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IMPACT REPORT 2021

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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

As 2021 comes to an end, we want to take a moment to thank you for all your kindness and support. Your frequent donations helped us to provide a wide variety of beneficial islamic classes and events to our local community, with a global impact. To this day, we have served hundreds of families across the city with inspiring knowledge & direction on beneficial character reformation, which is urgently needed in our communities. Strong communities lead to just and upright societies.

SeekersGuidance Canada strives to spread the light of Prophetic knowledge, guidance in our local community as well as globally. We offer classes and programs rooted in mainstream Islamic teachings, offered by qualified scholars, to revive hearts and minds, and benefit humanity—**completely free**.

Our center at 220 Britannia Rd. E. in Mississauga is a professionally designed, beautiful learning space where all people are welcome, and will feel a deep sense of community and connection.

We need your support to help us meet our monthly expenses and pay off our loans which were taken in 2020. These loans were used to secure our contract with our facility, and for the renovation of the premises. Monthly donors help us meet our monthly budgetary needs so that we can continue to run the SeekersGuidance Canada center for the community, all for free.

The following report outlines the highlights of what we were able to accomplish with your support for the year 2021. Allah Most High has granted us success in being able to offer a wide variety of programs and services this year. These classes help not only the muslims in our own community, but they also help muslims across the globe learn beneficial islamic learning that helps them to be better muslims, and helps them to increase in good character & conduct with others.

Help us to continue to help others by becoming a monthly supporter today. Please visit us at seekersguidance.org/canadadonate

Jazakum Allahu khayran.

Shireen Ahmed

Managing Director

SeekersGuidance Canada





HAVE YOU NOTICED A PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO SOUND ISLAMIC EDUCATION?



- ▶ Lack of **quality, consistent Islamic education** for teenagers and adults
- ▶ Lack of **qualified scholars, teachers, and khatibs**
- ▶ Many families **can't afford the classes** and programs being offered
- ▶ Lack of institutions working on **training future generations of scholars** and teachers
- ▶ Lack of **beautiful learning spaces**, designed by professionals, which uplift and welcome all visitors
- ▶ Lack of accessible Islamic education, globally: many communities around the world do not have access to qualified scholarship

SeekersGuidance Canada seeks to address all of these needs and more. Support us today via seekersguidance.org/canadadonate

OVERVIEW OF 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ Despite the pandemic, (general & advanced) classes were held in person and online from January 4 to December 19, 2021.
 - Winter Term (January 4 - April 4)
 - Ramadan Schedule (Apr. 13 - May 12) Online Program run by SeekersGuidance Global
 - Summer Term (May 24 - Aug. 22)
 - Fall Term (Sept. 27 - Dec. 19)
- ▶ A variety of monthly programming was held which help to introduce new students to our center, as well widening our scope of programming to a broader audience.
- ▶ Classes & events were held outdoors in our garden area whenever weather permitted to keep students safe during the pandemic.
- ▶ Two of our advanced students continued their studies full time in Dar al-Mustafa (Tarim) under the guidance of Habib Umar al-Hafiz.
- ▶ A third advanced student was accepted into the same program this year, and he is now studying full time in the same institute.
- ▶ A new instructor was hired for our institute: We were happy to welcome Shaykh Abdullah Misra into our teaching staff this past fall session.
- ▶ Attendance in our in person and online classes increased during 2021.



ADVANCED CLASSES OFFERED IN 2021

(All classes taught by
Shaykh Faraz Rabbani)

CLASSES TAUGHT DURING EVERY TERM 4

Beliefs and Logic:

Bajuri's Hashiya al-Sanusiyya
[Level Three]

Hanafi Fiqh:

Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq
Explained: Transactions
[Level Three]

Hanafi Fiqh:

Tumurtashi's Tanwir Explained
[Level Four]

Hanafi Fiqh:

Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq
Explained: Worship
[Level Three]

OTHER REGULAR CLASSES HELD 5

Idah al-Mubham

(Winter Term)

Hanafi Usul al-Fiqh:

Aqhasari's Samt al-Wusul
Explained [Level Three]
(Winter Term)

Law:

Shurunbulali's Nur al-Idah
Explained [Level Two] (Fall
Term)

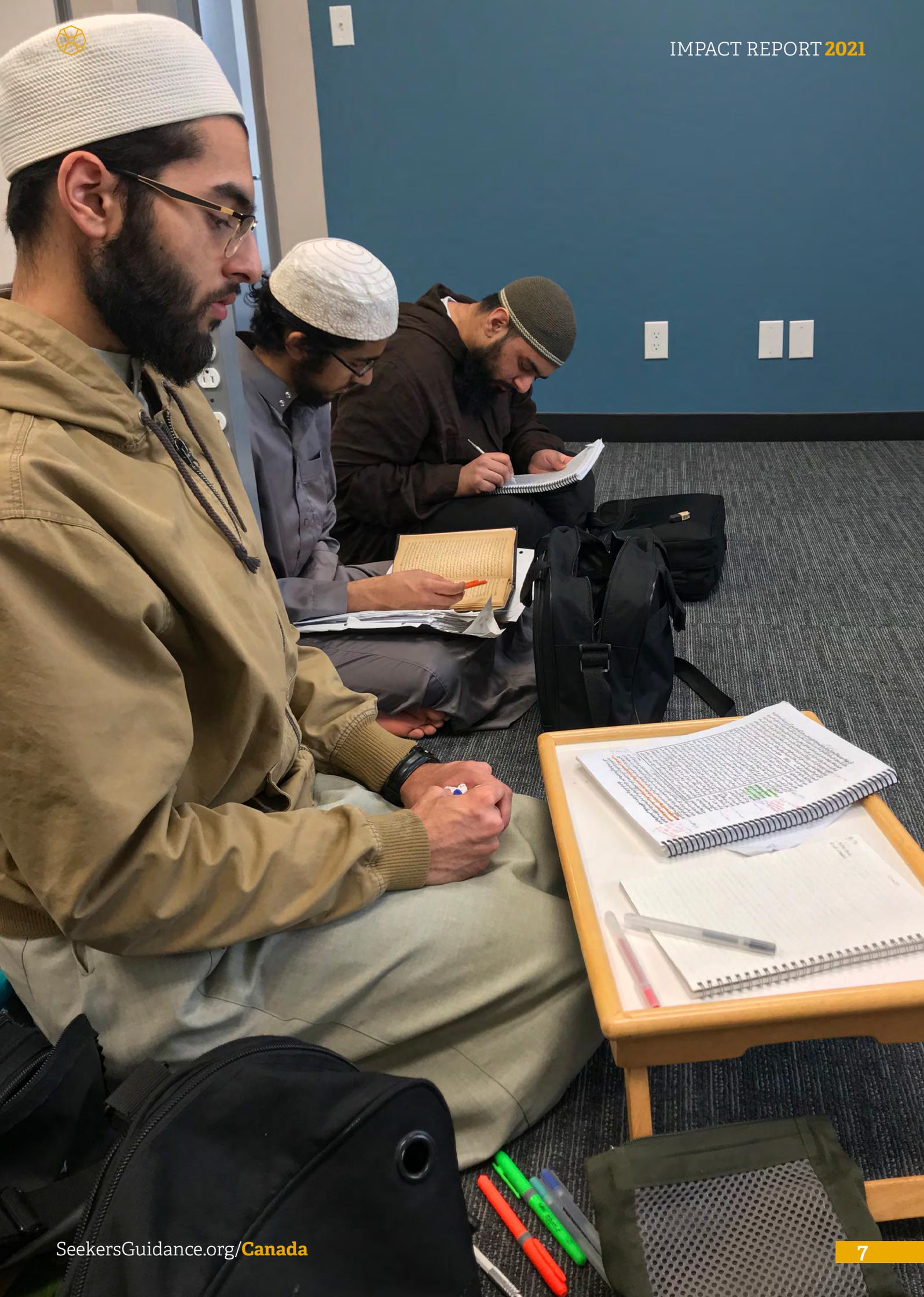
Intermediate Worship:

Shurunbulali's Maraqi al-Falah
[Level Three] (Winter Term)

Law:

Halabi's Multaqa al-Abhur
[Level Three] (Summer & Fall Terms)





GENERAL CLASSES OFFERED IN 2021

CLASSES HELD DURING THE WINTER, SUMMER, AND FALL TERMS 6

Quranic Recitation & Memorization:

This class ran online with Ustadh Ahmad Quwatly, and Ustadha Umm AbdulRahman. Students learned how to improve their recitation and were offered an opportunity to review their memorization.

Youth Class:

In the Winter Term students covered The Quran Explained: Tafsir for Youth and the Hikam of Imam Haddad with Shaykh Yusuf Weltch. In the Summer Term students covered the Book of Assistance with Imam Yama Niazi, with Br. Zain Ali acting as the Teaching Assistant. Finally in the Fall Term, Shaykh Abdullah Misra taught Youth in Prophetic Times: An Analysis of 40 Hadith Where Youths are Mentioned.

Sisters Class:

The sisters study circle began the year by studying Imam Ghazali's Letter to a Disciple, and then transitioned to covering Imam Ghazali's The Forty Foundations of Religion. They watch past recordings of Habib Hussein as-Saqqaf teaching the text and then review & discuss the material as a group.

Community & Conversations:

(previously known as Coffee & Connections) In the Winter Term Shaykh Yusuf



Weltch covered Imam Haddad's Book of Assistance. In the Summer Term Shaykh Faraz Rabbani and Ustadha Shireen Ahmed discussed Imam Sulami's The Etiquette of Keeping Company, and in the Fall Term they partially covered a discussion on The Forty Foundations of Family: How to Improve One's Marriage and Nurture One's Children.

The Path of Muhammad: Birgivi's The Path of Muhammad Explained:

This class covers one of the great works on how to truly follow the way of the Prophet (peace & blessings be upon him) in knowledge, beliefs, and operationalizing mindfulness of Allah.

The Revival Circle: Ghazali's Ihya Explained

This year Shaykh Faraz Rabbani started the series from the beginning by covering these sections of the first quarter of the Ihya:

*The Book of Knowledge
The Basic Tenets of Faith
The Secrets of Purification
(Winter 2021)
Adab with the Quran
Supplication & Remembrance
Structuring of Spiritual Routines*



OTHER REGULAR CLASSES HELD **7**

Quduri's Mukhtasar (Worship)

was held in the Winter Term with Shaykh Yusuf Weltch, and in the summer with Sh. Faraz Rabbani.

Ramadan Series: Hope & Closeness

taught by Shaykh Faraz Rabbani daily before iftar time.

Hadith: Ibn Abi Jamra's Abridgement of Sahih Bukhari

was held with Shaykh Faraz Rabbani during the Winter and Summer Terms

Introduction to Islamic Beliefs: Ushi's Bad' al-Amali

with Shaykh Faraz Rabbani in the Winter Term

Intermediate Arabic Language

was held in the Winter Term with Shaykh Yusuf Weltch

Quran Studies:

Understanding the Great Opening (Summer Term) & Sura al-Hadid Explained (Fall Term) with Shaykh Faraz Rabbani

Ghazali's Dear Beloved Son Explained and Dhahabi's The Major Sins Explained:

Avoiding Pitfalls to Attain Salvation with Shaykh Abdullah Misra in the Fall Term



“I always feel uplifted through Seekers sessions. Impeccable attention to detail. I wish I could attend more in person courses but due to drive and distance, it can be tough at times. The online streaming is great!”

**(Survey Respondent,
Fall 2021 Term)**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING IN 2021

The Prophet's Life for Kids Program

(Nine episodes presented total)

In this unique class, Shaykh Faraz Rabbani teaches two young children (in the form of puppets) about the life of the Prophet (peace & blessings be upon him). Geared towards children ages 5-12, this series helped children to grasp the basics of the Prophet's life, learn the names of various Companions, and insha Allah helped to nurture love of him.

January 9th

The Prophet's Blessed Birth & Childhood

February 6th

The Prophet as a Young Man

March 6th

Revelation Begins: The Early Years

June 5th

Islam Spreads: The Later Meccan Years

July 3rd

Moving to Medina: The New Horizon

July 31st

Building the City of Light

October 2nd

Defending Truth & Justice: The Early Battles & the Peace Treaty of Hudaibiyyah

November 6th

Expansive Times: Inviting Rulers to Islam, Expeditions, and the Conquest of Mecca

December 4th

The Final Farewell: The Battle of Hunayn & the Passing of the Messenger (peace & blessings be upon him)

Available at



/SeekersGuidanceOrg





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“I learned a lot.”
- Zakariya Arazi,
Age 8

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“The puppet show was entertaining and fun to watch. The characters Fatima and Ahmed, along with their grandparents and Sheikh Faraz, were engaging and witty. We laughed often.”
-Muhammed, Age 10

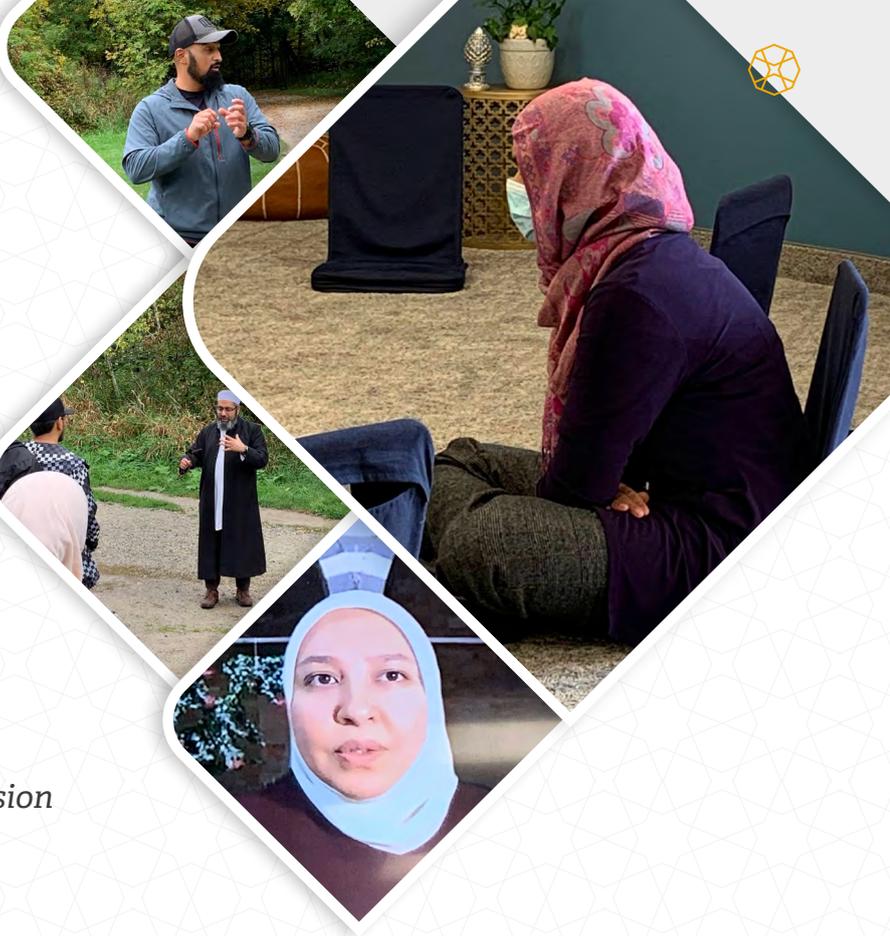
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“I like the way the puppets move and I like their voices.”
-Meryem, Age 5

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“When I was able to sit down with my children, I enjoyed watching the puppets speak and hold conversations with one another and their elders and teachers. I loved puppetry as a child... It was so much fun and took me back decades. It is so nice to see it played out in an Islamic context for my kids to enjoy. Very exciting.”
-Nadia, Parent

PHYSICAL & MENTAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS IN 2021



Mental Wellness Workshops:

January 16th

An Islamic Guide to Dealing with Depression with Guest Speaker Dr. Asim Yusuf

June 12th

An Islamic Guide to Helping Others Through Crises & Difficult Life Events with Guest Speaker Dr. Asim Yusuf

November 13th

How to Deal with Stress & Optimize Your Resilience with Dr. Rania Awaad

Physical Wellness Workshops:

February 13th

You Are What You Eat: The Importance of Ethical Consumption with Guest Speaker Br. Fahim Alwan

July 10th

How to Recover from the Pandemic and Get Back on Track with Guest Speaker Br. Belal Hafeez (Personal Trainer of thehealthymuslims.com)

October 9th

Motivational Nature Hike with Shaykh Faraz Rabbani and Guest Speaker Personal Trainer Br. Belal Hafeez

“I was really moved by the presentations of Dr. Asim Yusuf and Dr. Rania Awaad this year. Their workshops with SeekersGuidance Canada provided me with the tools I need to deal with adversity, and they also helped me to think more deeply about the topics so that I am in a better position to handle my social relationships.”

Fatima Ahmed

“SeekersGuidance Canada has provided great programs to bring spirituality and physical wellness together. The programs have been engaging and interactive. It is great to see SeekersGuidance be leaders in helping the community become healthier.”

(Br. Belal Hafeez, Personal Trainer thehealthymuslims.com)



ARTS & CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS IN 2021



March 13th

Calligraphy Artwork on
Paper with Calligrapher
Sr. Farzana Razzaque

December 11th

Calligraphy Artwork with
Acrylics with Calligrapher
Sr. Farzana Razzaque





COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2021

(All free of charge to the community)

The Friday Circle of Remembrance & Reminders was our largest weekly gathering throughout the year. This event featured nasheeds and beneficial lessons which was ideal for families and weekly religious inspiration.

JAN. 3, JUN. 19, SEPT. 25

Community Meals to celebrate the start of the new terms done either in person or as drive thru format.

JANUARY 23RD

Deli Sandwiches Drive Thru

MARCH 20TH

Healthy Snack Boxes Drive Thru

JULY 17TH & OCTOBER 16TH

Community Bazaars featuring Firdous Books and several other vendors to promote Islamic book reading and support local businesses.

JULY 20TH

Outdoor Eid Prayer

AUGUST 14TH

Ice Cream Outdoor Social Event

NOVEMBER 20TH

Healthy Snack Boxes Drive Thru

DECEMBER 18TH

Free Cookies & Hot Chocolate Drive Thru





CRITICAL ISSUES SEMINARS IN 2021

January 1st

Sparking Your Internal Revolution: The Hadith of Uprightness

January 30th

The Straight Path Online: A Roadmap for Beneficial Islamic Learning

February 27th

Lessons for Humanity from the First Migration to Abyssinia

March 27th

Dealing with Death: Etiquettes of the Dying Person and the People Around Them

April 3rd

Ramadan Toolkit: Get Ready for Fasting Ramadan

May 29th

Transformative Prayer: Standing Before God with Awe & Reverence

Available at



[/SeekersGuidanceOrg](https://www.youtube.com/SeekersGuidanceOrg)

[SeekersGuidance.org/Canada](https://www.seekersguidance.org/Canada)

June 26th

Living Simple: Practicing Zuhd in Complex Times

July 24th

Lessons for Humanity from the Last Sermon (Guest Speaker Sh. Faid Said)

August 21st

Book Summary: Abu Ghuddah's The Prophet as a Teacher Explained

October 23rd

The Most Praised: Great Poetry in Praise of the Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him)

November 27th

The Pure Heart: Abu Talib al-Makki's Nourishment of the Heart Explained



"The Critical Issues Seminars are a unique opportunity to explore, develop, and enrich your understanding on relevant and beneficial topics in an engaging and meaningful approach. Shaykh Faraz and the other scholars offer great wisdom and insight that one can build from and strive to practice in their daily lives."

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS IN 2021

Shaykh
Faid Said

Shaykh
Yahya Rhodus

Dr.
Asim Yusuf

Dr.
Rania Awaad

Br.
Fahim Alwan
(Blossom Pure Organics)

Sister
Farzana Razzaque
(Calligrapher)





WELCOMING NEW INSTRUCTOR TO OUR STAFF

Shaykh Abdullah Misra was born in Toronto, Canada in 1983. His family hails from India and he was raised in the Hindu tradition. He embraced Islam in 2001 while at the University of Toronto, from where he completed a Bachelor of Business Administration. He then traveled overseas in 2005 to study the Arabic language and Islamic sciences in Tarim, Yemen for some time, as well as Darul Uloom in Trinidad, West Indies. He spent 12 years in Amman, Jordan where he focused on Islamic Law, Theology, Hadith Sciences, Prophetic Biography and Islamic Spirituality while also working at the Qasid Arabic Institute as Director of Programs. He holds a BA in Islamic Studies (Alimiyya, Darul Uloom) and authorization in the six authentic books of Hadith, and is currently pursuing specialized training in issuing Islamic legal verdicts (ifta'). He holds a certificate in Counseling and often works with new Muslims and those struggling with religious OCD. His personal interests include Indian history, comparative religion, English singing and poetry. He has recently returned to Canada with his wife and children.

Shaykh Abdullah has alhamdulillah joined the SeekersGuidance Canada teaching staff as of the Fall 2021 Term.

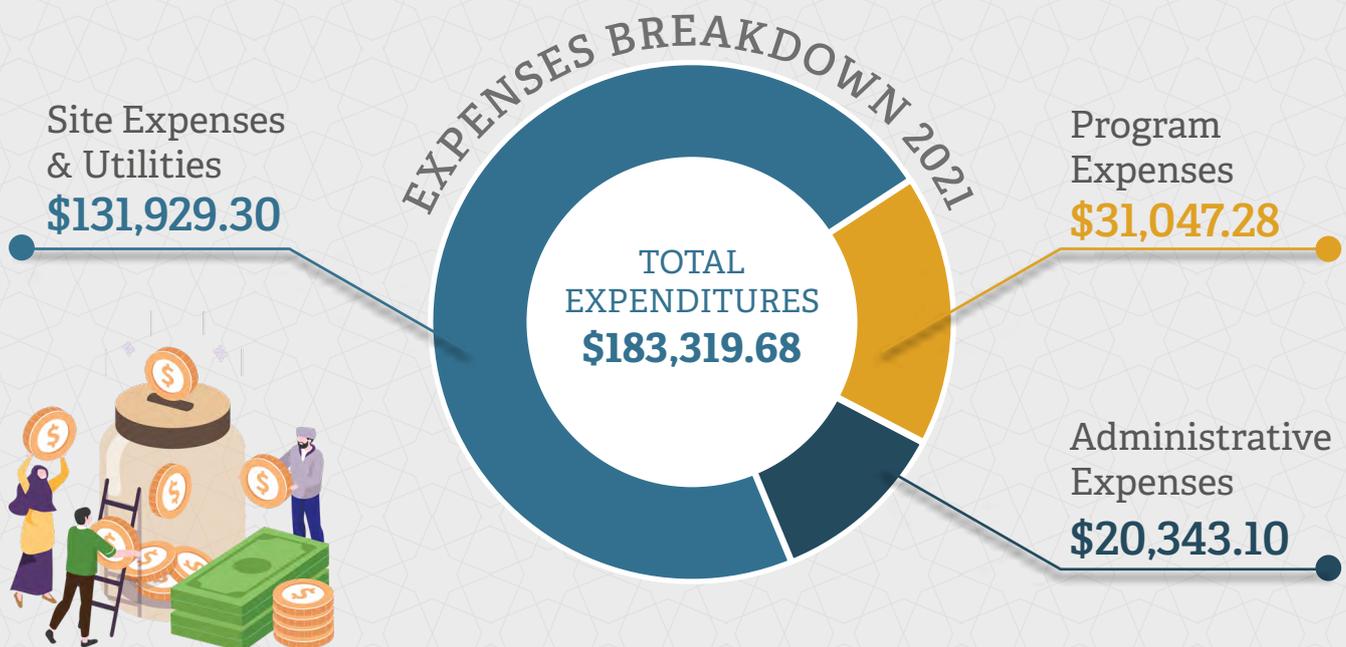




INTERIM FINANCIAL REVIEW

SeekersGuidance Canada Income & Expenses
January - December 2021

TOTAL DONATIONS
\$219,985.66



Programs Expenses



External Teachers and ISF Support
 \$27,500.00



Printing and Postage - Program related
 \$1,228.07



Food and Catering for Public Events
 \$1,477.21



Speakers & Honorarium
 \$842.00

Administrative Expenses



Bank charges
 \$501.19



Office expenses
 \$11,935.24



Site Expenses & Utilities
 \$131,929.30



Telephone & Internet
 \$1,193.52



Payment Processing charges
 \$764.16



Subscription and other IT services
 \$5,197.22



Travel - Admin Related
 \$751.77



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT SEEKERSGUIDANCE CANADA?



Teaching Staff in 2021

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Shaykh
Yusuf Weltch

Ustadha
Shireen Ahmed

Shaykh
Abdullah Misra

Ustadh
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