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Thank you to all our readers, volunteers, and community members for your continued support – your time, effort, and engagement mean the world to us and keep this newsletter going.

The theme of this issue is unity in Islam. Our faith teaches us that we are stronger when we stand together, supporting one another in worship, service, and daily life. Unity does not mean sameness – it means valuing our differences while remaining connected through the rope of Allah, as he mentions in the quran: “hold fast to the rope of Allah, all together, and do not be divided.”

– The Al-Huda Newsletter Team

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# Unity in islam

## TOGETHER WE ARE ONE UMMAH

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْرَوْهُ فَأَصْلِحُوْهُو بَيْنَ أَخْوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُوْنَ

“The believers are but one brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”  
(49:10)

Unity is at the heart of Islam. Our community is strongest when we come together—young and old, brothers and sisters—supporting each other with compassion and mercy.

Just as the Prophet ﷺ taught us to love for our fellow Muslims what we love for ourselves, we must work to build bonds of care, respect, and service.

### HOW WE CAN BUILD UNITY

- Participate in the Masjid’s programs
- Build brotherhood & sisterhood.
- Volunteer for community service projects.
- Be welcoming to new Muslims and visitors.
- Spread good speech, avoid gossip & division.
- Support one another spiritually and socially.

### LETS COMMIT TO UNITY THIS MONTH

- Invite someone new from the community for a meal, tea, or coffee.
- Attend one gathering you haven’t been to before.
- Reach out to someone you haven’t spoken to in a while with a kind message or Dua

# Khutbah recap

HIGHLIGHTS  
AND TAKE-AWAYS

## UMAIR LASANIA - 9/12 - Loving the Prophet ﷺ

- Loving the Prophet ﷺ is an obligation of faith – true īmān is not complete until he is more beloved to us than ourselves, our families, and everything else.
- His life is the perfect model: mercy, patience, justice, humility, courage, and devotion to Allah.
- Love is proven by following his Sunnah, not just by words – in worship, character, and dealings.
- Remembering him brings us closer to Allah, because he is the greatest means of guidance.

## MUFTI DAOUD KHAN - 9/19 - Deen over Dunya

- Mufti Daoud reminds us that Allah created us to worship Him and entrusted us with life, time, and wealth as a responsibility.
- True faith means loving Allah and His Messenger ﷺ above all else and proving that love by following the Sunnah, living with honesty, sincerity, and good character.
- We are warned not to settle for the minimum in our deen while chasing excellence in dunya, but instead to strive for the highest levels of Jannah through consistency in worship, renewing intentions, and making Allah the center of our choices.
- The khutbah calls us to prioritize deen over dunya, embody the Prophet's ﷺ example in our actions, and compete for Allah's pleasure so that our lives become a means to Al-Firdaws.

## AMIR - 9/26 - Islamic Education to Our Kids

- Many Muslim youth in America are leaving Islam due to a lack of proper Islamic education.
- Islamic schools provide strong academics using Qur'an, Sunnah, and Islamic values.
- Supporting these schools is a duty to protect the next generation's faith and identity.
- You can support this cause directly at  [almadinaacademyohio.org](http://almadinaacademyohio.org)

# Past events

- ◆ Alhuda blood drive
- ◆ MYA - Qiyam Night
- ◆ Tafseer with Sheikh Nasser
- ◆ Girls movie night
- ◆ Family Orchard day
- ◆ HS Eiffel Waffle & Halaqa
- ◆ HS girls volleyball & halaqa
- ◆ Sisters Janazah washing class
- ◆ MS boys movie night
- ◆ Brew with love at Yafa Golden Coffee
- ◆ **MYA - How to Choose Your Spouse?**  
An insightful evening of guidance and practical advice on How to Choose Your Spouse
- ◆ **AICI YA Sisters - Brewing connections**  
A meaningful evening for sisters 18-23yrs spent enjoying chai and learning about AICI YA's vision
- ◆ **The Prophetic character**  
An evening of reflection on the beautiful character of our Prophet Muhammad led by Ustadh Umair and Mufti Daoud
- ◆ **HS girls Halaqah & Bonfire**  
A night spent on friendship, caramel apples, and the remembrance of Allah



# OCTOBER youth events



## 04 Fall festival

Join us for a day full of games, henna, bounce houses, a climbing wall, a petting zoo, and more

AICI parking lot | Saturday, 2-6PM

## 11 Boys basketball tournament

Compete with your friends for a winning team prize at AICI!

MS: 4-6 pm | HS: After Isha

## 24 HS boys bonfire

Enjoy a bonfire with friends while listening to jinn stories

Friday | time unknown | AICI patio

## Every Sunday & Tuesday AICI Seminary

6<sup>th</sup> grade: 6:30 - 7:15 pm  
7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 7:15 - 8:00 pm  
HS: 8:00 - 9:00 pm  
Fatooma room

## 10 MS Lock in

Enjoy a night spent on friendships, games, halaqahs, pizza, and more.

Alhuda | Friday | 8:30-11:30PM

## 12 Elementary Lock in

Join us for a night of minute-to-win it games, bonding, pizza and more!

Friday | 2-6PM

## 26 High School Career panel

If you're curious about your future career, join us and learn about different careers from people in the Alhuda community!

Sunday | time unknown

## Every Friday Halaqah & snacks

After Maghrib  
Boys 9-15 years  
Kids room

Attention: Event times/dates can change. Stay up to date by joining the AICI Youth WhatsApp group, using the QR code on the last page

# Alhuda *food pantry*

## About

Alhuda Food Pantry: All Faiths Welcome, Open Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

Since opening its doors in August 2021, Alhuda Food Pantry has remained committed to serving our community and welcoming families of all backgrounds and faiths with dignity and care.

We've partnered with Gleaners Food Bank to get non-perishable food at discounted rates. Alhamdulillah, this helps us serve more families. We also receive donations twice a month from Harvest Food Bank, picked up by our wonderful volunteers.

Each distribution day, we serve 40–50 families. The joy we see in their smiles reminds us why this effort matters and fills our hearts with gratitude.

Our most needed items right now are 5 lb bags of flour, 4 lb bags of sugar, and cooking oil. Donations can be placed in the bins near the sisters' entrance or handed directly to a member of the masjid caretaker team.

For any questions regarding Alhuda Food Pantry, text Sr. Rozina at (513) 477-5992. Please scan the QR code below if you'd like to volunteer and be part of the difference.

## Donate now

**Make Check or Money Order out to:**

Alhuda Foundation.

In memo/note write "Food Pantry."

Mail to: P.O. Box 60, Fishers, IN 46038

**Or send money with Zelle:**

alhudatreasurer1@gmail.com.

In memo/note type "Food Pantry".

### PROVIDING FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

#### ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME

**BAKING ITEMS**

**BEVERAGES**

**CONDIMENTS**

**DRY GOODS**

**FRESH FOOD**

**CANNED FOODS**

**TOILETRIES**

**WHEN:**

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday,  
10am - 1pm

**WHERE:**

12213 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN  
46038

**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW:**

**DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION** - Guest please remain in your vehicle. Guest will be provided a form to fill out to select items they need and it will be brought to their vehicle. (Items offered while quantities last)

## Become a Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DCAF2CA20-augdec>

# Member Recognition



## Alexandra *Jarret*

### **Role at Alhuda**

My name is Alexandra Jarrett, but my friends all call me Alex. I volunteer two Fridays a month as the Gleaners Delivery Lead for the Alhuda Food Pantry. My role includes recruiting volunteers for the Friday delivery as well as bringing the deliveries and bin donations into the pantry from outside. The food delivery contents vary each time, but they usually include around a ton's worth of produce, eggs, meat, and other pantry essentials. So volunteers are very much appreciated! I enjoy seeing the variety of foods coming into the pantry and knowing that those in need will benefit from nutritious foods at no cost to them.

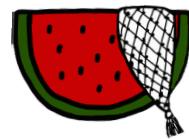
### **Road to Islam**

I reverted to Islam around 4 years ago after growing up in a Christian household in Huntington, Indiana. Christianity never fully made sense to me, and in my teens and throughout most of college, I considered myself an agnostic theist. After learning more about Islam and reading the Quran, I decided to revert to Islam, as it made the most sense to me. Alhamdulilah, I found great peace after reverting and continue to find peace as I learn more.

### **Joining Alhuda**

I moved to Indianapolis to study dental hygiene at the IU School of Dentistry and have been in the area ever since. My husband and I (and our two cats) moved to Fishers last year. Currently, I work as a dental hygienist on the east side of Indy. In my free time, I enjoy playing volleyball, baking, crocheting, reading, and doing anything sporty/active.

# Watermelon Week



## About

Watermelon Week, previously known as Gaza Week, is a week dedicated to raising money for Gaza, to be able to give them food, necessities, shelter, and more. Watermelon Week is powered by the Human Development Fund (HDF). HDF is a non profit organization dedicated to efficient humanitarian work. It is also endorsed by many trusted scholars, some of which are Omar Suleiman, Abdulnasir Jangda, and Mikael Ahmad Smith.

## Goals

From the start of October , AICI Youth will be creating events to raise money for Gaza to get them food, shelter, and more. Some of the events will be basketball/volleyball tournaments, Bake sales, and Lock-ins.

## Events

All youth-led events this week where we charge admission will have profits donated directly to our “Watermelon Week” Gaza Relief Campaign in collaboration with the Human Development Fund (HDF).

## Donate generously:

[www.aiciyouth.org/watermelon-week](http://www.aiciyouth.org/watermelon-week)





## ALGERIA

Algeria, the largest country in Africa, is a rich blend of Arab, Berber, African, and French influences, shaped by centuries of diverse traditions. Home to the Sahara Desert, Roman ruins, and the Atlas Mountains, Algeria has a geography as varied as its culture. The country is a strong supporter of Palestine, often providing humanitarian aid and speaking out in the United Nations, with many Algerians expressing public support for the Palestinian cause. This unique mix of traditions, cuisine, and landscapes makes Algeria a nation full of history and rich culture.

### Capital of Algeria

Algiers



46.8 million



### Traditional foods

Couscous  
Shakshuka  
Taajin

### Fun Facts

- About 80% of Algeria is Sahara Desert.
- The Ketchaoua Mosque in Algiers is over 400 years old and is stunningly beautiful.
- The country has snowy mountains as well as deserts.

# AICI WhatsApp QR codes

aici youth



aici main



aici young  
adults sisters



aici young  
adults brothers



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