



# ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2016 - 2017

*The report details the events hosted by the Muslim Students' Association at York University and the revenue and expenses incurred throughout the year.*



MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
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*In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy*

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# *Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu*

With the grace of Allah SWT we have completed another successful year, Alhamdulillah. We were able to serve the community at York to our best with the support and efforts of our general members. Jazakum Allahu Khairan for all your input and support, we appreciate it and hope on improving our work to better cater the needs of our members and community in the coming years In Sha Allah. May Allah SWT reward all those involved with the best in this duniya and akhirah, Ameen. It has been an immense pleasure serving the Muslim community at York, and it is a rewarding experience and I would recommend everyone to get involved with the MSA.

**Ashfaq Abdullah, President**

It has been a strong and successful year, Alhamdulillah, due to the constant support and efforts of our general members. Jazakum Allahu Khairan for giving us your time, suggestions and feedback. We appreciate it and look forward to working more closely with you for the prosperity of the MSA in the upcoming years. It has been a pleasure serving the Muslim community of York University as their Treasurer. May Allah (swt) reward and bless everyone involved with the best, ameen.

**Haiqa Siddiqui, Treasurer**

Alhamdulillah, we have completed another successful year with the MSA. Without the great support from our members, this wouldn't have been possible. Working with the muslim community while being a student had been a rewarding experience, Alhamdulillah. I would strongly recommend it to anyone.

**Iman Darman, Secretary**

Being part of serving the Muslim community has been an extreme honour. 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 as this is done through the support, feedback, and involvement of our general members, and without them, there would be no MSA. May Allah SWT allow the MSA to better serve its members in the best way possible, and may He allow our members to benefit, ameen!

**Noor Tabassum, Sisters' Vice-President**

I have had the immense pleasure of being the Da'wah Commissioner for the MSA this past year. Alhamdulillah, this year was filled with so many new experiences for me and I have learned a lot. The general members of the MSA have contributed so much and all the great events that happened this year would not be so without the help of the York MSA community. I hope to that the MSA's legacy of goodness continues on for many years to come.

**Miski Hassan, Da'wah Commissioner**

This year 2016-2017 was a productive year at the MSA. Alhamdulillah we couldn't do this except by the help of Allah then you.. the general members, your participation by coming to the events, volunteering, and donating all helped smoothly and successfully in the success of this year. Your advices and suggestions for the team are the fuel that we work with, so please continue to give the MSA club your positive and negative feedbacks. May Allah reward you and us for the good effort. Being a part of the MSA team is a very rewarding experience that I wish all the Muslims on campus get to try it.

**Duaa Saber, Sisters' Public Relations Officer**

**Hadi Satti, Brothers' Public Relations Officer**

## *Jazakum Allahu Khayran*

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAY - AUGUST**

**May 2016: Beginning Cash Flow**

MSA Operations	\$9,798.81
Sadaqah	\$1,183.23
Ramadan Iftar Program	\$5,766.88
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	<b>\$16,748.92</b>

**Revenue:**

*MSA Operations:*

Jumu'ah Collections from May 2016 – August 2016 <sup>1</sup>	\$77.55
YFS Post-Event Funding May 2016 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,448.07
Eid Brunch July 2016	<u>\$188.75</u>
	<b>\$1,714.37</b>

*Sadaqah:*

Jumu'ah Collections from May 2016 – August 2016	\$1,428.75
Paypal Donations from May 2016 – August 2016	\$45.00
Iftar Donations from June 2016 – July 2016	<u>\$264.75</u>
	<b>\$1,738.50</b>

*Ramadan Iftar Program:*

Jumu'ah Collections from May 2016 – June 2016	\$2,014.95
Paypal Donations June 2016	\$48.32
Iftar Donations May 2016 – July 2016	<u>\$3,294.85</u>
	<b>\$5,358.12</b>

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,810.99</b>
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**Less (Expenses):**

*MSA Operations:*

Islamic Library Bookcase	\$182.30
Utensils	\$434.25
Miscellaneous	\$82.76
Eid Brunch	<u>\$190.15</u>
	<b>\$889.46</b>

*Sadaqah:*

Monthly money given to a family in need	\$420
Money given to a sister in need	\$800
Money given for a wedding in India	<u>\$60</u>
	<b>\$1,280</b>

*Ramadan Iftar Program: May 2016 – July 2016*

Daily On-Campus Iftars <sup>3</sup>	\$7,912.73
Miscellaneous	\$43
Donations to different organizations <sup>4</sup>	<u>\$3,000</u>
	<b>\$10,955.73</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,125.19</b>
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<b>NET INCOME (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$12,437.72</u></b>
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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

## September 2016: Beginning Cash Flow

MSA Operations	\$10,571.67
Sadaqah	\$1,445.08
Ramadan Iftar Program	\$169.27
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	<b>\$12,186.02</b>

## Revenue:

### *MSA Operations:*

Jumu'ah Collections from September 2016 – December 2016	\$721.05
YFS Funding <sup>5</sup>	\$1338.70
Memberships	\$1930
Brothers' Archery Tag Trip	\$235
Charity Week Collection	\$1231.45
Fall Dinner	\$1005
Sisters' Sports Day	<u>\$340</u>
	<b>\$6,801.20</b>

### *Sadaqah:*

Jumu'ah Collections from September 2016 – December 2016	\$2,292.21
Eid ul Adha Donation – September 2016	\$118
Paypal Donations from September 2016 – December 2016	\$30
Donations collected for Iqra Nejashi Islamic School	\$489.85
Donations collected for Syrian Refugee Sponsorship	<u>\$1,088.85</u>
	<b>\$4,018.91</b>

### *Ramadan Iftar Program:*

YFS Post-Event Funding	<u>\$2,113.95</u>
	<b>\$2,113.95</b>

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,934.06</b>
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## Less (Expenses):

### *MSA Operations:*

#### Events:

Sisters' Meet & Greet	\$221.75
Welcome BBQ	\$885.35
Brothers' Archery Tag Trip	\$310
Bukhari 101 Class	\$221.20
Fall Dinner	\$1,497.20
Charity Week	\$658.42
Dawah Training	\$88.95
Sisters' Sports Day	\$1,770.85
Islam Awareness Week Fall 2016	\$1,155.55
Marriage Workshops	\$49.25

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## Other Expenses:

Donations transferred to Charity Week	\$1,231.45
Utensils	\$64.40
Membership Cards	\$46.85
Office Supplies	\$10.65
Miscellaneous	\$157.50
Bank Charges	\$24
Parking Tickets (October 2016 - December 2016)	<u>\$118.50</u>
	<b>\$8511.87</b>

## *Sadaqah:*

Monthly money given to a family in need	\$560
Sponsored surgery for a Nigerian Sister	\$350
Helped a single mother with rent and hospital bills	\$1,900
Transferred money to Iqra Nejashi School	\$489.85
Transferred money to Syria Response and Refugee Initiative	<u>\$1088.85</u>
	<b>\$4,388.70</b>

## *Ramadan Iftar Program: Closed*

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$12,219.51</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$12,900.57</u></b>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JANUARY - APRIL

## January 2017: Beginning Cash Flow

MSA Operations	\$8,167.15
Sadaqah	\$1,325.29
Ramadan Iftar Program	\$2,283.22
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	<b>\$11,775.66</b>

## Revenue:

### *MSA Operations:*

Jumu'ah Collections from January 2017 – April 2017	\$482
YFS Funding	\$2,534.38
Memberships	\$300
Arabic Class Fee <sup>6</sup>	\$165
Cotton Candy Sale	\$73.10
Chai & Chat – Sisters' Annual Dinner	\$430
Snow Valley Ski Trip	\$4,150
Members' Appreciation Dinner	\$565
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	<b>\$8,699.48</b>

### *Sadaqah:*

Jumu'ah Collections from January 2017 – April 2017	\$1,610.30
Paypal Donations from January 2017 – April 2017	\$10
Henna Art Club Donation	\$407.40
Arabic Class Fee <sup>6</sup>	\$165
Donations collected for East Africa Famine	\$1,800.90
Donations collected for Myanmar (Burma)	\$712.90
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	<b>\$4,706.50</b>

### *Ramadan Iftar Program: Closed*

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	<b>\$2,113.95</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,519.93</b>

## Less (Expenses):

### *MSA Operations:*

#### Events:

Qirat-ul-Quran Competition	\$165.85
Why do Humans need God? Lecture	\$24
Chai & Chat - Sisters' Annual Dinner	\$1,043.24
Bukhari 102 Class	\$39.5
Academic Panel	\$83.85
Dawah Training	\$26.54
Ski Trip	\$3,596.40
Islam Awareness Week Winter 2017	\$1,473.07
Sh.Abu Bakr Shatri Tour: Night Solace	\$97.75
Path to a Happy Marriage: Sisters' Halaqah	\$13.90
Members' Appreciation Dinner	\$786.60



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## Other Expenses:

Bank Charges	\$24
Club Promotion	\$22.60
Cleaning Supplies	\$55.35
Miscellaneous	\$257.40
Office Supplies	\$38.45
Parking Tickets (October 2016 – December 2016)	\$84.75
Service Charge – SCLD (room set-up)	\$455
Utensils	<u>\$75.70</u>
	<b>\$8363.95</b>

## *Sadaqah:*

Monthly money given to a family in need	\$560
Money to a single mother in Pakistan	\$600
Transferred money to Islamic Relief – East Africa Famine	\$1800.90
Transferred money to Islamic Relief – Myanmar (Burma)	<u>\$712.90</u>
	<b>\$3,673.80</b>

## *Ramadan Iftar Program: Closed*

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$12,037.75</u></b>
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$15,257.84</u></b>
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## **April 2017: Ending Cash Flow**

MSA Operations	\$8,154.66
Sadaqah	\$2,778
Ramadan Iftar Program	\$2,283.22

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Notes to Financial Statements

### ACCOUNTS

The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) at York University is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of Muslims on campus. It provides students with prayer space, encourages and promotes the practice of Islam and holds lectures and social events to benefit the community at York University. The Muslim Students' Association's main source of funding is through the donation received from the student body. The funding is then distributed through three major accounts: MSA operations, Sadaqah and Ramadan Iftar Program.

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 to purchase a bookshelf or 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. Sadaqah funds are collected through Jumu'ah donations and the Paypal account linked to the York MSA website.

Ramadan Iftar Program is only open 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, Pakistan Student Association, and Islamic Relief.

### 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. Members get discounts on MSA ticketed events and also at various restaurants that the York MSA has collaborated with. With the purchase of a membership, students also have access to sign out books from the amazing Islamic 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 dinners, bake sales, lectures, Islam Awareness Weeks, and much more. We have received funding for the following events: Welcome BBQ, Sisters' Laser Tag Trip, Sisters' Meet & Greet, Fall Dawah Training, Marriage Workshops, Fall Islam Awareness Week, Charity Week, Fall Dinner, Sisters' Sports Day, Bukhari 101 lecture, Brothers' Archery Tag Trip, Eid Brunch, Ramadan Iftar Program Days, Converts Panel, Winter Islam Awareness Week, Winter Dawah Training, Academic Panel, Bukhari 102, Sisters Dinner, Ilmster Course, and YorkU Qirat-ul-Quran Competition.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**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.

**Paypal Donations:** A paypal account is linked to the MSA website however, it only has the option to donate for Sadaqah.

**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 2016 – 2017, the MSA hosted twenty-four events ranging from social dinners to knowledgeable lectures. Some of our major events that occurred this year are listed below.

**Ramadan Iftar Program (RIP):** Since this program is the largest event the MSA hosts, it has a separate account dedicated to it. The account opens a few weeks before Ramadan to collect donations to support the program and then closes once Ramadan finishes. It serves approximately 150 – 200 students daily with free iftars. Some iftars are sponsored through clubs or individuals, others donate dates, water bottles, desserts, etc. The breakdown of the account is as follows:

Beginning	\$5,766.88
Donations collected before Ramadan	\$1,461
Donations collected in Ramadan	\$3,897.12
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,125</b>
Total money spent on iftars and related expenditures	\$7,955.73
Donated to other Ramadan programs <sup>4</sup>	\$3,000
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$169.27</b>
YFS Funding	\$3,217.92
<b>Balance end of April 2017</b>	<b><u>\$3,387.19</u></b>

**Sisters' Meet & Greet:** An annual get together for sisters to meet each other and get to know the new team. As a free event, there was a net loss of \$221.75. However, with YFS funding, it was reduced to \$121.75.

**Welcome BBQ:** The York MSA hosted a BBQ after Jumu'ah with hotdogs and hamburgers. We received more than expected number of attendees. As a free event, it incurred a loss of \$885 which was later covered by a full post-event funding from YFS of \$800. However, there is still a net loss of \$85.

**Brothers' Archery Tag Trip:** The brothers had a chance to go for Archery Tag as their annual trip. Transportation was not arranged by MSA. Ticket sales equaled to \$235 and YFS funding was received of \$75. Expenses equal to revenue and there is no loss or profit.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Fall Dinner:** This was the annual 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, jeopardy, food and a short lecture by Sheikh Ibrahim Hindy. The food was catered by Xawaash, a Somali restaurant. There were approximately 140 – 150 attendees. The expenses equaled to \$1423.75. However, with the ticket sales of \$1,005 and YFS funding of \$112.66, there was only a net loss of \$306.09.

**Charity Week:** A week annually dedicated to collecting funds for the Charity Week for Ophans and Needy Children organization. There were many events planned throughout the week, from a bake sale to an online auction. Expenses equaled to \$659.97, all taken from MSA Operations. Donations collected equaled to \$1231.45 and were transferred to Charity Week. YFS Funding was received for \$100, leading the net loss to equal \$559.97.

**Sisters' Sports Day:** This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual sports day hosted by the MSA for sisters in Tait McKenzie. There were a total of 32 attendees. Expenses equaled to a total of \$1,771.80. We earned \$340 through ticket sales and \$400 from YFS funding, which made the net loss to \$1,031.80.

**Islaw Awareness Week (Fall):** A week dedicated to spreading awareness and knowledge of Islam. The theme for this semester was "The Heart" with educational lectures and events planned. We had approximately 155 attendees throughout the week. Expenses equaled to \$1155.55 with no revenue except YFS funding of \$300. There was a net loss of \$695.55.

Islamic Material	\$830
Tabling	\$54.65
Diseases of the Heart lecture	\$34.75
Halaqahs	\$199.10
Why does God allow Suffering?	\$37.05

**Qirat-ul-Quran Competition:** An annual 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 An-Nur. There were only spots for ten sister and ten brother competitors at York MSA. The winners were then qualified to enter the interuniversity competition hosted by McMasters MSA. Expenses equaled to \$165.85 with no revenue. YFS funding was received for \$150. Net loss equals to \$15.85.

**Chai & Chat – Sisters' Dinner:** This is the annual sister's dinner, an evening filled with food, entertainment, prizes, and a variety of chai/teas. Food was catered from Choppan Grill, an Afghan restaurant. There were 60 attendees. The expenses equaled to \$1,043.24, with revenue of \$430 in ticket sales. YFS funding was received for \$400. Net loss equals to \$213.24.

**Snow Valley Ski Trip:** A trip planned during the winter reading week to Snow Valley Ski Resort. Activities included skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing. There were 76 attendees. Transportation was arranged through MSA. Expenses equaled to \$3,596.40 with ticket sales of \$4150. There was a net profit of \$553.60.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Islam Awareness Week (Winter):** The winter semester theme was "In Search of Truth", relating back to the prophets (peace be upon them) and their search for truth and guidance. There were approximately 120 attendees throughout the events of the week. There was a new dawah wall purchased. Expenses equaled to \$1,473.07 with no revenue. YFS funding was received for \$390. There is a net loss of \$1,083.07.

Islamic Material	\$610
Dawah Wall	\$621.50
Tabling	\$108.85
Converts Panel	\$42.50
Halaqahs	\$90.22

**A Night of Solace:** A lecture and Qur'an recitation by the renowned Qari Sh. Abu Bakr Al Shatri, from Saudi Arabia. Expenses equaled upto \$97.75 with no revenue. Net loss equals to \$97.75.

**Members' Appreciation Dinner:** The last event of the year where the MSA expresses their gratitude to the MSA members and non-members for their constant support and attendance throughout the year. An evening filled with entertainment, games, a short lecture and Pakistani/Indian cuisine catered from Silver Spoon. There were around 90 attendees. Expenses equaled to a total of \$786.60 with revenue of \$565 from ticket sales. YFS funding has been applied for, but not received yet. As of April 2016, net loss equals to \$221.60.

## **Administrative Expenses:**

**Website Renewal -** The MSA website and email have to be renewed annually through the web hosting service. The expense was of \$95.88.

**Bank Charges:** Starting September 2016, the BMO business plan changed and now charges \$6/month with benefits of no minimum balance, 2 free interact e-transfer transactions, \$500 withdrawal limit per day, and more. Expense through the year equaled to \$48.

**Service Charges:** This is the room-set that was provided for the dinners. Expenses equaled to a total of \$455.

**Office Supplies:** The MSA office required new supplies to run organized events such as utensils and cleaning supplies. The Student Centre Musallah was instilled with an Islamic library bookcase. Expenses equaled to \$861.10.

**Club Promotion:** The MSA sells new memberships every year to provide members with discounts and access to various resources. This year the cost for a membership was \$10. Club promotion expenses include membership cards and other incentives used to encourage students to buy memberships. Expenses equaled to \$69.45.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup>MSA Operations account was closed from May to Mid-July 2016 in order to collect donations for Sadaqah and Ramadan Iftar Program.

<sup>2</sup>Post-Event Funding was applied in April 2016, the new team received funding for events that occurred in the winter 2016 term.

<sup>3</sup>Daily On-Campus Iftars exclude weekends (Saturday and Sunday).

<sup>4</sup>Donated to Muslim Welfare Centre Ramadan Food Packs, Islamic Relief Ramadan Food Packs and PICC - Taha Musallah.

<sup>5</sup>YFS Funding includes base funding and post-event funding.

<sup>6</sup>Arabic Class Fee divided in half between MSA Ops and Sadaqah. \$30/student

# MSA TEAM 2016 - 2017

## EXECUTIVES

President – Ashfaq Abdullah

Sisters' Vice President – Noor Tabassum

Treasurer – Haiqa Siddiqui

Secretary – Iman Darman

Sisters' Public Relations Officer – Duaa Saber

Brothers' Public Relations Officer – Hadi Satti

Da'wah Commissioner – Miski Hassan

## DIRECTORS

Brothers' Senior Advisor – Talha Tanveer

Sisters' Senior Advisor – Meryem Sevim

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Brothers' Dawah Director - Mahmood Mansour

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