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The Olive Tree Foundation is a philanthropic organization that promotes community development through the collection of endowed funds, the earnings of which are used to fund services for the long-term benefit of the community, and help people achieve their charitable goals.

Annual Report

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Message from the Chair of the Board

Chair's Report to the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Olive Tree Foundation



I am delighted to report that 2021 was another year of achievement for the Olive Tree Foundation.

The Foundation is dedicated to enhancing community life through responsible grant-making in Canada. It is a dynamic, volunteer-run charity that promotes community development and occupies a clear, distinctive, and desirable place in the minds of donors, volunteers, and partners.

In this regard, the Olive Tree Foundation has distinguished itself for funding innovative projects and for its governance and transparency over the years.

As a result of the returns from the endowments and the funds raised during 2021, we were able to provide grants to fund worthwhile projects in the priority areas of Anti-racism/Islamophobia, Indigenous and Interfaith, Climate Action and Youth.

We're proud of all our grantees, and one of my greatest pleasures continues to be meeting grantees and learning more about the communities directly impacted by our grants.

GRANTS

In recent years, there have been an increasing number of Islamophobic attacks on Black Muslim women in Western Canada. Some of these attacks were violent and have led to the survivors sustaining physical injuries, in addition to being severely traumatized.

More often than not, the survivors of these attacks are left to deal with the physical and psychological trauma on their own. Between physiotherapy, counseling and other needs, the expenses add up for services that are not covered by provincial health insurance.

In 2021, the Olive Tree Foundation awarded a grant of \$100,000 to Edmonton's Canadian Islamic Centre (Al Rashid Mosque) for a project that will assist victims of Islamophobia.

This pilot program will support victims of Islamophobic attacks on their journey of healing by providing assistance to survivors who require mental health therapy, physiotherapy, legal counselling and other emergency support.

In 2021, another grant was awarded to Faith & the Common Good and EnviroMuslims for the project, [*Greening Canadian Mosques: Climate Conversations*](#).

In a recent survey conducted by EnviroMuslims, 98.5% of Canadian Muslims surveyed agreed that mosques have an important role to play in inspiring the Muslim community to care for nature.

As a result, the Olive Tree Foundation has prioritized projects in the area of Climate Action.

The *Greening Canadian Mosques: Climate Conversations* project was phase 2 of the initial Greening Canadian Mosques (GCM) program, which resulted in the development of a detailed toolkit and communications package for Canadian mosques to utilize.

In 2021, the Foundation also awarded a grant to The Neighbourhood Organization (TNO) for the project, *“Thornccliffe Park Pollinator Habitat Project.”*

The project, conducted by Thornccliffe Park Urban Farmers (TPUF), restored selected spaces in Thornccliffe Park area that are overgrown with invasive species of plants into pollinator friendly habitats to support local biodiversity. It provided Thornccliffe Park area youth and adult volunteers with space, material resources and training to create naturalistic garden spaces to promote community engagement.

In the area of building Interfaith relations, the Olive Tree Foundation awarded a grant in 2021 to the Canadian Council of Churches and the National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee for the project, *‘Canadian Christian-Muslim Network Online Resource.’*

The project will support Christian-Muslim dialogue and relations in Canada through a dedicated website that will be an interactive tool and a networking ‘hub’ for local communities and individuals wishing to begin or deepen Christian-Muslim dialogue or relationships.

The Olive Tree Foundation continues to encourage Indigenous-Muslim relations and has co-sponsored a series of forums with the Centre for Religion and Its Contexts at Emmanuel College. On February 25, 2021, the Foundation co-sponsored a forum on *Indigenous and Muslim Perspectives on Climate Change*. Early this year, the Foundation would co-sponsor another forum on *Indigenous and Muslim Perspectives on Colonisation, Treaties and Decolonisation*.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship Awards, which is offered annually by the Olive Tree Foundation, continues to support students from priority neighborhoods in Toronto.

In collaboration with Mothers of Peace Regent Park, two outstanding high school students from the Regent Park neighborhood were selected and recognized with scholarships for their academic achievements and leadership abilities.

Saariyah Abbas, a Jarvis Collegiate Institute student, was awarded the *Faisal Ali Scholarship Award* and Samir Abdella, a Harbord Collegiate Institute student, was awarded the *Mohamed and Opheera Nasir Scholarship Award*.

OLIVE TREE FOUNDATION

I am pleased to report that the Olive Tree Foundation is among the first 50 signatories to sign on to the *Canadian Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change* (<https://philanthropyforclimate.ca/>). The pledge is the first of its kind, and commits signatories to integrate climate considerations in all areas of work.

The pledge builds on a global movement of philanthropic actors committing to apply a climate lens to their work and paves the way for improved coordination and learning across large numbers of funders. It also calls on Canadian funders to recognize their fundamental obligations to Indigenous Peoples and to support the essential role of Indigenous rights, stewardship and sovereignty.

During 2021, we also launched a revamped website to improve the user experience and to engage donors. The website is a major redesign over the previous version and we are looking to further enhance the site, as well as improve the Foundation's social media presence.

Once again I express my sincere appreciation to my fellow Board members for their time, energy and dedication during the past year and for the insights and expertise they each bring to overseeing Olive Tree Foundation's activities.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of our members, volunteers and generous donors who have supported the Olive Tree Foundation over the past year, as well as the recipient organizations for working along with us in our granting process.

Muneeb Nasir,

Chairman of the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Nasir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Muneeb Nasir
Chair of the Board

Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

The Olive Tree Foundation (Foundation) is dedicated to promoting and perpetuating philanthropy and enhancing community life through responsible grant making in Canada.

The Foundation encourages and facilitates the creation and growth of endowment funds to enable the community to realize its potential. The Foundation maintains effective stewardship over all assets entrusted to it; distributes grants that reflect donors' wishes and community priorities; and provides leadership in the Muslim and general communities.

Values and Purpose

In 2004, civic leaders and philanthropists within the Canadian Muslim community founded The Olive Tree Foundation.

The Foundation is a charitable organization formed to attract and manage permanent endowment funds and to distribute income from those funds back to the community. We provide grants to registered charitable organizations for projects that sustain or improve quality of life in the community.

Unlike other charities, which are usually dedicated to a single cause, the Olive Tree Foundation supports a range of charitable activities in our community: social, community and health services; education and library services; policy institutes and think tanks; and arts, culture & heritage. Because of this unique mandate, we can provide seed funding for new

projects or other initiatives that might otherwise fall between the cracks.

Our Foundation also has a mandate to act as a catalyst for community initiatives that support and sustain our community. An endowment foundation (*Waqf*) is an institution that has been part of the Islamic historical experience and has provided for the flourishing of the Muslim contribution to societies. The establishment of such an institution in Canada will provide a vehicle for leading an ongoing legacy and contribution to the Muslim community and to Canada.

The guiding principles of the Olive Tree Foundation are to provide support where there is genuine need, build on the strengths of the community and encourage innovation and community development.

Guiding Principals

- Promote the growth, development and success of community endeavours within the Foundations areas of interest
- Provide philanthropic leadership
- Manage funds responsibly while respecting Islamic financial principles
- Operate in an open, accessible and ethical manner
- Encourage and nurture innovation
- Strengthen community capacity and volunteerism
- Enable and encourage human growth, dignity, inclusiveness, fairness and the equality of all people
- Work as a catalyst within the charitable sector
- Develop partnerships & Promote sustainability

Board of Directors

The Olive Tree Foundation is governed and managed by a team of volunteer board of directors.



Muneeb Nasir

Chair of the Board

Muneeb Nasir is a Muslim religious leader, writer, and interfaith activist who is respected for his knowledge and involvement in religious and current affairs.

Muneeb is the Chair of the [Olive Tree Foundation](#) and Co-Chair of the [National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee](#).

He is also the Executive Director of the [Cordoba Centre for Civic Engagement and Leadership](#), a collective that promotes service, dialogue and understanding among peoples of various cultures and faiths; a member of the Muslim Advisory Board, Emmanuel College and the Managing Editor of the online Canadian Muslim magazine, [IQRA.ca](#).

Educated at the University of Toronto and University of Guelph, Muneeb also has Professional Certification in *Not-for-Profit Management* and in *Interfaith Understanding*.



Naeem Siddiqi, B. Eng, MBA

Vice Chair

Naeem Siddiqi started his work with the Olive Tree Foundation as member of the Grants Committee in 2004, and joined the Board of Directors in 2012. His community work has included serving on the board of the Canadian Muslim Civil Liberties Association as Communication Director, as member of National Shura with CAIR-CAN (now NCCM), as mentor with TRIEC's Mentoring Partnership and a Scout Troop Leader at the 163rd IIT Scouts Group. Naeem is also at present a member of the Risk & Finance Committee at Windmill Microlending.

Naeem is a Senior Advisor for Risk Management at a software company, and is the author of several papers and two books on credit scoring. He has a B.Eng (Hons) Civil Engineering degree from Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University. Naeem resides with his family in Markham, Ontario.



Muhammed Haseeb Ali, MBA, CPA, CA

Treasurer

Muhammed Haseeb Ali joined the Olive Tree Foundation shortly after it was formed in 2004. He is a Chartered Accountant and serves as the Treasurer of the organization. In addition to his financial expertise, Haseeb plays an instrumental role in identifying and setting corporate strategy for the Foundation as well as investment planning.

Haseeb has a BBA and MBA from Schulich School of Business at York University and his professional experience includes International Tax, Audit and Finance. Haseeb is an active volunteer in the community and has been a board member with a variety of organizations. He resides with his family in Markham, Ontario



Usman Hameed

Secretary

Usman Hameed joined Olive Tree's Board of Directors in 2020.

Usman is working at an Ontario Regulatory Authority and has 15+ years of experience in Quality Management and Process Engineering/Improvement.

He has a B.E. (Electrical Engineering) from NED University and an M.S. (Electrical Engineering) from the University of Delaware. Usman lives with his family in Brampton, Ontario and volunteers in the community.

Year in Review

In 2021, The Olive Tree Foundation gave several grants to critical community projects.

Olive Tree Foundation Announces Grant to Fund Pollinator Garden in Thorncliffe Park

The Olive Tree Foundation has announced that a grant has been awarded to The Neighbourhood Organization (TNO) for the project, “Thorncliffe Park Pollinator Habitat Project.”

The project, to be conducted by Thorncliffe Park Urban Farmers (TPUF), will restore selected spaces in Thorncliffe Park area that are overgrown with invasive species of plants into pollinator friendly habitats to support local biodiversity. It will provide Thorncliffe Park area youth and adult volunteers with space, material resources and training to create naturalistic garden spaces to promote community engagement.

The project will use the restored habitats as outdoor learning spaces to educate the community on the importance of biodiversity and its impacts on the environment, urban farming, and human well-being.

“I would like to thank the Olive Tree Foundation’s leadership for their generous support for our community project,” said Najeeb Siddiqui, a volunteer with the Thorncliffe Park Urban Farmers (TPUF). “We have no doubt that this financial support will allow us to make a difference in the community and will help us build capacity for future projects.”

“By establishing a suitable environment for pollinators in a high-density urban setting, we will be restoring essential habitats for insects and birds to thrive and a beautiful place for the residents to learn and discover.”

“The Olive Tree Foundation is very pleased to fund the “Thorncliffe Park Pollinator Habitat Project” and support the important work of Thorncliffe Park Urban Farmers (TPUF),” says Muneeb Nasir, Chair of the Olive Tree Foundation, in announcing the grant. “This project will educate the community on the importance of biodiversity and its impacts on the environment, urban farming, and human well-being.”

[The Olive Tree Foundation](#) is a philanthropic foundation that promotes community development through the collection of endowed funds and charitable contributions to fund services for the long-term benefit of the community.

[The Neighbourhood Organization \(TNO\)](#) is a community organization that provides settlement assistance to the newcomers in Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park, Victoria Village and St. James Town neighbourhoods. Over the years, TNO has become the anchor organization for these communities, providing a range of services such as health, legal, family, food and employment support, as well as advocate on behalf of the residents to their supporters and sponsors.

[Thorncliffe Park Urban Farmers](#) are a group of Toronto residents committed to bringing urban farming to a densely populated, high-rise neighbourhood.

‘Greening Canadian Mosques’ project receives funding from Olive Tree Foundation”



The Olive Tree Foundation has announced that a grant has been awarded to Faith & the Common Good and EnviroMuslims for the project, Greening Canadian Mosques: Climate Conversations.

The project is the next phase of the initial Greening Canadian Mosques (GCM) program, which resulted in the development of a detailed toolkit and communications package for Canadian mosques to utilize.

Greening Canadian Mosques: Climate Conversations, aims to bring the toolkit and communications package to mosques across the country by introducing a GCM Community Ambassador program, as well as providing Muslim leaders and community members with access to webinars that align with the teachings of the toolkit.

“Faith & the Common Good and EnviroMuslims are grateful to Olive Tree Foundation for their continued support of our Greening Canadian Mosques program,” Michelle Singh, Executive Director, Faith & the Common Good. “Funding for this next phase of the program will give Imams, mosque management teams and youth the opportunity to apply environmental sustainability knowledge into direct climate action.”

“Thanks to our funders, we anticipate an increase in engagement beyond our initial cohort, with a broader reach that includes youth leaders from Canadian universities and colleges, sharing innovative solutions, best practices and challenges across a range of platforms.”

In a recent survey conducted by EnviroMuslims, 98.5% of Canadian Muslims surveyed indicated they agreed that mosques have an important role to play in inspiring the Muslim community to care for nature. In addition to this, 98.5% indicated that they would like for their local mosque to join a program that helps them to become more environmentally friendly by using resources efficiently and reducing costs.

These statistics make it clear that Canadian Muslims are not only interested in taking climate action themselves, but also see their mosques, imams, and community leaders as being responsible for championing change within their communities.

“The Olive Tree Foundation is very pleased to fund this next phase of the ‘Greening Canadian Mosques’ project and support the important work of Faith & the Common Good and EnviroMuslims,” says Muneeb

Nasir, Chair of the Olive Tree Foundation, in announcing the grant. "Climate action is a priority area for the Foundation. We are pleased that this project will engage and educate, both management and members of mosques, in environmentally responsible behaviours and hopefully result in a better, more sustainable planet."

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Faith & the Common Good (FCG) is a national, interfaith charitable network dedicated to assisting and inspiring religious congregations and spiritual groups of all backgrounds to take collective action in creating more sustainable communities.

Olive Tree Foundation announces \$100K grant to support victims of Islamophobia



The Olive Tree Foundation is pleased to announce that a grant of \$100,000 has been awarded to Edmonton's Canadian Islamic Centre (Al Rashid Mosque) for a project that will support victims of Islamophobia.

In the past year, there have been many hate attacks fuelled by Islamophobia on Muslims in Canada. Some of these attacks were violent and have led to the survivors sustaining physical injuries, in addition to being severely traumatised.

More often than not, the survivors of these attacks are left to deal with the physical and psychological trauma of the experience on their own. Between physiotherapy, counselling and other needs the expenses add up for services that are not covered by provincial health insurance.

This pilot program will support victims of Islamophobic attacks on their journey of healing by providing assistance to survivors who require mental health therapy, physiotherapy, legal counselling and other emergency support.

"NCCM is proud to work with Olive Tree Foundation and the Al Rashid Mosque to ensure that victims of Islamophobia get the support they need. The time is now to make sure that those who are victimized are cared for," said Faisal Khan Suri, Community Development Officer of NCCM.

"The Olive Tree Foundation is very pleased to fund the Victims Assistance Program," said Naeem Siddiqi, Vice-Chair of the Olive Tree Foundation, in announcing the grant. "With the rise of Islamophobia and hate incidents, Canadian Muslims, as well as other marginalized and targeted communities, will benefit greatly from this project. Victims of hate attacks must know they are not alone in dealing with their pain."

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Over the years, the Foundation has distinguished itself for funding many innovative projects and for its governance and transparency. As a result of the returns from the endowments and the funds raised during 2021, the Foundation provided grants to fund worthwhile projects in the priority areas of Anti-racism, Islamophobia and Climate Action.

Olive Tree Foundation announces grant to advance Christian-Muslim relationships in Canada



The Olive Tree Foundation has announced that a grant has been awarded to of the *Canadian Council of Churches and the National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee* for the project, '*Canadian Christian-Muslim Network Online Resource*.'

The project will support Christian-Muslim dialogue and relations in Canada through a dedicated website that will be an interactive tool and a networking 'hub' for local communities and individuals wishing to begin or deepen Christian-Muslim dialogue or relationships.

"The Canadian Council of Churches is very pleased to partner with the Olive Tree Foundation in its collaboration and cooperation with the National Christian Muslim Liaison Committee to promote friendships, mutual understanding, dialogue and shared action in both the Muslim and Christian faith communities," said Pastor Peter Noteboom, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches. "The support of the Olive Tree Foundation makes hand-in-hand connections possible."

The online resource website will include a searchable database of Muslim-Christian groups and organizations in Canada; a curated library of existing resources for Christian-Muslim work, with a focus on Canadian materials; a bi-weekly blog that will feature inspiring stories about Canadian groups and individual leaders, Muslim-Christian events in Canada, and tips and resources for beginning and deepening Christian-Muslim relations.

A key goal of the project is to inspire local community work, especially in places where it is not happening already.

"The Olive Tree Foundation is very pleased to fund the 'Canadian Christian-Muslim Network Online Resource and support the important work of building interfaith relationships," said Muhammed Haseeb Ali, Treasurer of the Olive Tree Foundation, in announcing the grant. "This project will advance interfaith dialogue and relationships between Canada's Christians and Muslims."

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The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) is a broad and inclusive ecumenical body, now representing 26-member churches including Anglican; Eastern and Roman Catholic; Evangelical; Free Church; Eastern and Oriental Orthodox; and Historic Protestant traditions. Together these member churches comprise 85% of the Christians in Canada.

The National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee brings representatives of Muslim and Christian organizations into a forum for respectful dialogue on themes of common interest, and for the exchange of and response to faith-related concerns and areas of sensitivity between Muslims and Christians. Founded in 1984, NMCLC has sponsored regular dialogue and learning events, consulted on documents and resources and collaborated on social issues.

Scholarship and Bursary Awards

The Olive Tree Foundation has awarded two outstanding high school students from the Toronto neighbourhood of Regent Park with scholarships for their academic achievements and leadership abilities.

Saariyah Abbas was awarded the *Faisal Ali Scholarship Award* and **Samir Abdella** was awarded the *Mohamed and Opheera Nasir Scholarship Award*.

Saariyah Abbas is a Jarvis Collegiate Institute student and Samir Abdella is a Harbord Collegiate Institute student. They will both be attending Ryerson University in the Fall.

Both students are active volunteers in Regent Park.

“The COVID-18 pandemic has affected everyone whether it may be in terms of mental health, regular jobs, school and routines. I wanted to have an impact on the people in my community and help them cope in these tragic times,” says Saariyah Abbas.

“Every week, I would go out and tell the youth in the community to come out to our COVID-19 safe event. This way they could get some exposure outside of their houses and have somewhere where they would not feel so confined. I would encourage, not only the youth, but families who lived in the neighborhood to come out and have fun with our workers that provide different services.”

“I also helped my mother in these tough times to navigate through her very busy schedule which she had to adapt to this new way of living,” adds Saariyah Abbas. “Anytime I would find any free time I would go drop off food for her catering services. This all took place with the Mothers of Peace Regent Park group that provides an amazing opportunity to have an impact on people's lives.”

Samir Abdella is a student leader who works with youth and is interested in improving his neighbourhood.

“I'm President of the Muslim Students Association in my school where I tried to create a safe space for students to verbalize their opinions and beliefs and learn about Islam. Every weekly meeting involves a new creative approach to educate club members, whether it be through visual presentations or interactive teachings,” says Samir Abdella.

“I volunteer for the Muslim Welfare Centre where we serve meals to over 200 homeless seniors every Sunday. My job is to keep the workplace, kitchen, and tables clean and tidy for other staff.”

“I've also been a coach for the last two years. My main goal is to steer kids in the right direction and demonstrate the importance of sport and the importance of school in their life. Community work will always be important to me, especially in my neighbourhood of Regent Park.”

Financial Report

Financial Report Olive Tree Foundation Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2021

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Bank – CIBC	\$ 4,890	\$ 3,154
Bank – Endowment funds	27,934	19,450
	<u>32,824</u>	<u>22,604</u>
Long Term		
Investments – Endowments	242,617	269,031
Total Assets	<u>\$ 275,441</u>	<u>\$ 288,221</u>
LIABILITIES		
Total Liabilities	–	–
FUTURE PROJECTS		
Accumulated Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 275,441</u>	<u>\$ 291,635</u>

Prepared and Presented by the Treasurer

Muhammed Haseeb Ali, MBA, CPA, CA

Approved by the Board of Directors

Muneeb Nasir
Chair

Naeem Siddiqi
Vice Chair

Income Statement

For the year ending December 31, 2021

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
RECEIPTS (INCOME)		
Donations	\$ 42,894	\$ 128,067
Investment Income	7,151	7,498
Total Income	<u>50,045</u>	<u>135,565</u>
DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)		
Donations to Registered Charities	31,945	115,612
Bank Charges	505	488
Administrative Expenses	1,317	1,271
Promotional Expenses	-	-
Bursaries and Scholarships	2,000	2,000
Total Expenses	<u>35,767</u>	<u>119,371</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 14,278</u>	<u>\$ 16,194</u>
Accumulated Excess of Receipts over Disbursements at beginning of Year:	<u>\$ 261,163</u>	<u>\$ 275,441</u>
Accumulated Excess of Receipts over Disbursements at end of Year:	<u>\$ 275,441</u>	<u>\$ 291,635</u>
Represented by Net Assets:	<u>\$ 275,441</u>	<u>\$ 291,635</u>

Grants Disbursed

Since 2004, the Olive Tree Foundation has been able to affect change through its granting programs.

2021

\$101,206 awarded to AlRashid/NCCM for the project "*Victims Assistance Program*".

\$6,486 awarded to EnviroMuslims/Faith and the Common Good for the project, "[*Greening Canadian Mosques*](#)"

\$2,500 awarded to The Neighbourhood Organisation for the project "*Pollinator Garden in Thorncliffe Park*"

\$5,000 awarded to Canadian Council of Churches and the National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee for the project, '*Canadian Christian-Muslim Network Online Resource.*'

\$500 for Emmanuel College for a forum on [*Indigenous and Muslim Perspectives on Climate Change*](#)

2020

\$22,000 awarded to Windsor Islamic Association for the project "*Tackling White Supremacy in Canada*".

\$5,000 awarded to Urban Alliance on Race Relations (UARR)/Black Muslim Initiative for the project, "*Black Muslims: A study into our lived experiences.*"

\$4,945 awarded to Faith and the Common Good for the project "*Greening Canadian Mosques*"

2019

\$4,000 awarded to [*Ryerson Muslim Staff and Faculty Community Network*](#) for Islamic Heritage Month.

\$6,000 awarded to the National Council of Canadian Muslims/ Tessellate Institute for the project, "[*14 & Muslim Documentary Engagement Initiative*](#)".

\$500 awarded to Emmanuel College/Anishnawbe Health Foundation for "[*Indigenous and Muslim Traditional Healing Practices in a Modern Context*](#)"

2018

\$10,000 awarded to DEEN Support Services for the project, "*Count Us In: Mapping the Needs of Muslims with Disabilities*".

\$8,000 be awarded to the National Council of Canadian Muslims/ Ottawa Muslim Association for the project, "*Know Your Rights Video Series*".

2017

\$5,000 awarded to [*This is Worldtown/Children's Peace Theatre*](#) for the project, "*This is Worldtown: Muslimah Mediamakers Unearthing the Experience of their Communities.*"

2016

\$5,000 awarded to [*Institute Of Canadian Archives*](#) and the Christian Jewish Dialogue Toronto for the project, "*Hearts and Minds - Interfaith Living Library (HAMILL 2017)*".

\$5,000 awarded to the Ottawa Muslim Association and National Council for Canadian Muslims for the project, "*Say Salaam Campaign – Conflict Mediation Techniques for Muslims*".

2015

\$5,000 awarded to Regent Park Focus Youth Media Arts Centre/Popular Education and Research Catalyst Centre Incorporated for: *"In Focus: Identity Project – a Community Broadcast Training Initiative for Youth."*

\$5,000 awarded to METRAC for the *"Faith to End Violence and Oppression Project"*.

\$2,000 awarded to Yusuf's Heart Charity Drive, for: *Hospital for Sick Kids Young Families Program*

2014

\$5,000 awarded to The Inspirit Foundation / Environics Institute for the project, *"2014 Survey of Muslims in Canada."*

\$4,850 awarded to [Faith & the Common Good](#) for the project, *"Neighbourhood Community Service Resilience Hubs."*

\$4,000 awarded to Tessellate Institute / ISNA Schools for the project *"Neglected Voices Curriculum Pack."*

2013

\$5,000 awarded to Youth Troopers for Global Awareness (YTGA) / Peel Multicultural Council for the *"How To Train Your Computer Project."*

\$5,000 awarded to The Intergeneration Community Network Services (TICNS)/ Social Services Network for *"The Craft Club – Program for Women."*

2012

\$5,000 awarded to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto for pilot project to mitigate the high drop-out among Somali students in a north west Toronto neighbourhood.

2011

\$4,000 awarded to the Muslim Educational Network, Training & Outreach Services (MENTORS) for the *"Ontario Association of Islamic Schools Action Planning Project"*.

\$750 awarded to the Centre for Independent Living Toronto/Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities (CAMD) for the project *"Building Opportunities for People with Disabilities"* Campaign 2011 Gala Dinner.

2010

\$2,000 awarded to the Centre for Independent Living Toronto/Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities (CAMD) for the project *"Spring into Disability Rights Campaign 2010"*

\$5,890 awarded to Tessellate Institute/Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service for the project, *"Canadian Muslim Youth: Concepts of Political Participation."*

\$2,000 awarded to ISNA Canada for the *Muslim Interscholastic Tournament, on May 21-24 2010.*

2004 -2009

\$5,000 awarded to Family Services of Peel/Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities (CAMD) for the project *"Planning for the Future: Symposium for Parents/Caregivers and People with Intellectual Disabilities"*

\$11,613 awarded to International Development and Relief Foundation for the project *"We Need A Bigger Space to Pray: Oral Histories of the First Community Prayer Centre in Toronto (Dundas St)"* to be conducted by the Tessellate Institute.

\$1,500 awarded to University of Toronto for the project *"Muslim Education Roundtable Project @ OISE/UT."*

\$8,000 awarded to DawaNet/IRFAN CANADA for the project *"MuslimFest 2008"*.

\$5,000 awarded to Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities (CAMD)/Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service (MENTORS) for the project *"Towards an Inclusive Ummah – Breaking Down Barriers For Muslims who are Deaf"*

\$5,000 awarded to Islamic Chaplaincy Services Canada and the Ontario Multifaith Council for the project *"Violence Anger and Conflict Awareness Program (VACAP)"*.

\$5,000 awarded to Scouts Canada for the project *"One World, One Promise, Scouts Canada Video Project."*

\$6,750 awarded to Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities (CAMD)/Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service (MENTORS) for the project *"Towards an Inclusive Ummah – Muslims with Disabilities speak out!"*

\$5,500 awarded to Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service (MENTORS) for the project *"Student Opportunity Bursary."*

\$6,000 awarded to the Federation of Muslim Women/Islamic Social Services and Resources Association – ISSRA for the project *"Youth Community Connections Phase 2."*

\$5,850 awarded to Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre for the project *"H.O.P.E I.N.C. Harmony, Potential, Excellence: Involving New Canadians"*

\$6,240 awarded to Milo Productions Inc. (sponsor: Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) Inc.) for the project *"A New Life in a New Land: Presenters Training."*

\$7,000 awarded to Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service (MENTORS) for the project *"Count Me In: Empowering Newcomer Parents to Build Inclusive Schools."*

\$5,160 awarded to Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service (MENTORS) for the project *"Student Opportunity Bursary."*

\$5,000 awarded to the Islamic Social Services and Resources Association for the project *"On Behalf of Our Children"* homework club.

\$7,600 awarded to the Federation of Muslim Women/Islamic Social Services and Resources Association for the project *"Youth Community Connections."*

Giving Thanks

NAMED FUNDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FUND

The Olive Tree Foundation would like to recognize the far-sighted generosity of donors who have established endowments. The following named funds have been established with donations to the [Olive Tree Foundation Community Fund](#).

- Zahid & Sherida Ali Family Fund
- Muneeb & Fanieza Nasir Family Fund
- Azeem Khan Memorial Fund
- Mohamed & Jameran Haniff Memorial Fund
- M4S Fund
- Roshan and Nazmoon Ali Family Fund
- The Vahed & Haffejee Women’s Educational Scholarship Fund
- Saleem Haniff and Nailah Qadeer Family Fund
- Musarrat and Sabiha Hussain Family Fund
- Zahida and Yasin Ali Family Fund
- Nargis and Hameed Fund
- The Ashraf Foundation
- Hyatt & Zabeida Shaffeeullah Family Fund
- Mohamed, Umm Kulsum & Rahman Khan Family Fund
- Hazrat Akbar & Esther Nazmoon Ali Family Fund
- SDQJ Family Fund
- Farooq Chishti Family Fund
- The Kutty Family Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds are a specific type of endowment fund which enables the donor to have ongoing participation in the grant-making process. The Olive Tree Foundation is honoured to recognize the following [Donor Advised Funds](#):

- **Ansar Healthcare Fund**
A donor-advised fund called the ‘Ansar Healthcare Fund’ was established with Ansar Financial Group as the initial contributors. Returns from the fund will be used to improve the quality of life in the community by supporting initiatives in the health care services area.
- **Mohamed and Opheera Nasir Leadership Scholarship**
A Field-of-Interest fund called the ‘Mohamed and Opheera Nasir Leadership Scholarship’ was established to honour the significant contributions to the Canadian Muslim community of late Mohamed Nasir and his wife, Opheera Nasir; and as a memorial to honour their parents Shabaan and Mohammed Nasir (parents of Opheera) and Jinette and Mohamed Ishmael (parents of Mohamed).

The fund combines the previously established Named Funds within the Community Fund: Opheera Nasir Fund, Shabaan & Muhamad Nasir Memorial Fund, JINETTE & Mohamed Ishmael Memorial Fund

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

This type of fund may be named for an individual, such as a memorial to a loved one, or for a specific purpose such as think tanks or library services. Grants are made in accordance with the priorities of the Foundation within the specific field of interest agreed upon by both parties at time of the establishment of the fund. The Foundation is honoured to recognize the following [Field of Interest Funds](#):

- **Shamim and Farida Siddiqi Family Fund**

A Field of Interest fund called the Shamim and Farida Siddiqi Family fund was set up by the Siddiqi family to help finance community projects in Canada. The Siddiqi family came to Canada in 1989 and have been actively involved community projects since then.

- **The Faisal Ali Academic Excellence Scholarship**

A Field-of-Interest fund called the 'The Faisal Ali Academic Excellence Scholarship' was set up by the late Opheera Nasir, grandmother of Faisal Ali, as a memorial to honour her grandson who will always be loved and cherished in the memories of the family.

- **Ghulam Sajan Leadership in Action Fund**

A Field of Interest fund called the Ghulam Sajan Leadership in Action Fund was set up by Ghulam Sajan's family to honour and continue the work he was so passionate about. Ghulam Sajan was an iconic person who dedicated his life to empowering communities and encouraging them to have a voice, influence public policy and to vote. Since arriving in Canada in 1975, until he passed away in 2014, he was always remembered for his selfless efforts of helping those in need, building intra-faith and inter-faith bridges and the countless community organizations he helped build in Canada and around the world.



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