

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

And say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

(Surah Taha, 20:114)



HIRA INSTITUTE

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In the Name of Allah,
the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Reviving Prophetic Legacy

Reviving the Prophetic Legacy

Assalamu-Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

Dear respected donors and supporters,

We always begin by thanking Allah for His kindness towards us because we would be lost without His guidance. Secondly, we send blessings to our beloved messenger Muhammad (SAW), for his sacrifices have enabled us to continue to embody and pass on this beautiful Deen of ours. Last but not least, I want to thank you as an individual, family, and community for becoming our partners in this journey of preservation and propagation of the teachings of the Quran.

Looking at 2023 in review, we have accomplished so much as an organization that you might have missed it if you had been part of it. Of course, our Tahfeeth-ul-Quran and academics continue for the 3rd to 12th grades. We graduated two Huffadh and four high school students in May of 2023. We started monthly I'tikaf along with ILM Intensives. We have collaborated with many local organizations, where hundreds of people participated. We had community members come and speak to our students about the history and current challenges in today's time. We had our annual boys' and girls' youth retreats on two separate weekends. We collaborated with Correlation for Homelessness in Louisville to come and speak to our students about empathy towards the less fortunate. We have had our students volunteer for clothing and food drives. We started the Alimiyah Program for students to continue their postgrad studies at HIRA Institute.

There are many more things to mention, including all the renovations to the new campus building. We have almost completed all the necessary building updates to prepare it for occupancy. But the point I want to make is that none of this was possible without Allah's permission, your financial help, and your Duas.

We pray to Allah that He keeps you and your family under His mercy, continues to shower His blessings, and protects you and your family from every harm and evil. We pray that Allah continues to use us for His Deen because the only thing that will help us when we need it most will be our deeds and contribution to preserving and propagating Allah's Word. May we all be under the shade of Allah on the day when there will be no shade other than His shade. Ameen.

Wassalaam,



Mufti Asif Iqbal

Director



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IBN ABBAS, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM,
NARRATED: THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH, PEACE AND
BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM, SAID:

مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهْهُ فِي الدِّينِ
رواه ترمذي

FOR WHOMEVER ALLAH
SWT WANTS GOODNESS,
HE GIVES HIM
UNDERSTANDING IN THE
RELIGION

-SUNAN AL-TIRMIDHĪ



Year Overview

HIRA has invested in strengthening as an organization with new hirings of specialized positions



Alhamdulillah: 2 students became Hafidh, 3 graduated from high school and all received scholarships. HIRA also applied for accreditation.

Family, ILM and kid's events were impactful and full of spiritual growth for our community



HIRA scholars visited cities all around the US and Canada to spread our mission and find contributors

We launched our online learning Institute: eHIRA offering the International Foundation Diploma, equivalent to a level AP and IB. An effective and affordable pathway to University



We launched the Alimmiyah Program, an innovative initiative designed to provide comprehensive Islamic education on Islamic Law and Theology

The HIRA Team

This year HIRA has invested in key hirings, thinking about growth and the strengthening of the organization.

RABIJA EFENDIRA

HR Manager

Alhamdulillah, Sr Rabija Efendira has joined our team as our HR Manager, managing teacher attendance, payroll, onboarding, and ensuring a smooth substitute process. She handles social media marketing, donor care, peer-to-peer campaigns, and the creation of impactful videos. Rabija is also responsible for the institute's website and maintaining the online HIRA Store inventory.

SAMAD GHAFORI

Administrative Assistant

Br Samad Ghafori has joined our team as administrative assistant in charge of Managing Facility Upkeep. He has helped us tremendously with the new school building as well.

MUNIB USMANI

Graphic Designer

Br Munib Usmani joined our team as our dedicated Graphic Designer in charge of flyers, brochures, and booklet designs, contributing to creating informative and engaging materials.

FAIROUZA BENGOUA

Administrator of Events

Sr. Fairouza Bengoua, who is our esteemed Administrator of Events, joined us this year and takes charge of organizing career visits, dynamic event presentations, and various school events. Sr. Fairouza also oversees the after school programs, social educational events, and our lunch program.

AMINA OMERCIC

Office Manager

Sr. Amina Omercic, our diligent Office Manager, manages the front desk, assist our school Principal, fulfills the requirements of the Kentucky Department of Education, oversees accreditation processes, manages attendance records, admissions, and student files. She coordinates field trips, addresses high school requirements, and supports students in their college applications.



The HIRA Journey

وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

“And my success comes only through Allah.” (Quran, 11:88)

2016

In 2016, Alhamdulillah, with the grace of Allah, HIRA Institute first opened the **Weekend and After School Programs** at Guiding Light Islamic Center at 6500 Six Mile Lane, Louisville, KY 40218.

2017

In 2017, we were able to launch the **Summer Program** at the Louisville Islamic Center for Compassion at 4007 River Rd, St Matthews, KY 40207 and the **HIRA Musallah** at 1596 10th St, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

2018

In 2018, HIRA Institute launched the **Part-Time Tahfeedh Program** in collaboration with Nur Islamic School of Louisville, 6500 Six Mile Lane, Louisville, KY 40218.. The students memorized Qur'an from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. then joined normal classes at Nur Islamic School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2019

In 2019, HIRA Institute established the **Full-Time Tahfeedh Program** at Guiding Light Islamic Center. This was the first and only full-time Tahfeedh Program in KY. The students had tahfeedh from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Then they had online secular education from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. through JCPS online and Calvert Learning.

2020

In 2020, HIRA Institute moved the Full-Time Tahfeedh Program to the American Turkish Friendship Association, 4711 Progress Blvd. Students had tahfeedh from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Then in the afternoon, secular education from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. was taught by in person teachers. HIRA Institute also launched the first **Islamic High School in Kentucky** in the same location. AP classes were taught in conjunction with the University of California UC Scout Program.

2021

For the 2020/2021 school year, HIRA Institute had 32 students. For the 2021/2022 school year, enrollment increased to 57. In May 2021, HIRA Institute graduated the first high school student who has since continued on to college at Jefferson Community and Technical College. HIRA Institute also **graduated the first Hafiz student** who was in Eighth Grade.

2022

In May 2022, the school graduated two students. One student has received full scholarships, and the other completed high school in three years, and also completed the memorization of the Qur'an, Masha Allah. This year, with the help of Allah, **we also purchased a new 35,000 sq. feet school facility.**

2023

In May 2023, by the grace of Allah, the school graduated four students. Three students received scholarships, and the last student enrolled in the HIRA Alimiyah Program. Two students also completed the memorization of the Qur'an, Alhamdulillah. We also completed most of the renovations for the new campus.

This year we focused on organizational growth and and community impact to much success, Alhamdulillah.



Campus Project Updates

In 2022, we closed the deal on a new campus for \$650,000, Alhamdulillah.

We got started on the campus right away. The first thing we did was clean up.

Purchased and installed over 140 new windows. These windows display the 99 attributes of Allah on them, visible from the classroom and the streets.



Installed all new ceilings and walls. This included all new ceiling tiles and grids.

All the electric, fire and sprinkler systems were installed and updated to bring it up to the electric and fire code.

10 brand new state of the art HVAC systems were installed.



4 new bathrooms were installed, and there are a total of 14 new stalls, with new toilets, sinks, and granite countertops.

State of the art IT and security systems were setup and installed. This includes both audio and video security 24/7.

During December we completed painting. Our new countertops and speakers were just installed.

New Clothing and Bookstore was opened

New roofs are being installed with a new gutter system, Alhamdulillah, the work is done, but finishing touches are left.



Campus Project booklet will be sent out after Ramadan, Inshallah.

