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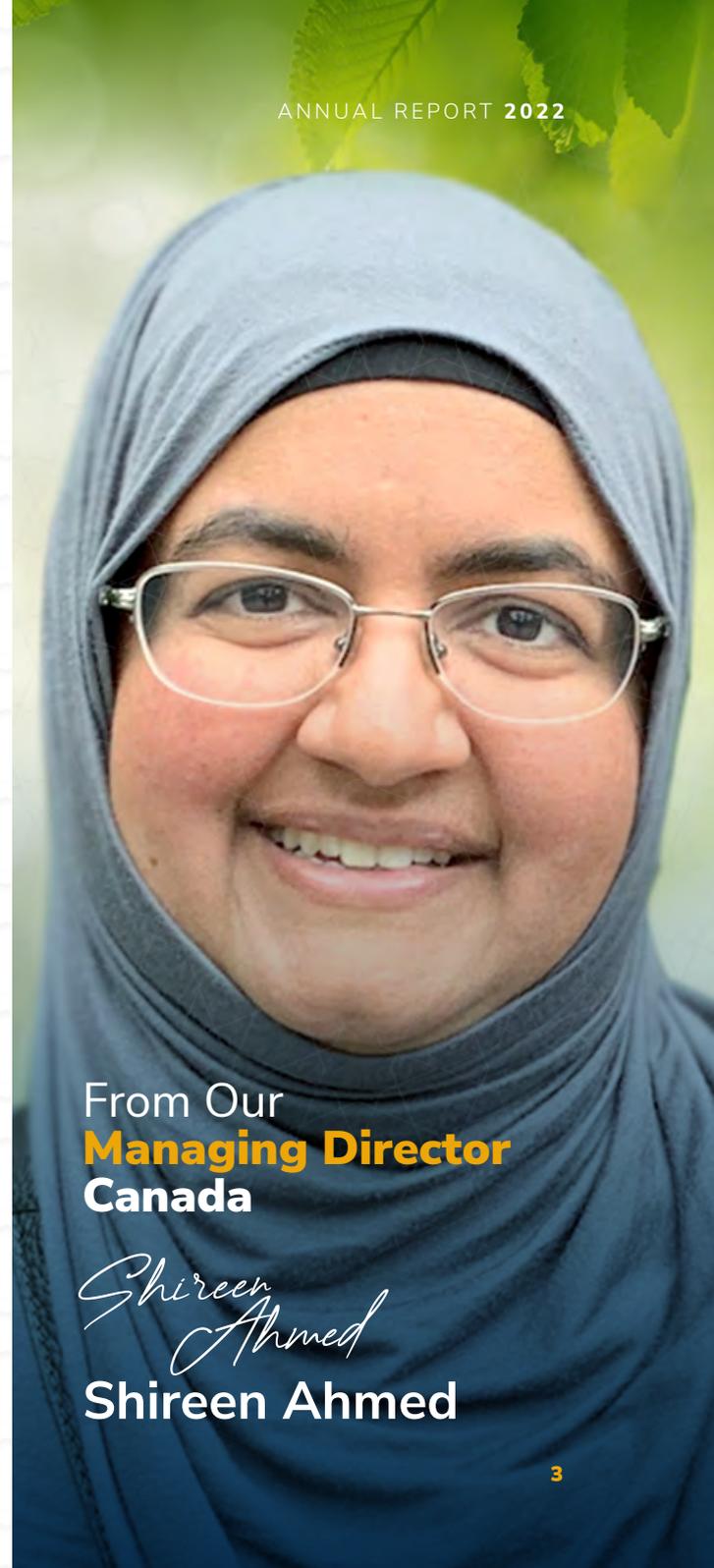
As 2022 ends, we want to take a moment to thank you for all your kindness and support. Your frequent donations helped us provide a wide variety of beneficial Islamic classes and events to our local community with a global impact. To this day, we have served hundreds of families across the city with inspiring knowledge & direction on beneficial character reformation, urgently needed in our communities. Strong communities lead to just and upright societies.

SeekersGuidance Canada strives to spread the light of Prophetic knowledge and guidance in our local and global communities. We offer classes and programs rooted in mainstream Islamic teachings by qualified scholars to revive hearts and minds and benefit humanity—all completely free. Our centre 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 we took out in 2020. We used these loans to secure our contract with our facility and renovate the premises. Monthly donors help us meet our monthly budgetary needs to continue running the SeekersGuidance Canada center for the community, all for free.

The following report outlines what we could accomplish with your support for 2022. Allah Most High has granted us success in offering various programs and services this year. These classes help the Muslims in our community and across the globe learn beneficial Islamic principles, become better Muslims, and increase in good character & conduct with others.

Help us continue inspiring and uplifting our local and global community by becoming monthly supporters today. Please visit us at: seekersguidance.org/canadadonate.



From Our
Managing Director
Canada

*Shireen
Ahmed*

Shireen Ahmed

Our Mission

“The scholar and the student are partners in true good,” said the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace).

SeekersGuidance Canada connects seekers in our community to the light of authentic Islamic knowledge and guidance.

This connection empowers individuals and communities to live, serve, and spread the goodness of the Prophetic way.

Inspired by the Prophetic tradition of knowledge and service, we are committed to fulfilling this sacred mandate without charging a fee.



O' my people! I do not ask you for any reward for this [message]. My reward is only from the One Who created me [...]

[Quran, 11:51]



Our Vision

“Say: This is my way! I call to Allah with insight – I and those who follow me,” Allah commanded the Prophet to proclaim in the Quran [12:108].

Imagine a time when this way and call of the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) is apparent in every town and city.

SeekersGuidance Canada strives to make this Prophetic way clear for every seeker in our community.

To revive this light, we also strive to train students to become scholars who are inheritors of the Prophetic calling—to spread knowledge, guidance, and good worldwide.



Community-Building

- ▶ Cultivating a spirit of Islamic learning through educational programs
- ▶ Building resources of reliable Islamic knowledge
- ▶ Training the next generation of local Muslim scholars
- ▶ Strengthening Muslim communities through sound Prophetic guidance

Community-Responsibility

- ▶ Providing offerings rooted in the orthodox Sunni tradition
- ▶ Employing a non-partisan approach to imparting sacred knowledge
- ▶ Designing structured learning path through Academic professionals
- ▶ Connecting seekers with certified, qualified scholars

Community-Accessibility

- ▶ Making Islamic knowledge accessible, free of charge
- ▶ Curating offerings for every age, gender, and level
- ▶ Allowing for self-paced learning in-person and online

Our Values

Your Impact

Our centre works hard to support seekers in our community. With eight general and nine advanced courses, we aim to ensure our community feels supported on their learning journey. This year alone, we encouraged 1173 students through our in-person courses.

SeekersGuidance Canada also offers nine community programs per semester dealing with current issues in our community. Topics range from family matters to Islamic thought and teachings. In 2022, the centre hosted 51-weekend programs that hugely impacted 5429 lives in our community.

SeekersGuidance Canada has a significant impact on our community. Every seeker attending a course or program takes what they learn back into their homes, workplaces, and social circles, increasing our reach.

We are honoured to be a trusted source of Islamic knowledge in the GTA.





What We Do at a Glance

In-Person Courses: Beginner to Advanced

The in-person classes we offer take students through three levels, each building on the previous one.

Structured learning means each course ensures the subject is completely covered and comprehended.



I stumbled upon the online SeekersGuidance educational programs because I needed a fully asynchronous program due to my commitments to family and kids. I'm happy to report that I couldn't have made a better choice! The courses are completely FREE and so thoughtfully planned that anyone who wants to enroll in a full-time degree course can have a strong base with the programs that SeekersGuidance offers!

- **Sariya Talat**



When I made the intention to study fiqh, I came to SeekersGuidance because I knew that I would be learning under some of the most notable teachers of our time. Not only does SeekersGuidance provide authentic knowledge, but it is also free and self-paced. No matter your starting point, learning at SeekersGuidance is accessible to everyone.

- **Irfan Ranhawa**



Critical Issues Seminars

Our critical issues seminars cover various topics often overlooked by other Islamic organizations.

In 2022, we covered topics such as



We are always looking to find out what our community needs regarding guidance, and our in-house scholars research our sacred texts to find the answers we seek.

The seminars offer new ways of approaching topics and confronting situations in our daily lives. They offer insights about the way forward in ways that align with our Islamic beliefs.



SeekersGuidance guided me to understand the fundamentals of the religion and their impacts on our daily lives.

- Sana Wajahat



Children's Programming

The centre is not only a place where seekers come together to learn. Our local centre supports our community by dedicating time to community building through activities, seminars, and family-building programs.

Each program and event strengthen our bonds with our families, community, and faith.

The core focus of our Family Circle is helping families learn from our Prophet and Islamic teachings how to deal with and raise pious children who will walk on the right path.



Do not raise your children the way [your] parents raised you; they were born for a different time.

— **Ali Bin Abi Thalib**





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We aim to support parents in learning how to parent and guide their children in current times dealing with the most prevalent issues.



As a full-time professional, it is very easy to get caught up and distracted by daily work duties at home and towards your family. I know I can count on classes and the weekly Circle of Remembrance at SeekersGuidance Canada to uplift myself spiritually and connect myself to Islamic knowledge, the Muslim community, and, ultimately, Allah and His Messenger (Allah bless him and give him peace).

– Loubnaa Ruhomaully



Community Engagement

We've created our Monthly Community Programs in an effort to reach out to the community, invite them to see the centre, and engage with others in the community. They provide a forum for students to meet each other in a less formal atmosphere.

The community engagement programs strengthen our Muslim community by creating more positive relationships & friendships within the region. They also help Muslims attain knowledge that aids them in their day-to-day conduct and etiquette.

Additionally, we've removed barriers to participation (such as lack of finances) for these informative and exciting local community & family events.







Physical & Mental Wellness Programs

Our extracurricular activities support our community by connecting our sacred knowledge with how we treat, see, and care for our bodies & minds.

The most popular event this year was our nature walk. Being able to connect with nature while remembering Allah was a special treat.

The community learned about the importance of physical health, what Allah asks of us in maintaining the bodies he has created for us, and our body's rights over us.

Good physical health is essential to support our worship and increase our ability to impact our family and our communities positively.





Islamic Arts Workshops

SeekersGuidance doesn't stop at courses and knowledge seminars; we also aim to introduce seekers and students to other levels and aspects of Islam, including its art.

The community received our calligraphy classes well, and it was a fantastic experience connecting with others through our historical art.

“SeekersGuidance Canada is an artistic and peaceful place offering great aesthetic value at a first impression and strengthening bonds in the long run. The centre's informative, welcoming, and stress-free environment was an absolute inspiration and completely FREE.”
– S. Talat





Supporting Canadian Scholars & Students

Prophet Muhammad (Allah bless him and give him peace) said,
“Verily, Allah does not take away knowledge by snatching it from the people, **but He takes away knowledge by taking away the scholars** so that when He leaves no learned person, people turn to the ignorant as their leaders [...] they go astray, and lead others astray.” **[Muslim]**

As part of our commitment to spreading Islamic knowledge, SeekersGuidance’s Islamic Scholars Fund **invests in empowering the scholars of today** who can impart sacred knowledge. It also **supports students with the potential to become the scholars of tomorrow** to ensure the preservation of our Prophetic tradition.

\$230,000+
RAISED SINCE 2014

100%
DISBURSEMENT

Dozens
OF DESERVING SCHOLARS
& STUDENTS SUPPORTED

In 2022, we raised \$175,000 in zakat and charity for deserving scholars & students. Your support allowed scholars and students to dedicate themselves to learning and disseminating authentic Islamic knowledge in our community.



Programs

What is Islam? A Thinking Person's Introduction

We kickstarted our 2022 programs by offering an introductory look at Islamic beliefs (Aqida), covering what it means to believe in one God and how one can worship God in a way beloved to Him.

The Art of Asking Allah

To strengthen the connection between seekers and their Lord, we held a joint program with Shaykh Faraz Rabbani, Shaykh Abdullah Misra, & Shaykh Ahmed El-Azhari, providing guidance on how to make Du'a, what to ask for, and what to expect.

What Your Child Needs: A Parent's Guide to Islamic Education

This program offered quintessential insights into Islamic education, explained how parents can foster selflessness & combat the age of entitlement, and how parents can practically integrate an Islamic foundation in a material and fast-paced lifestyle.

Knowledge Intensive: Nurturing Our Faith in Challenging Times

In August, Shaykh Yahya Rhodus and Shaykh Amjad Tarsin honoured us with a three-day Knowledge Intensive Program at the SeekersGuidance Canada centre. The program brought together hundreds of attendees and was a life-changing experience.

The Fiqh of Social Media: Opportunities & Challenges

The seminar tackled questions relating to Muslim's use of social media in the modern age & how to take advantage of praiseworthy opportunities. This seminar also highlighted common pitfalls of social media that one should strive to avoid & how to observe precaution in the use of it.



Encouraging Others to Enjoin the Good

“SeekersGuidance is a beautiful space that inspires people to start their journey of learning the deen from qualified scholars. The fact that all courses (both online and on-site) are provided for free with a quality that matches and often even exceeds that of other paid programs is a blessing that one should take advantage of. All you need is duas, commitment and hard work.” - Pakeezah Saadat, SeekersGuidance Canada Student

“I find that SeekersGuidance provides so many user- and visitor-friendly resources to help people grow in their deen at a pace that best suits them. The instructors and scholars—both online and in-person—are welcoming, kind, and can explain concepts at a level well-suited for their audience.”

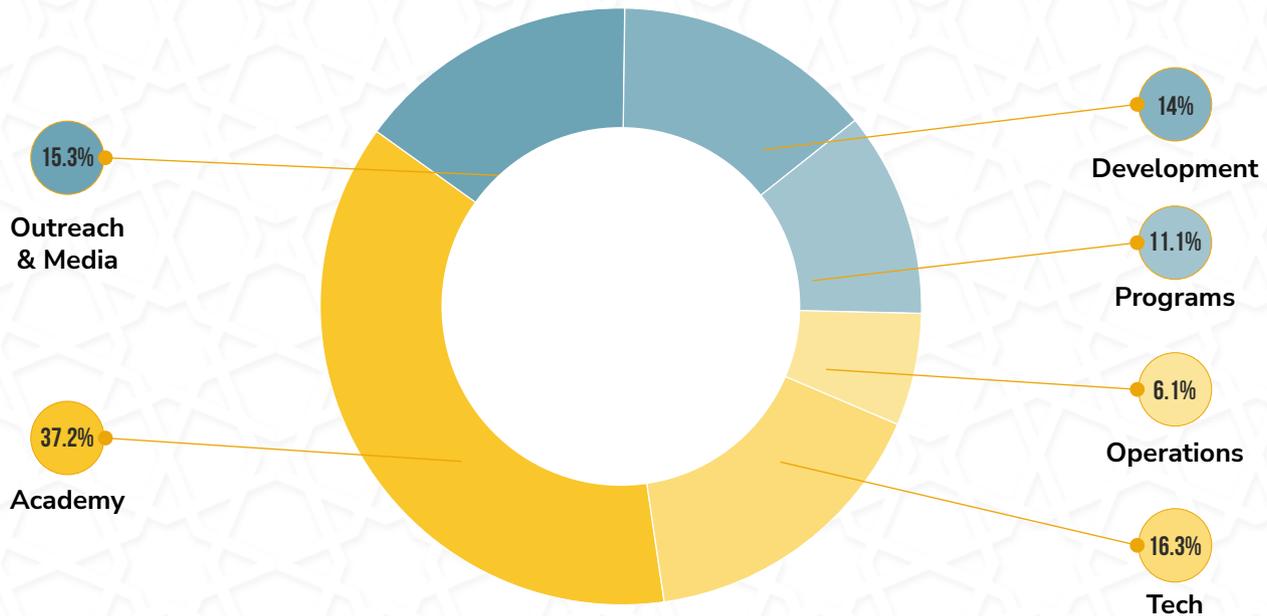
- Abdul Rahman, Milton





Financial Snapshot

Our donors' support is a trust (amana) that we take very seriously. We strive to uphold excellence in allocating funds towards our highest standards of teaching, work, and service to students and those seeking guidance.



EXPENDITURE

Academy: \$570,729	Outreach & Media: \$235,088	Development: \$215,006
Programs: \$171,172	Operations: \$94,092	Tech: \$250,381

TOTAL**\$1,536,467**



This year alone, 680+ donors helped 1173 new students start their Islamic learning journey.

Together, we laid the foundation for preserving, spreading, and reviving beneficial Islamic knowledge in our local community.

Shoulder to shoulder, we ensured access to knowledgeable guidance and Islamic education for hundreds of thousands worldwide.

Through enlarging these world-leading in-person and online initiatives, we pave our path to the **revival and preservation of Islamic knowledge**—brick by brick— with your ongoing generous support.





What's Next for SeekersGuidance Canada?

SeekersGuidance Canada is looking forward to 2023. We offer students general-level classes five nights per week, including our new “Divine Beauty” class focusing on the 99 Names of Allah. Additionally, we have six bi-monthly community events scheduled for 2023, including social events, workshops, and a summer community bazaar. SeekersGuidance Canada is

also excited to host our monthly Critical Issues Seminars on new topics, including “Beholding the Quran: Appreciating Beauty and Means of Connecting,” and our annual Ramadan preparation seminar, “Ramadan Toolkit.” We are thankful for the opportunity to continue supporting seekers in person and through the live streams of our content.

Critical Issues Seminars

JANUARY 28TH (2PM - 5PM)

Beholding the Quran:

Appreciating Beauty and Means of Connecting



Shaykh
Ali Hani



Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

FEBRUARY 25TH (2PM - 5PM)

A Practical Guide to Your Islamic Learning Journey



Shaykh
Ali Hani



Dr. Mahmud
Masri



Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani



Imam
Yama Niazi

MARCH 18TH (2PM - 5PM)

Ramadan Toolkit:

The Keys to a Prophetic Month of Fasting and Devotion



General Level Classes

TUESDAYS - 7:30-9PM

Seekers Live Answers
Open Q&A Session

WEDNESDAYS - 7:30-9PM

Birgivi's The Path of Muhammad Explained

THURSDAYS - 7:30-9 PM

Ghazali's Revival of the Religious Sciences Explained

The Proprieties of Travelling, Spiritual Audition, Enjoining Good & Forbidding Evil

FRIDAYS - 7:30 PM - 9 PM

Friday Circle:
Remembrance and Guidance

SATURDAYS 12 NOON

NEW
Divine Beauty:
Understanding the 99 Names of Allah

Advanced class schedule for students of knowledge available upon request. Please see the SeekersGuidance Canada website for details.

Community Events

FEBRUARY 11TH (2PM - 3:30PM)

Free Samosa & Indian Tea Social Event

MARCH 11TH (2PM - 3:30PM)

Ramadan Calligraphy Workshop





Make This Your Ongoing Legacy

Despite connecting over 1172 seekers with reliable Islamic knowledge through our in-person classes and over 380,000 through the online platform, we acknowledge that there are millions more searching to find the guidance they need.

Accessing Islamic knowledge shouldn't be a luxury.

Join our community of over 2,600 supporters sharing in the ceaseless charity (sadaqa jariya) of making Islamic knowledge accessible. Preserve the Prophetic legacy for generations to come.

\$1 a day—or \$30 a month—gives 12 seekers unlimited access to Islamic knowledge.





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Bringing You Reliable Islamic Knowledge, Completely Free, Since 2008.

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If you have any questions or are interested in contributing, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at: development@seekersguidance.org

SeekersGuidance Canada is a registered charity in Canada and is able to issue tax receipts.

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