the purchase office supplies. MSA Operation funds are collected through Jumu'ah donations.

Sadaqah is used to help out struggling families and individuals in our local community and sometimes internationally. Sometimes, the account gets dedicated to certain fundraisers or charities such as Islamic Relief, Pious Projects, The Rightly guided, as was done this year. Sadaqah funds are collected through Jumu'ah donations and the Paypal account linked to the York MSA website.

Ramadan Iftar Program is only used during the month of Ramadan. The purpose of this account is to provide free iftars to those living on campus. RIP funds are collected a few weeks before the start of Ramadan, after Jumu'ah prayers, and then during iftars. Sometimes, full days are sponsored by other clubs at York University such as York Federation of Students, and Pakistan Student Association.

REVENUE

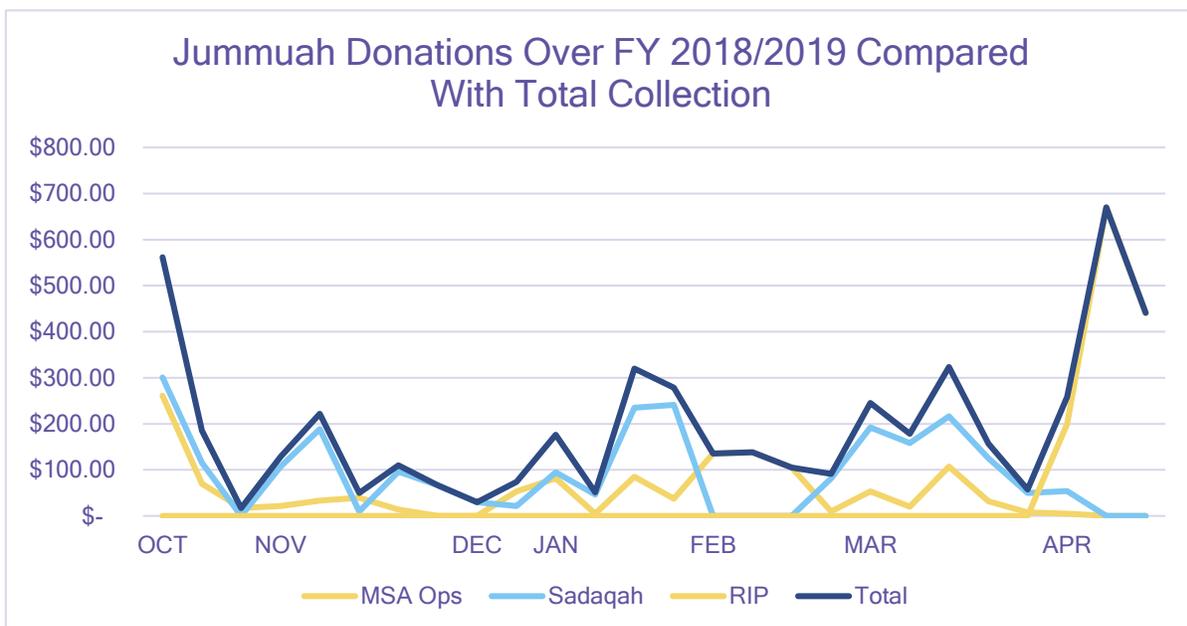
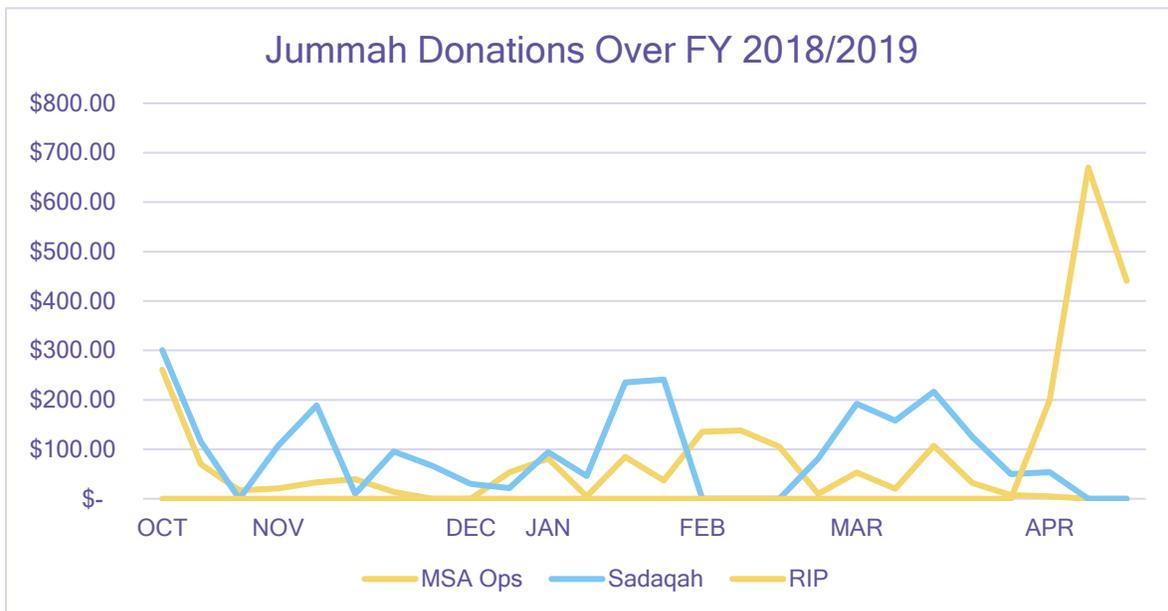
Memberships: Although the York MSA is a non-profit organization, we encourage students to purchase a membership. It costs only \$10.00 for the school year (September- April).

Members get discounts on MSA ticketed events and also at various restaurants that the York MSA has collaborated with for that academic year. With the purchase of a membership, students also have access to sign out books from the academic library.

YFS Base Funding: The YFS (York Federation of Students) is the student union which provides its ratified clubs with \$200.00 of base funding.

YFS Event Funding: The YFS provides its ratified clubs with monetary compensation for up to \$800.00 for each event that the club chooses to hold. Over the course of the year, the MSA has hosted numerous events, such as bake sales, lectures, Islam Awareness Weeks, winter dinner, and much more. We have received funding for the following events: Sister’s get-together, Naseeha Circle, Free Breakfast, Dawah Training, Khateeb Training, Why the Division, Why Islam, Brother’s Archery Tag, Sister’s Quran Competition, Resistance to Slavery, Legacy Tour, Ski Trip, and Winter Dinner.

Jumu’ah (Friday) Donations: Although the York MSA does not ask for donations, a donation box is presented every Friday after salah (prayer) for anyone who wishes to donate to the MSA. Below are graphical representation of money collected during the fiscal year.



MSA Events: Although, most of our events have resulted in a loss, we have gotten a profit from the Snow Valley Ski Trip.

EXPENSES

Throughout the year of 2018 - 2019, the MSA hosted twenty events ranging from social activities to knowledgeable lectures. Some of our major events that occurred this year along with their expenses are listed below.

Charity Week: There were many events planned throughout the week, including bake sales, lecture, brother's game nights, sister's social event, and after-jummah burgers. Expenses equaled to \$472.30, all taken from MSA Operations. Donations collected equaled to \$2049.19 and were transferred to Charity Week.

Brothers' Archery Tag Trip: The brothers had a chance to go for Archery Tag. Transportation was not arranged by MSA. There were 19 brothers who attended. Ticket sales equaled to \$325 and YFS funding was not received. Expenses incurred equaled to \$325.44, leading to a net loss of \$0.44

Islam Awareness Week: A week dedicated to spreading awareness and knowledge of Islam. The theme for this year was "Change Within You" with educational lectures and events planned. Expenses included tabling supplies, and dawah materials. Expenses totaled to \$812.52 with no revenues except YFS Funding of \$582.40. Net loss of \$230.12.

Tabling Supplies	\$219.52
Islamic/ Dawah Material	\$109.5
Miscellaneous	\$153.84
Why the Division?	\$160.37
Bring a Friend to Jummah	\$169.29

Snow Valley Ski Trip: A ski trip planned during the winter reading week to Snow Valley Ski Resort, collaborated with other MSAs. Activities included skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing. There were 48 attendees. Transportation was arranged through MSA. Expenses equaled to \$2497.66 with ticket sales of \$3113.94. There was a Gross profit of \$616.28. Profit was split 50/50 with Islamic Relief at York University. Net profit equaled to \$308.14

Sister's Quran Competition: A sister's-only event that allows young Muslim students the experience to collectively celebrate the divine word of God through the recitation of the Quran. This year's challenge was to recite Surah Ar- Room and Surah Qaaf. Approximately 15 sisters joined us for the competition, some as listeners and others as participants. Expenses included refreshments, supplies, prizes (\$100, \$75, and \$50) and honorarium for judges. Expenses equaled to \$276.62 with no revenue.

Annual Winter Dinner: This was the last event of the year. It was a formal dinner dedicated to the new and recurring members of MSA to establish a warm welcome to the York community. The dinner consisted of entertainment, games such as jeopardy and kahoot, food and a short lecture by Sheikh Hossam Helal. The food was catered by Al- Mustafa Catering. There were approximately 70 attendees. Expenses included food, prizes for games, décor and honorarium for speaker. The expenses equaled to \$918.31. Ticket sales of \$798.17, lead to a net loss of \$120.14

Other Expenses:

Bank Charges: Includes all charges/expenses incurred for using interac e-transfer, and other relevant charges from the BMO bank. This account also includes expenses/charges incurred from the use of Square, Stripe, Eventbrite, and Paypal.

Office Supplies: The MSA office required new supplies to run organized events such as utensils, and cleaning supplies. Also includes supplies needed for tabling, such as new MSA banners, table cloths, printing for posters, and itr.

OTHER NOTES:

The fiscal year started on October 19th 2018.

YORK MSA 2018/2019 TEAM

EXECUTIVES

President: Aqsa Kidwai

Brothers' Vice President: Solaman Aryobi

Treasurer: Bushra Fathima

Brothers' Public Relations Officer: Jad Aswad

Secretary: Salsabil Zubedi

DIRECTORS

Brothers' Senior Advisor: Saad Javed

Sisters' Senior Advisor: Kulsoom Kasim

IT Director: Dhanvee Kaleel

Sisters' Dawah Director: Babni Aryobi

Brothers' Dawah Director: Jawad Ahmed

Sisters' Prayer Services Director: Iraj Shahid

Brothers' Prayer Services Director: Samin Jawad

Sisters Islamic Education Director: Yasmin Yusef

Brothers' Islamic Education Director: Owais Ughratdar

Academic Director: Zainab Nawaz

Khateeb Director: Bader Othman

Treasurer Assistant: Nahla Varvani

Graphic Design Director: Laibah Hassan

Sisters' Public Relation Officer Director: Hiba Saleem

Brothers' Public Relation Officer Director: Ikar Mao

Marketing Director: Azeez Adeniji