

ISLAMIC FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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*Healthy Muslim Families and Community*

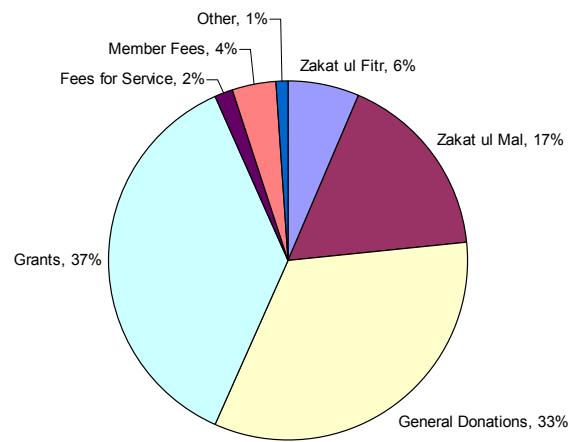
*15 Years of Service to Edmonton*



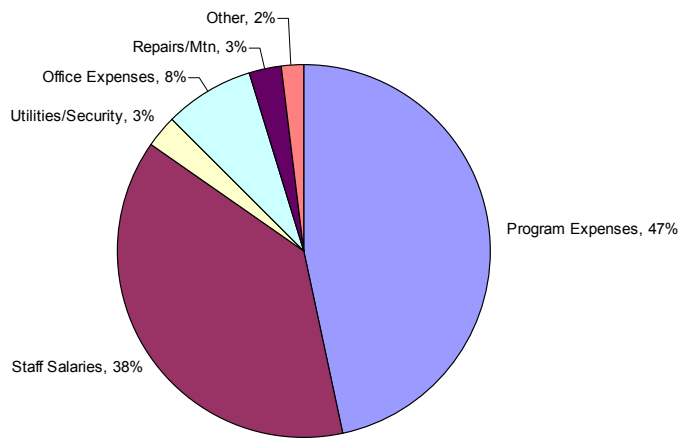
# FINANCES

The charts below are the unaudited revenues and expenses for IFSSA's 2006-2007 fiscal year. Program expenses for the year included the food bank, youth and parent programming, and counselling 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 counselling and the Boyle Street dinner.

**IFSSA Revenues, 2006-2007 (Unaudited)**  
Total Revenue \$212,000



**IFSSA Expenses, 2006-2007 (Unaudited)**  
Total Expenses \$189,000



Note: Other includes Realty fees, bank charges, Refunds, and other nominal expenses.

## 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 a Strong 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.

## OUR SERVICES

### *Food and Clothing Bank*

Between August 2006 and 2007, IFSSA distributed 175 food hampers to families in need in addition to 132 food vouchers in Ramadan 2006. These services benefited 670 children and over 200 adults in our community. As well, families that partake in IFSSA's food bank services often make use of the clothing and household items bank located on our premises. These items are donated by community members and sorted by staff and volunteers at the agency. Unfortunately many donated items 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 are useful to users of our services.

### *Youth Development and Parent Education (YDPE) Program*

The YDPE program 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.

Between August 2006 and 2007 IFSSA hosted 18 events for parents and youth. The majority of the events were well attended and well received. Topics included:

- Family violence
- Anger management
- Preparation for a successful marriage
- Bullying
- Internet awareness and safety
- Meet and greet for new immigrants

- Interfaith dialogue
- Mother & daughter and father & son sessions
- Career development

In addition, IFSSA has been making a concerted effort to collaborate with like-minded agencies and organizations including:

- Edmonton Community Services
- Pakistan Association
- Markaz Youth
- Mennonite Centre
- NAARR (Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations)
- AADAC

### *Boyle Street Eid Dinner*

For the fourth year running, IFSSA co-hosted a very successful Eid supper for inner city needy at the Boyle Street Co-operative Centre in November 2006 with the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities. Over 600 people attended the supper. IFSSA would like to sincerely thank the many individuals, families and businesses who donated time, money, and food to make this event very cost-effective. Also for the third year, we have been awarded a grant from the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton to assist in the deliver of a Festive Dinner. We are thankful for the contributions of the Bureau. With the community's help, IFSSA hopes to continue this annual tradition of providing a healthy, hot meal to those in need.

### *Volunteers*

This year 93 volunteers from the community donated their time and efforts to help IFSSA deliver its services. This amounted to over 1300 man-hours of time over the year. IFSSA truly appreciates the contributions of all the volunteers and looks forward to seeing new faces in the coming year.