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As we close out this year, we want to thank every reader, volunteer, and supporter who helped this newsletter grow. Your quiet efforts – seen or unseen – are what make this work possible.

Our theme this month is intentions. In our faith, the result is never what defines us. You may plant a seed and never witness its fruit – yet Allah rewards you for why you planted it, not for what became of it. Sincerity is the measure.

May Allah accept every good intention you made this year, even the ones no one noticed but Him.

– The Al-Huda Newsletter Team

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Importance of Intentions



Intentions are the heart of every action. The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالْتَّيَّاتِ

"Actions are judged by intentions." (Bukhari & Muslim)

The above hadith is the first hadith of Bukhari, and it's also the first hadith of many hadith books, including the 40 Nawawi hadiths. This is because the scholars recognize the importance of this hadith seeing as no deed is considered good in the eyes of Allah if it was not made for His sake. As Allah says:

وَقَدْمَنَا إِلَى مَا عَمِلُوا مِنْ عَمَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ هَنَاءً مَّنْتُورًا

"And We will turn to whatever deeds they did, and We will make them scattered dust." (Al-Furqan 23)

If our intentions are good and we do our best in all that we do, then Allah will reward us, whether we get the result we want or not. This is not just a "feel good" statement, but rather, it is Allah's promise. As the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ هُمْ بِحَسَنَةٍ فَلِمْ يَعْمَلُهَا كُتِبَتْ لَهُ حَسَنَةٌ كَامِلَةٌ

"Whoever intends a good deed but does not do it, it is written for him as a complete good deed." — Bukhari & Muslim

In the above hadith, even if you don't do the action but you just had the intention to do it, you get rewarded for it. Hence, even if the result you get is very minor or not what you hoped for, that's not what Allah judges by. For instance, Prophet Noah invited his people to worship Allah alone for 950 years, and only very few of his people accepted his message. By our standard, this is a total failure, but by Allah's standard, he is one of the best messengers to ever be sent to mankind and is considered to be successful in his mission.

You may serve, volunteer, give, teach, or show up for the community — and you might never see the outcome. But Allah does. He sees the sincerity that others miss, the quiet effort, the unseen struggle, and He will reward you for that.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعِلْ أَعْمَالَنَا خَالِصَةً لِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ

O Allah, make our actions sincerely for Your sake.

Khutbah recap

Sheikh Nasser | 11/7/25 | Body Language

The khutbah highlighted that the “servants of the Most Merciful” are recognized not by loud worship but by quiet character—how they carry themselves and how they handle people. They move through life with dignity and softness, not arrogance, and when someone ignorant tries to provoke them, they choose peace over reaction. This ayah shows that true closeness to Allah appears in our manners long before our words.

Sheikh Nasser | 11/14/25 | Tafseer surah Al-Muzzammil

The khutbah reminded us that Allah knows our efforts in worship, even when we can't maintain long night prayers like the Prophet ﷺ did, and out of mercy He simply says: “Recite what is easy of the Qur'an.” Life brings illness, work, travel, and responsibilities, so Allah made the path light—focus on what you can, keep salah and zakah firm, give for His sake, and remember that every bit of good you do waits for you with Him, far greater in reward. And above all, keep seeking His forgiveness, because He is always Forgiving and Merciful.

Sheikh Nasser | 11/21/25 | The Things We Love

This Khutbah reminded us to actively reflect and ask questions regarding the things we love: is the source of love coming from Allah SWT or is it coming from Shaytan? In Surah Ali-Imran 3:14-15, Allah describes our natural attractions to wealth, beauty, status, and family not to condemn them, but to warn us against letting these desires rule our hearts. We're reminded that despite these desires, Allah redirects us to something far better: His forgiveness, eternal gardens, and His pleasure. True believers enjoy blessings without becoming attached to them, keeping their hearts anchored to what lasts with Allah. Indeed, pure love is what brings us closer to Allah SWT, while harmful love pulls us into heedlessness.

Sheikh Nasser | 11/28/25

The khutbah reminded us that Allah alone controls all power, honor, and provision, as described in Āl 'Imrān 3:26-27 – He gives and removes authority, raises and lowers people, brings light from darkness and life from death, and provides without limit. True honor comes only through obedience to Him, and any change in our lives—rizq, guidance, success, or relief—happens only by His will. We were reminded to seek dignity only from Allah, trust His timing, and ask Him to fill our lives with light, ease, sustenance, forgiveness, and gratitude.

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By the Numbers



Newsletter Readers

More than 8,000 reads across 22 issues.

Events

More than 100 events that every member of the community could be part of.



Individuals Fed via the Food Pantry

Through our food pantry, we were able to support over 4,100 individuals with essential groceries throughout the year.

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By the Numbers

(continued)

Charity Raised

\$80,000 in Zakat and \$104,534 in Sadaqa.



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140

Individuals Fed by AICI Youth

140 individuals in need fed via the Soup Kitchen initiative led by AICI Youth.

Youth Programs

Over 16 different programs offered for the youth of our community.



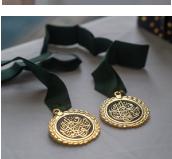
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Community Activities & Achievements

MAS Young Adults



SPARK Quran Competition:



Al-Azhar Foundation Opening:



MAS Boys Scouts:



Eman School - New Building:



2025 Events

Youth

- Boys sports and halaqah
- Girls Soup kitchen
- Fifa Tournament
- Sistersgiving
- Elementary Board game night
- Youth Seminary
- Career Panel
- Fiqh of Halloween Halaqah
- Wrestling Practice
- Basketball Watch Party
- Summer Camp
- HS Planting Trees
- Elementary Lock-in

Adults

- Blood drive
- Indianapolis Annual Banquet
- Wednesday Quran Class
- Quranic Arabic Course w/ Sheikh Nasser
- Open House
- Interfaith Dinners
- MYA Marriage workshop
- Marriage Mindset: Islam's Blueprint w/Mufti Daoud Khan
- Sisters Revert Dinner
- Sisters Fitness Camp
- Brothers Jiu Jitsu
- MYA Islamic Financial Knowledge Conference

Young Adults

- A Sound Heart with Mufti Daoud
- Fireside Reflections
- Junk Journaling & Halaqah
- Soccer Watch Party
- Community Mural Painting
- Volleyball Tournament
- Bonfire and Reflections
- Halaqah, Chai, & Volleyball
- Caramel Apple Making & Halaqah
- Tadabbur Halaqas

Family

- Miftaah Guardians of the Heart
- Winter Essentials drive
- AICI Midwest Tournament
- Bake Sale for Sudan
- Family Day at Indianapolis Children's Museum
- AICI Quran Competition
- Family Day at Fishers Agripark
- United Masjid Food Drive
- Welcoming New Families
- Brew with Love
- Mother & Daughter Tea Party
- Gaza Week Bake Sale
- Fall Festival
- Miftaah From Darkness to Light
- The Prophetic Character: The Walking Quran

2025 Events





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Voices of *the Youth*

Volunteering at the Food Bank

By: Reef Abdelhafez

My volunteering journey began at Masjid Al-Mumineen during the Ramadan Ihsan In Action food drive. It was my first time seeing families choose between basic items like canned corn or peas because that was all they could afford. Realizing that many people my age face these decisions made me understand how much I take for granted.

At the pantry, I helped organize the sections—canned goods, produce, bread, and more. I was in charge of the bread section, making sure each family received the right amount based on their household size.

I'll never forget seeing a toddler in a little Spider-Man jacket walk in smiling as if he were entering a candy store, even though it was just a room of everyday items. That moment reminded me how blessed I am and made me think about how different my childhood was from his.

This experience opened my eyes to the reality of food insecurity. Before volunteering, I only saw situations like this in movies or shows. I didn't realize how many people around us struggle to get enough to eat. It made me more aware of the world and reminded me that these issues are real and close to home.

Volunteering has also changed me personally. It made me more grateful, humble, and understanding. As a Muslim, it strengthened my faith and reminded me to say Alhamdulillah in both good and difficult times. I want to continue volunteering and even help lead youth groups in future projects.

Even one day of volunteering can change the way you see the world.

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