

Islamic Family and Social Services Association

Annual Report 2008-2009



IFSSA

Healthy Muslim Families and Community
17 years of service to Edmonton

About IFSSA

Established in 1992, Islamic Family and Social Services Association (IFSSA), is a non-profit registered charity dedicated to providing services in response to the social needs of the Edmonton community within an Islamic context.

Vision

Healthy Muslim Families and Community.

Mission

To meet the basic physical and emotional needs of the community within an Islamic context.

Objectives

Provide basic necessities such as food, clothing and other emergency assistance to those in need to complement other community resources.

Help prevent individuals from forming destructive habits.

Provide appropriate, culturally-sensitive counselling services through qualified professionals.

Assist refugees, new immigrants and newcomers to Edmonton in integrating comfortably into the community and society at large.

Collaborate with community agencies and be a resource for culturally appropriate services.

Operate as a vibrant, professional and well-resourced agency in accordance with our core values.

Operate programs for youth and parents focused on strengthening the family.

Food and Clothing Bank

Between August 2008 and August 2009, IFSSA distributed 780 food hampers to families in need; this is a 60% increase from the previous year. In addition, over 100 food vouchers were distributed in Ramadan 2008 and meat was distributed to needy clients for Eid-ul-Adha.

These services benefited over 500 children and 300 adults in our community. IFSSA thanks the community for the donations that made this possible.

As well, families that utilize IFSSA's food bank services often pick up items from our clothing and household items bank. These items are donated by community members and sorted by staff and volunteers at the agency. Unfortunately many donated items are thrown away because they are broken, soiled, or unusable. We appreciate all donations but need to continue to remind our donors that only reusable items, that are clean and sorted, are useful to our clients.

Counselling Services

Between August 2008 and August 2009, 30 clients accessed our contract counselor's services, with each client having approximately 3 in-person sessions, as well as 3 follow-up phone calls.

Youth Development and Parent Education Program

The Youth Development and Parent Education program (YDPE) continues to host a variety of programs aimed at preventing destructive personal behaviour and educating the community on how to enhance relationships, particularly between parents and children.

In the last fiscal year, the YDPE program served over 150 unique individuals. The majority of the events were well attended and well received. Programs included:

- Personal Development Workshop
- Stress Management Workshop
- Mother & Daughter and Father & Son Sessions
- Health Workshops for Women
- Homework Club
- Summer Day Youth Camp

In addition, the YDPE has partnered with several organizations to build the capacity of the programs. Some of these organizations include:

- Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
- Edmonton Police Service
- Options Sexual Health Association
- Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Family and Community Support Services.

Family Violence Outreach Program

IFSSA has initiated this unique program for the community. With a focus on newcomers and immigrants, this program provides workshops, seminars and a variety of resources on the prevention of family violence. In addition, the program will offer related outreach services to victims of family violence with in-house qualified staff. For more information or to get involved in this program, visit our website at www.ifssa.ca.

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Government of Alberta.

Volunteers

This past fiscal year over 300 volunteers from the community donated their time and efforts to help IFSSA deliver its services. This amounted to over 1500 hours throughout the year. IFSSA truly appreciates the contributions of all the volunteers and looks forward to seeing new faces in the coming year.

Boyle Street Dinner

For the seventh consecutive year, IFSSA co-hosted a very successful Eid supper for inner-city needy at the Boyle Street Co-operative Centre in October 2008 with the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities. Supper was served to over 700 people with the help of 68 people who contributed more than 175 hours. IFSSA would like to sincerely thank the many individuals, families and businesses that donated their time, money, and efforts to make this a successful event.

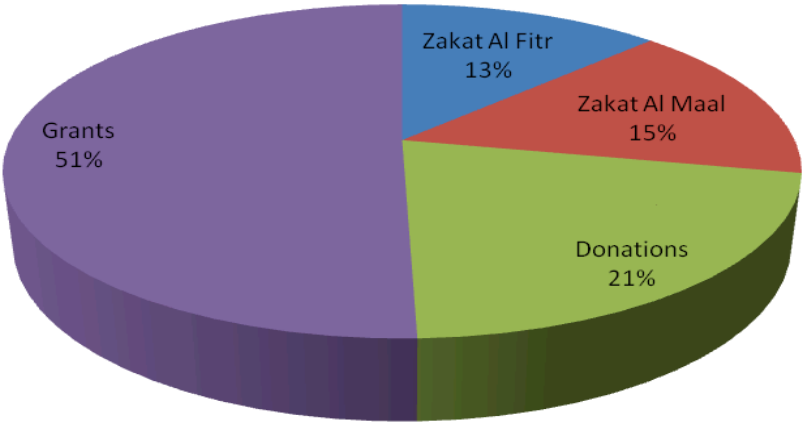
IFSSA has again been awarded a grant from the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton to assist in the delivery of this Festive Dinner. With the ongoing support of the Bureau and the community at large, IFSSA hopes to continue to provide a hot supper to those in need.

Financials

The following charts are the unaudited revenues and expenses for IFSSA's 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The revenues for 2008-2009 were mainly generated through various grants that IFSSA has applied for. The revenues portion includes the new Outreach Grant which is being utilized in the new fiscal year. This grant was received just prior to the end of the fiscal year, and thus did not incur any expenses until now.

IFSSA Revenues 2008-2009 (unaudited)
Total Revenues \$354, 736.09

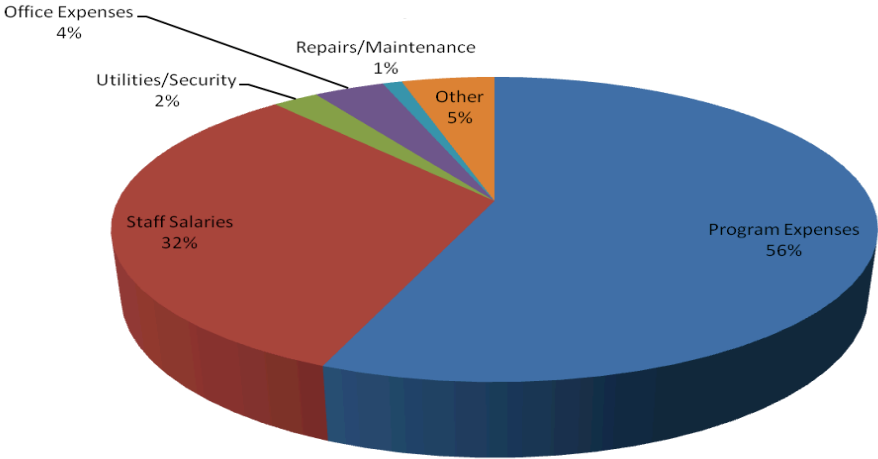


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Program expenses for the year included the food bank, youth and parent programming, and counseling services and the Boyle Street dinner. The YDPE programming accounted for half of these expenses and food bank services for just over a third and the remainder for counseling and the Boyle Street dinner.

IFSSA Expenses 2008-2009 (unaudited)

Total Revenues \$223, 492.90



Acknowledgments

IFSSA would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters. In particular, IFSSA would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following community Masjids:

- Markaz ul Islam
- Downtown Islamic Association (Masjid Sahaba)
- Masjid-ul Quba
- Muslim Community of Edmonton (MCE)
- Canadian Islamic Centre (Al-Rashid Masjid)
- Al-Ameen Islamic Centre



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