

AMERICAN MUSLIM WOMEN'S  
GIVING CIRCLE



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# Session Agenda

**Welcome**

**Introductions**

**Informational Presentation**

**Questions & Answers**

**Wrap-up**





## QUR'AN

And be steadfast in prayer; practice  
regular charity...

2:43

# AMERICAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Advancing Sustainable & Strategic Charitable Giving Together

@AMUSLIMCF





# About Us

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## VISION

Leading sustainable & strategic Muslim philanthropy for today & future generations.



## MISSION

Cultivating donor giving & diversifying funding to advance charitable causes.



## CORE VALUES

Sacred, Strategic, Sustainable, Collaborative, Diverse, Inclusive, Integrity





# Leadership

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Omar Hassan, President
- Dahlia Eltoumy, Vice President
- Fareed Farukhi, Treasurer
- Nawal Ali, Secretary
- Amna Khan-Mirza
- Nabil Rehman

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Athar Siddiqee, Strategic Planning & Development
- Ayat Elnoori, Human Resources/Co-Founder
- Basil Hashem, Strategic Advisor
- Ghada Ahmad, Strategic Planning & Development
- Joe Bradford, Religious Finance Scholar
- Essma Bengabsia, Investment Advisor
- Naaima Khan, Nonprofit Management
- Kinan Alhoch, Marketing
- Michael Ramos-Lynch, Legal
- Osman Arain, Investment Advisor
- Shafath Syed, Marketing/Strategic Planning
- Shams Khan, Fundraising/Philanthropy
- Safaa Ibrahim, Operations/Co-Founder
- Faryal Khatri, Fundraising/Philanthropy

## STAFF

- Muhi Khwaja, Co-Founder, CDO
- Shatila Sago-Hart, Director of Operations
- Ola Mohamed, Director of Nonprofits
- Shazeen Mufti, Giving Circle Manager



# ABOUT US



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# What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a public charity that typically focuses on supporting a community, primarily by facilitating and pooling donations used to address community needs and support local nonprofits.





# What is a Community Foundation?

Community foundations offer numerous types of grantmaking programs, frequently including donor-advised funds, endowments, field-of-interest funds, giving circles and more. Community foundations are funded by donations from individuals, families, businesses and sometimes government grants.



# 700+ Community Foundations in the United States



AMCF IS THE ONLY  
ONE FOR & BY THE  
MUSLIM COMMUNITY  
FOCUSED ON DAFS,  
GIVING CIRCLES, &  
ENDOWMENTS.



# AMCF's Impact

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DAFS

188+



ENDOWMENTS

20+



FUNDING

\$15M+



ASSETS

\$9M+



# AMCF Programs

## **#MUSLIMPHILANTHROPY PODCAST AMUSLIMCF.ORG/POD**

You're listening to Muslim Philanthropy! Join us as we explore the nonprofits we support, how they started, engage with their leaders & also from donors about the issues that matter to them.

## **MUSLIM AFFINITY GROUP AMUSLIMCF.ORG/MUSLIM**

Working with the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Certified Fund Raising Executives, AMCF has embarked on a global network for Muslim fundraisers to coordinate professional development and networking opportunities.

## **MUSLIM PHILANTHROPY AWARDS AMUSLIMCF.ORG/AWARDS**

The Philanthropy Awards will look at institutions, individuals, and businesses in the arena of charitable giving across the nonprofit sector who are demonstrating a commitment to excellence.

## **SOCIAL IMPACT ACCELERATOR AMUSLIMCF.ORG/ACCELERATOR**

Have you had an idea, but don't have the time or funds to see it through? We'll help you incubate your idea with a support system using Muslim-inspired, human-centric, design thinking and mentorship.

## **NATIONAL MUSLIM PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL AMUSLIMCF.ORG/NMPGC**

Learn the best ways to increase your tax benefits through estate planning and combining charitable giving principles through a professional network of accountants, wealth managers, financial planners, and estate lawyers.

## **MUSLIM FAMILY RESOURCES ON GIVING AMUSLIMCF.ORG/MPVC**

Philanthropy is the love of mankind as an expression of altruistic values. The Barakah Culture Cards offer a fun activity with family & friends to discover what motivates your charitable giving and the causes you love to support.

# Core Services

## DONORS

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A DAF is a giving vehicle that provides you with immediate tax benefits & allows you to support your charities of choice through grant recommendations on your own timetable.

You can invest your balance, name the fund after a loved one, and pass it on generation to generation.

### GIVING CIRCLES

A Giving Circle is a form of philanthropy where groups of individuals donate their money & time to a pooled fund, deciding together which nonprofit or project to fund. This increases awareness of & engagement in issues covered by the charity. Give with your family & friends!

## NONPROFITS

### ENDOWMENTS

An endowment is a financial resource, in the form of a donation to be used as an investment, which generates an annual return based on the principal of its assets (cash, stock, property, will, insurance, etc).

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Invest in the capacity building and professional development of our nonprofit ecosystem through AMCF's Social Impact Accelerator. Participants have access to industry leaders in a variety of fields and network within the braintrust of the cohort.



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## QUR'AN

“Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah ] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it.”

3:92



# What is a Giving Circle?

A Giving Circle is a form of philanthropy in which groups of individuals donate their money and time to a pooled fund. Together as a team, your group decides which nonprofit(s) and project(s) to fund.

- Strength in numbers
- Magnify your impact
- Multiply your giving
- Increases awareness & engagement in the causes promoted by the charity

Get your own dedicated donation form, keep track of your collective giving, review charities, and make contributions together.  
5% administrative fee.



# About AMWGC

Founded in 2021, the American Muslim Women's Giving Circle is a collective of Muslim women around the US who are dedicated to philanthropy and are looking to amplify the impact of their charitable giving. Through the AMCF, we have created the first national giving circle for Muslim women so that we can strategically work together to make a bigger and more long-lasting impact in our communities.





# Purpose

**To amplify impact, the American Muslim Women's Giving Circle believes there is power in Muslim women's philanthropic giving by combining our donations into one fund and democratizing how we give. Through this giving circle, we will provide seamless big-dollar donations to a few key organizations to make a larger impact in our community.**





# Why Join Us?

- **You want to participate in collective philanthropy with a network of like-minded women.**
- **You want to champion female-led organizations or female-adjacent causes.**
- **You want to build community by spreading the word and inviting women to join AMWGC.**

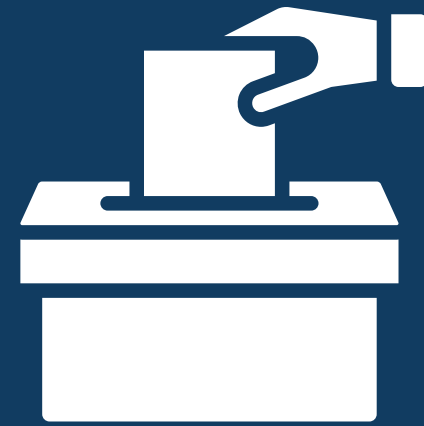
# How It Works

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## JOIN

To vote in the AMWGC 2024 cycle, members pay/pledge \$420 by October 7, 2024



## NOMINATE

Voting members can nominate one eligible organization for grant consideration



## VOTE

Voting members attend Deliberation Day via Zoom to cast their vote.



# Membership

- **Muslim women or women allies of any age or background living in the US or US citizens living abroad are encouraged to join.**
- **A gift of any amount will be added to the pool of funds.**
- **Donating more is welcome but does not earn additional voting privileges.**



# Membership Types

## Voting Members

- Membership dues are \$420/year (including a 5% administrative fee).
- Membership earns you one vote to determine which organizations receive support.

## Non-Voting Members

- You may donate less than the minimum without becoming a voting member.

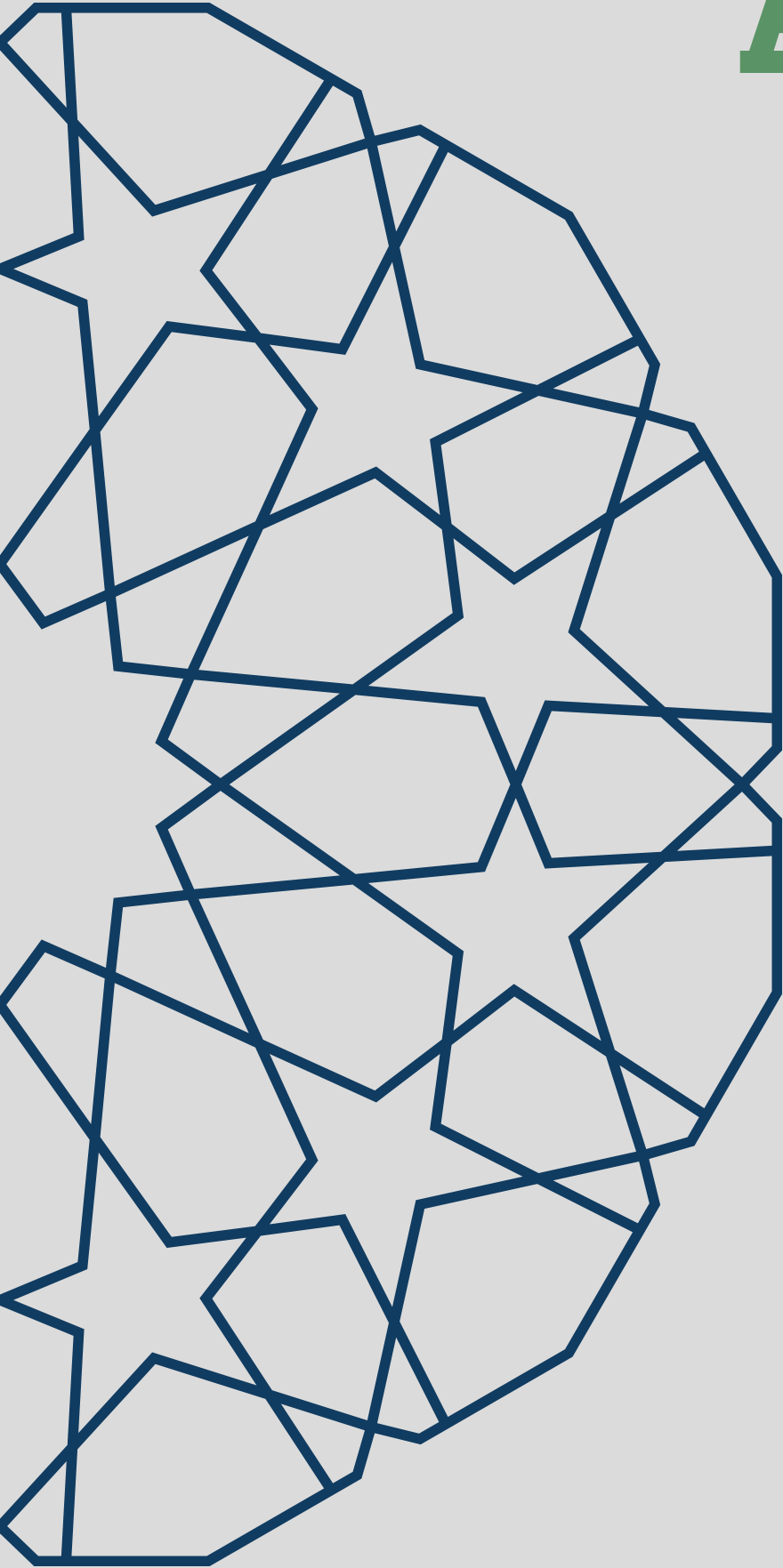




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<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>MONTH</b>
<b>Join 2024 Funding Cycle-Pay/Pledge Dues</b>	<b>October 7th</b>
<b>Nominate Organizations/Applications Open</b>	<b>October 12th</b>
<b>Organizations Application Deadline</b>	<b>October 25th</b>
<b>Group selects Top 5 Organizations</b>	<b>November 2nd</b>
<b>Presentations &amp; Final Votes</b>	<b>November 16th</b>
<b>AMCF Symposium- Grant Announcements</b>	<b>November 23rd</b>
<b>Organizations Funded</b>	<b>December 20th</b>
<b>Organizations report on use of funds</b>	<b>April 2025</b>

# Application Guidelines



- **Organizations should impact and work towards alleviating women's issues**
- **Female founded/led organizations receive preference**
- **Organizations serving Muslim women in the US receive preference**
- **Organizations serving zakat-eligible women given preference (status easily determined and accepted)**
- **Nominated organizations will be vetted and qualified prior to being invited to apply for funding**

# **2021 CYCLE**

**Over \$26,000 Donated**



# **2021 CYCLE**

**1st Place- 50%**

**2nd Place- 30%**

**3rd Place- 20%**



# **2021 CYCLE GRANTEES**

**1. FACE (\$13,081.98)**

**2. Peaceful Families Project (\$7,849.19)**

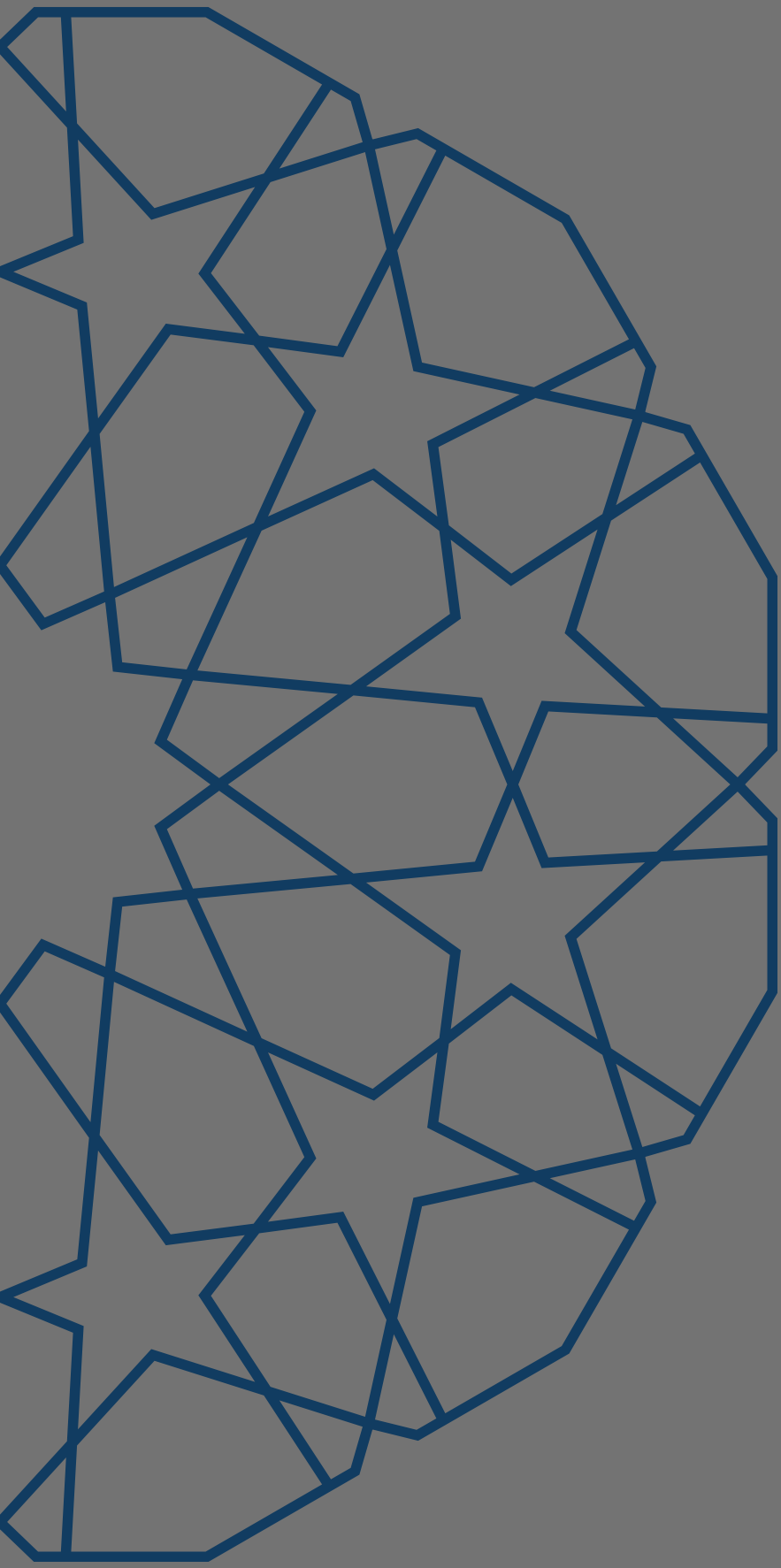
**3. Texas Muslim Women's Foundation (\$5,232.79)**

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HADITH

“Seek sustenance through sadaqa”

WASA'IL SHIA



Join Us for  
the 2024 Cycle!



A graphic featuring the letters 'FAQ' in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a light green rounded rectangular speech bubble. The bubble is set against a white circular background. Below the bubble is a dark blue shadowed shape that mirrors the bubble's outline. The entire composition is centered on a dark blue background with a repeating geometric pattern.

**FAQ**

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# HOW MUCH ARE MEMBERSHIP DUES?

**\$420**

*(includes 5% administrative fee)*



## WHAT IS THE 5% ADMIN FEE USED FOR?

**AMCF provides coordination, compliance and communication with fundees and a single tax receipt to donors.**



## CAN I DONATE IN AN INSTALLMENT PLAN?

**Yes, members are able to pay  
in the following installments:**

**\$105/quarter**

**\$35/month**



## WHAT IF I CAN'T COMMIT TO \$420 IN 2024

**We invite all donations. There are 2 different giving levels:**

**\$420+: Voting Members**

**<\$420: Non-Voting Members**





## DO YOU HAVE TO BE A VOTING MEMBER TO NOMINATE A CHARITY?

**No. A member at any level of giving can nominate an organization for funding.**



## HOW CAN I JOIN?

**You can join through the  
Grapevine platform.**



## WHAT IS GRAPEVINE?

**Grapevine is a giving platform used to collect, track and distribute funds to nonprofits.**



[Join us September 12 for the next Member Mixer!](#)



# Discover the Power of Collective Giving

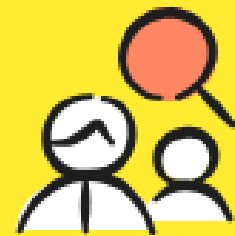
Grapevine gathers like-minded people to donate to a common cause. Join us to find your community and make an impact. Together.

[Find a Grapevine](#)





# How Grapevines Work



## 1. Join a Group

Find a Grapevine community and pledge your first donation.



## 2. Connect & Allocate Funds

Come together at quarterly events to network and learn about nonprofits.



## 3. Celebrate & Grow

Track the impact of the group through nonprofit updates, events, and volunteering.



# American Muslim Women's Giving Circle



Edit

Add Members



american muslim

## Grapevines



6 MEMBERS

### American Muslim Women's Giving Circle

To make a difference together



44 MEMBERS

### Asian American Investors Group

Asian-American Investors Group (AAIG) is created for all investors of (full and/or partial) Asian descent who meet the...



15 MEMBERS

### Feliz Posse for American Democracy

A group of friends and family of Allen Feliz who care deeply about the future of American democracy. We're working with..



# American Muslim Women's Giving Circle



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## About our group

### Leadership



[Emily Rasmussen](#), [Muhi Khwaja](#), [Soondus Mirza](#), [Shazeen Mufti](#),  
[Lisa Kahler](#)

To make a difference together

## Upcoming events

Donation cycle ends Aug 29, 2024

[Donate Today](#)

October 7, 2024

\$7,480.00 raised of \$25,000.00 goal.

[Donate Now](#) >










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Sign up for an account to join American Muslim Women's Giving Circle

 Continue with Google

 Continue with LinkedIn

or

 Continue with email

Already have an account? [Log in](#)

group

Speaking events

Donation cycle ends Aug 29, 2024

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# Welcome, Shazeen!

Tell the group a little bit about yourself...



Edit Photo

First Name

Shazeen

Last name

Mufti

Location optional

Headline optional

Your headline is a short sentence to tell others about you. For example, "Grantmaker at ABC Nonprofit" or "Working for a healthy planet!"



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## Thank you for joining!

You can set up your donation below or head back to [American Muslim Women's Giving Circle](#)

### Your Information

First Name

Last Name

I'm making the donation in honor or memory of somebody.

### Payment Method

All donations are secured and encrypted



Mastercard

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[Change](#)

[Complete donation](#)

Inspire others by letting them see that I donated.

Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Grapevine charges no donation fees, but our payment processor charges a discounted 2.2% + 30¢ credit and debit card fee (3.5% for AmEx and +1% for non-US cards), or 0.8% up to \$5 for bank transfers.

### Donation Summary



American Muslim Women's  
Giving Circle

October 7, 2024

Donation Amount \$35.00 [✎](#)

Frequency Monthly [✎](#)

First Donation Today [✎](#)

Next Donation Aug 30th

Grapevine Community Support \$0.00 [✎](#)

Payment Processing Included [✎](#)

Gift Code Add Code [✎](#)

Total \$35.00





# WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO JOIN FOR THE 2024 CYCLE?

**Members wanting to vote in this cycle need to donate or set up an installment plan by October 7, 2024**



## HADITH

The deeds most loved by Allah (are those)  
done regularly, even if they are small.

BUKHARI/MUSLIM

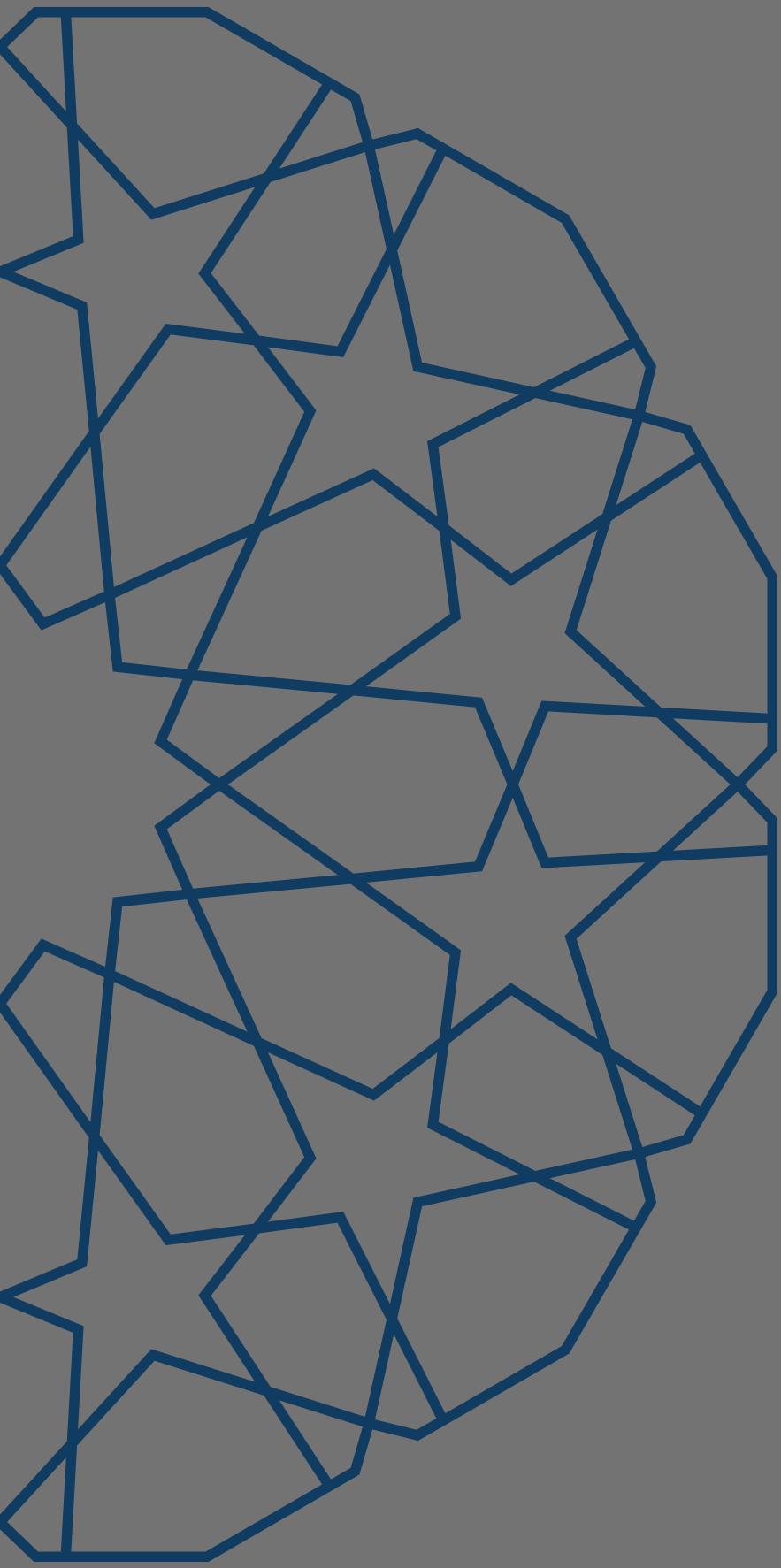


# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE LEADERS FOR AMWGC 2024?

**Yes!**

**Please complete the  
leadership interest form at:**

**[www.amuslimcf.org/womensgc](http://www.amuslimcf.org/womensgc)**



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JOIN US!

# NONPROFIT Summit

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Join us for a transformative conference designed specifically for Muslim nonprofits! This event will cover key topics to help your organization thrive, including:

- Mastering year-end fundraising strategies
- Building and managing endowments
- Enhancing major gift efforts
- Developing high-performing nonprofits
- Crafting impactful branding
- Fostering effective collaboration

Tailored for executive directors, fund development teams, board members, and community outreach professionals, this seminar aims to unite leaders, share insights, develop strategies, and strengthen our community through collaboration and innovative approaches.



REGISTER HERE



[bit.ly/nonprofits2024](https://bit.ly/nonprofits2024)

AUG | 29TH | 2024

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2201 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas,  
TX 75207





# Thank You!

## HOW TO REACH US

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