



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

The Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier (IOST) is a non-profit mosque that aims to serve the social and religious need of Muslims in the Greater Binghamton area, and to promote the message of Islam according to the principles of the Ahlus-Sunnah Wal-Jamaa'ah.

A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Respected Community Members,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh. It is with great joy and gratitude to Allah (SWT) that I present this year's annual report highlighting our mosque's tremendous growth and achievements. Our community's dedication and generosity have enabled us to expand our services and enhance our facilities significantly.

This year, we completed several major infrastructure improvements, including the renovation of our community center to accommodate eight new classrooms, installation of a state-of-the-art sound system, and modernization of our library. These upgrades have allowed us to better serve our growing congregation, which now includes over 1,000 worshippers attending Friday prayers weekly. Our educational programs have flourished, with 400 children participating in Quran and weekend classes throughout the year. The community's vibrant spirit was evident in our more than 20 successful events, including carnivals and weekly Friday programs, which brought together families and strengthened our bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

By the grace of Allah (SWT) and through your continued support, we have maintained a robust annual budget of \$700,000, with \$300,000 coming directly from community donations – a testament to your unwavering commitment to our mosque's mission. As we look to the future, we are excited to announce plans for expanding our educational offerings, establishing vital social services such as a food pantry and soup kitchen, and further developing our facility into an ideal community center and masjid. These initiatives reflect our commitment to serving not only our Muslim community but also our broader neighborhood and those in need.

May Allah (SWT) continue to bless our community and reward all those who have contributed to making these achievements possible.

Sincerely,
Imam Anas Shaikh
Executive Director, Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier

YEAR IN REVIEW

→ 2024 IOST HIGHLIGHTS ←

CLASSROOM EXPANSION AND RENOVATION:

01 A new classroom building with 8 classrooms was established, providing a quality learning space for a growing number of students.

03 **NEW LIBRARY & YOUTH SPACE:** A newly added library and youth area were introduced to enhance community learning and engagement.

05 **MASJID APP LAUNCH:** We introduced the Masjid App to streamline events, donations, announcements, and prayer times. With over 800 followers, it is now a daily tool for our vibrant community!

07 **ANNUAL EXPO AND CARNIVAL SUCCESS:** Our second annual community Expo & Carnival brought together over 30 vendors, an array of activities, and an unprecedented level of community participation.

09 **GENEROUS CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS:** Over \$150,000 was raised and distributed to various organizations and local community members, with a large portion dedicated to aiding brothers and sisters in Gaza.

11 **INAUGURAL YOUTH QIYAM:** A memorable first-ever 'Youth Qiym' took place, along with a special 'first-fasts' commemoration for children fasting during Ramadan for the first time.

HIFDH PROGRAM PROGRESS:

02 Enrollment in our Hifdh program doubled, supporting more students in achieving their Quran memorization goals.

04 **CONSISTENT COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Over 50 events were organized throughout the year, offering nearly weekly opportunities for connection and growth.

EXPANDED WEEKLY ADULT PROGRAMS:

06 New weekly classes were introduced, including Seerah Halaqahs, Tajweed classes, Tafseer sessions, and Arabic courses for adults, enriching Islamic education for all.

08 **VISIT FROM QARI MUHAMMAD JIBREEL:** A special event featuring world-renowned Qari Shaikh Muhammad Jibreel inspired and uplifted the entire community.

GROWING STUDENT PARTICIPATION:

10 Our daily Quran and Sunday classes saw record-breaking attendance, with over 430 students benefiting from these programs.

12 **HISTORIC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** We witnessed record-setting attendance, with over 1,000 worshippers every Friday and a full masjid throughout Ramadan.

ALHAMDULILLAH, THESE ACHIEVEMENTS REFLECT THE VIBRANT PROGRESS OF OUR MASJID IN 2024! WE LOOK FORWARD TO A PROSPEROUS AND FRUITFUL 2025 AS WELL!

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

Hadith Khatirah

JOIN US EACH DAY FOR A BRIEF REMINDER BASED ON THE HADITH OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM), PROVIDING INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE FOR DAILY LIVING.

FREQUENCY: DAILY

DAY/TIME: TUESDAYS | AFTER MAGRIB IN SUMMER / AFTER ISHA IN WINTER

LED BY: IMAM SOFIAN MAYET

RAYS OF MERCY

A WEEKLY LECTURE SERIES THAT DELVES INTO THE BIOGRAPHY (SEerah) OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE UPON HIM), ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF HIS LIFE.

FREQUENCY: WEEKLY

DAY/TIME: TUESDAYS | AFTER MAGRIB IN SUMMER / AFTER ISHA IN WINTER

LED BY: IMAM SOFIAN MAYET

GUIDED QUR'AN READING

THIS PROGRAM OFFERS CLASSES FOR INDIVIDUALS LOOKING TO LEARN HOW TO READ THE QUR'AN OR IMPROVE THEIR RECITATION SKILLS, MAKING IT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

FREQUENCY: WEEKLY

DAY/TIME: WEDNESDAYS | 7 PM TO 9 PM

LED BY: IMAM SOFIAN MAYET & IMAM ANAS SHAIKH

QUR'AN STUDY CIRCLE

EXPLORE THE PROFOUND WISDOM OF THE QUR'AN THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC OVERVIEW THAT FOSTERS DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND REFLECTION ON ITS TEACHINGS.

FREQUENCY: WEEKLY

DAY/TIME: THURSDAYS | AFTER MAGRIB IN SUMMER / AFTER ISHA IN WINTER

LED BY: BROTHER SAAD ALI

Iqra After School

DAILY AFTER-SCHOOL QUR'AN CLASSES AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED 7 AND ABOVE, FOSTERING A FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE QUR'AN IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

DATES: MONDAYS THRU THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

TIMINGS: SESSION 1: 5 PM TO 6 PM
SESSION 2: 6 PM TO 7 PM

AGES: BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7+ (2ND GRADE+)

FEES: \$25 DOLLARS MONTHLY

Marifa Program

A WEEKLY ISLAMIC STUDIES INITIATIVE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, PROMOTING DEEPER ENGAGEMENT WITH ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES AND FOSTERING PERSONAL GROWTH AMONG STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 10.

DATES: SUNDAYS - SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

TIMINGS: 3 PM TO 5:15 PM

AGES: BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 6 THRU 10

FEES: \$25 DOLLARS MONTHLY

Al-Nur Academy

A WEEKEND ISLAMIC STUDIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1-5, DESIGNED TO ENGAGE YOUNG LEARNERS IN ESSENTIAL ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND VALUES.

DATES: SUNDAYS - SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

TIMINGS: 11 AM TO 2 PM

AGES: BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1 THRU 5

FEES: \$25 DOLLARS MONTHLY

HIFDH-UL QURAN ACADEMY

THIS FULL-TIME PROGRAM IS OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-12, FOCUSING ON MEMORIZING THE QUR'AN WHILE INTEGRATING ACADEMIC STUDIES FOR A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION.

DATES: MONDAYS THRU FRIDAYS, 8 AM TO 1:30 PM

TIMINGS: ACADEMICS OPTIONAL WITH ADDITIONAL FEES

AGES: BOYS 9+ (4TH GRADE+)

FEES: \$250 DOLLARS MONTHLY

HALAQAHS & PROGRAMS

MUQARRABOON

MUQARRABOON IS A BI-WEEKLY HALAQAH FOR YOUNG BROTHERS (18+) THAT PROMOTES FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP THROUGH ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

FREQUENCY: BI-WEEKLY

DAY/TIMES: EVERY OTHER FRIDAY | 7 PM TO 9 PM

AGE GROUP: BROTHERS AGES 18+

Saabiqoon Sisters

SAABIQOON SISTERS IS A WEEKLY HALAQAH AND ACTIVITY FOR WOMEN AGED 18 AND OLDER, FOSTERING FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

FREQUENCY: WEEKLY

DAY/TIMES: SATURDAYS | 11:15 AM TO 12:30 PM

AGE GROUP: SISTERS AGES 18+

Sisters' Brunch

THE SISTER'S BRUNCH IS HELD MONTHLY AT THE IOST FOR WOMEN (18+) AND INCLUDES A SOCIAL GATHERING, A HALAQAH ON DIFFERENT WOMEN'S ISSUES, AND BREAKFAST.

FREQUENCY: MONTHLY

DAY/TIMES: ONE SATURDAY A MONTH | 11 AM TO 1 PM

AGE GROUP: SISTERS AGES 18+

COMMUNITY & POTLUCK DINNER

THE COMMUNITY AND POTLUCK DINNER TAKES PLACE ON ONE SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTENDEES TO ENJOY A MEAL AND CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER.

FREQUENCY: MONTHLY

DAY/TIMES: ONE SATURDAY A MONTH | 6 PM TO 8 PM

AGE GROUP: EVERYONE

MISSION & VISION



MISSION STATEMENT

The IOST, a Sunni mosque, strives to enrich the lives of Muslims in the Greater Binghamton Area by offering a welcoming environment for worship, education, and community engagement.



VISION/GOAL

The IOST vision is to create an exemplary Islamic center that embodies unity and compassion, where religious teachings (such as education, knowledge, and social services) are actively practiced to inspire positive change in our area.



FAITH

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Our mosque provides a range of worship programs, including Qiyaams, Jumuah, and the five daily prayers, as well as duas, dhikrs, and events designed to deepen the spiritual connection with the Almighty.



KNOWLEDGE

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The IOST offers classes for all community members, including children's Qur'an and Islamic Studies classes, adult courses on reading Qur'an, and lectures on Seerah, Tafseer, and Hadith—all aimed at enriching our community's knowledge.

OUR FOCUS

At IOST, our programming, services, and events are guided by these four core values.



COMMUNITY

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The IOST fosters community by hosting events like iftars, carnivals, and cultural nights, and by offering services such as marriage ceremonies, funeral arrangements, and mediation.



SERVICE

خَدْمَةٌ

The IOST supports those in need by collecting and distributing zakat to widows, orphans, and overseas, along with running a food pantry and various drives for clothing, food, and school supplies, demonstrating our commitment to service.

Our mosque serves various audiences (children & teens, young adults, families, sisters, elders, and the community) through educational, outreach, recreation, religious, social, and other programs.

OUR SERVICES

The IOST proudly offers a variety of services to enrich and support our community.

JANAZAH SERVICES

Providing dignified funeral arrangements and guidance to support grieving families during difficult times.

NIKAH

Facilitating Islamic marriage ceremonies with proper guidance, ensuring a meaningful and memorable experience.

MEDIATION & SETTLEMENT

Helping resolve conflicts through fair and compassionate mediation and understanding within the community.

BURIAL SERVICES

Ensuring proper burial ceremonies are conducted with utmost care, respect, and adherence to Islamic traditions.

SOCIAL SERVICES

(Assistance with rent, food, clothing, etc.)
Social services support individuals and families, improving well-being and strengthening communities.

RELOCATION

The IOST assists individuals relocating to the area by providing support with employment opportunities, housing, furniture, and all essentials needed to start their new lives.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

IFTAR SPONSORSHIPS:

Over 3,000 meals were distributed during Ramadan, providing nourishment to those in need. This initiative brought comfort and support to underserved communities.

CLOTHING DRIVES:

More than 800 bags of clothes were sent overseas to assist underprivileged families. These efforts ensured essential clothing reached those in need.

WORDS OF WISDOM LIBRARY

The library provides access to knowledge and educational resources, empowering individuals to grow and thrive. It fosters learning and inspiration for people globally.

ORGANIZATION ASSISTANCE:

Supported over 20 organizations in raising \$150,000+ for global relief efforts. This aid has helped fund critical projects and bring hope to countless lives.

OUR EVENTS

A recap of our activities in 2024.

The image displays a grid of 40 event posters for 2024, arranged in a 5x8 grid. Each poster is a thumbnail for an event organized by IOST (Institute of Spiritual Transformation). The events cover various categories:

- Religious:** SUDANESE NIGHT AT IOST, Art & Calligraphy, Sisters Paint Social, BROTHERS FRIENDLY BASKETBALL GAME, INTRODUCTORY QUR'ANIC ARABIC, Books Distribution, Books Giveaway, Yusuf In You & Me, Saabiqoon Hike, Sisters' Brunch, QUR'AN Night, READ-ALONG, GETTING READY TO VOTE, Saabiqoon Sisters, HIFDH-UL-QUR'AN ACADEMY, DRIVE FOR GAZA, CLOTHING DRIVE/PAKISTAN, COMMUNITY PACKING EVENT, Ijtima After-School, Sisters Tafseer, BROTHERS IFTAAR, MUDARRABON BBQ, FOOD BUS AT IOST, RAMADAN AROUND THE WORLD, Sisters' QIYAM, Sisters' QIYAM, Sisters' QIYAM, Mahrifa Program, and Sisters' EID Brunch.
- Sports:** Brothers' Friendly SOCCER MATCH, NASHI'ED Night at IOST, JINNS & HALLOWEEN, and Dodgeball Tournament.
- Community:** PALESTINIAN HANDICRAFTS & BAZAAR, Books Giveaway, Books Distribution, CLOTHING DRIVE/PAKISTAN, COMMUNITY PACKING EVENT, BACK to SCHOOL Giveaway, SUMMER CAMP, Youth Hangout, and Family Night.
- Other:** PAINTROLLIN' WITH THE BROS, COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR, RAMADAN Food Boxes, and The Rays Of MERCY.

Each poster includes details such as the date, time, location, and a brief description of the event. Many posters feature QR codes for registration or more information.

CELEBRATE RAMADAN AT IOST!

Join us for a variety of programs and services throughout the holy month. Immerse yourself in the spirit of community by participating in:

- Taraweeh prayers
- Qiyams
- Iftars
- Halaqahs
- Classes
- Qur'an competitions
- Children's activities
- And much more!



2025 EXPECTATIONS

The IOST has outlined several initiatives for the year 2025. Below are some of our proposed milestones.



PARKING LOT

Pave the Back Parking Lot Improved parking facilities for better accessibility and convenience for all community members.



SECURITY SYSTEM

Upgrade Security System Enhanced security measures to ensure the safety and peace of mind of our congregation.



FUNDRAISING

Successfully secure significant funding to enhance our masjid's operations and services. We are looking to raise \$350,000 for 2025.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Introducing more programs, Halaqahs, and community events to enrich spiritual growth and strengthen bonds.

JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM AT IOST!

We are seeking passionate individuals to join our Islamic community center and contribute to our mission of fostering faith, education, and service.

Visit iost.org/careers to learn more & apply.



Announcing IOST's Afterfund – Invested once, donated continuously

The IOST has established an endowment fund (waqf) to support and sustain the operations of our masjid.

At IOST, we're ensuring long-term financial stability for our masjid and services by establishing a waqf (endowment) system through the Afterfund Platform. Unlike traditional donations that are spent immediately, your contributions are invested to generate ongoing profits that continuously support the causes you choose—creating up to 30 times greater impact over your lifetime.

For example, a \$100 donation can produce \$10-15 annually for the masjid indefinitely, offering a lasting legacy of support and Sadaqah Jaariya even after one's passing.



DID YOU KNOW?

During the time of the Prophet, people would plant palm trees, sell the dates every year, and then donate money to different causes.

PLANT YOUR PALM TREE TODAY!

DONATE NOW AT IOST.ORG/AFTERFUND



Words of Wisdom Library

At the Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier (IOST)

The Words of Wisdom Library is a space that is open to the community and aims to provide a sanctified space for Muslims to seek knowledge and strengthen their faith through the study and reflection of Islamic literature.

THE LIBRARY'S OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

- Provide information about Islam
- Offer a space for relaxation
- Preserve the teachings of Islam
- Ensure accurate representation of Muslims
- Educate the community about all Islamic branches

THE LIBRARY SPACE SERVES AS A RESOURCE FOR:

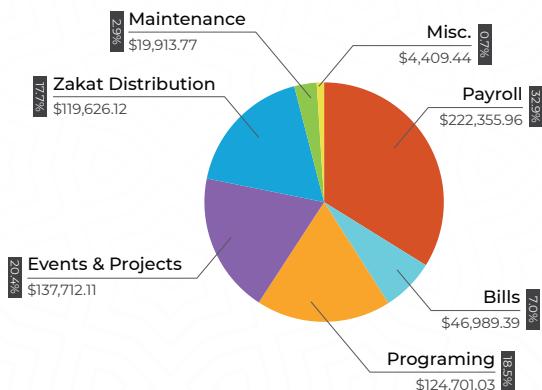
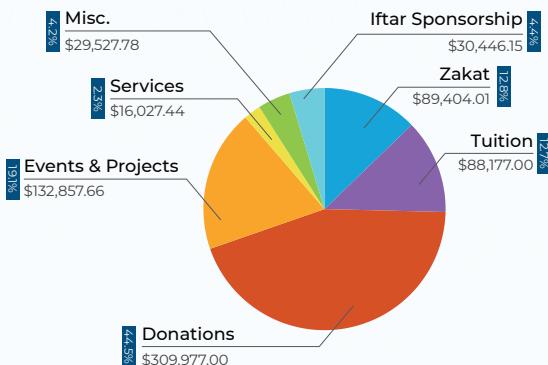
- Lending
- Research
- Book and merchandise purchases
- Various resources
- Events
- Private meeting space

Visit the new Words of Wisdom Library to discover what we have to offer!

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

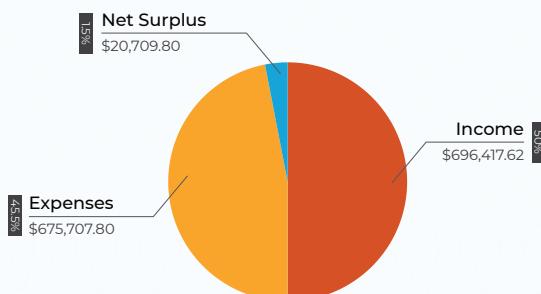
Discover how IOST utilizes your valuable contributions.

| INCOME | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Zakat | \$89,404.01 |
| Tuition | \$88,177.00 |
| Donations | \$309,977.58 |
| Events & Projects | \$132,857.66 |
| Services | \$16,027.44 |
| Iftar Sponsorship | \$30,446.15 |
| Misc. | \$29,527.78 |
| Total | \$696,417.62 |



| EXPENSES | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Payroll | \$222,355.96 |
| Bills | \$46,989.39 |
| Zakat Distribution | \$119,626.12 |
| Programing | \$124,701.03 |
| Events & Project | \$137,712.11 |
| Maintenance | \$19,913.77 |
| Misc. | \$4,409.44 |
| Total | \$675,707.82 |

NET SURPLUS **\$20,709.80**



CURRENT ASSETS:
(Cash & Cash Equivalents Only)
\$589,612.55

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.IOST.ORG/IMPACT

CONTRIBUTE TO & SUPPORT IOST

Support IOST by donating to any of our causes or projects. Your contribution significantly aids our efforts to promote Islam in the Binghamton area.

Donate Via Credit/Debit Card

Scan the QR code to make a donation to the masjid online.



"For those who give in charity, men and women, and loan to Allah a beautiful loan, it shall be increased manifold (to their credit), and they shall have (besides) a great reward."

QUR'AN - 57:18

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

In addition to cash donations in the masjid donation boxes, here are other ways to support IOST.

Write a Check

Drop off your check to the office or send to the Islamic Organization Of Southern Tier

Address

161 Grand Avenue, Johnson City,
New York, 13790

Phone & Email

833.607.IOST | office@iost.org

Donate Stocks & Crypto

To donate stocks or cryptocurrency to IOST, please scan the QR code.



Donate via Venmo, Cashapp, or Zelle

The IOST gratefully accepts donations via Venmo, Cashapp, and Zelle.

 \$ IOSTMasjid

 @IOST-Masjid

 zelle@iost.org

CONTRIBUTE TO IOST'S ENDOWMENT FUND (WAQF)

We invite you to contribute to our Waqf and be a part of something meaningful!



IOST has partnered with Afterfund to establish an endowment (waqf) system for our masjid. Your donations are invested sustainably, with the annual profits supporting various masjid projects.

For example, a \$100 donation invested through Afterfund can generate \$10-15 annually for the masjid in perpetuity, creating a lasting legacy of support & Sadaqah Jaariyah.

JOIN THE SUSTAINERS CLUB!

Become a sustainer today. Our masjid's average daily operating cost is \$1,000. We are seeking 365 donors to contribute \$85 monthly or make a one-time donation of \$1,000.

WWW.IOST.ORG/SUSTAIN



IOST'S EXPENSES

\$1,000
PER DAY

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer and join one of our committees or teams to make a difference at IOST

Reach out to us at office@iost.org to join a team or volunteer with us.

JANAZAH TEAM

- Oversees all aspects of funerals and burials
- Serves as the first point of contact for families
- Arranges funeral and burial timings
- Procures the shroud
- Coordinates volunteers for ghusl (ritual washing)
- Handles all necessary paperwork
- Manages all other matters related to Janazahs at IOST

DAWAH/ OUTREACH TEAM

- Promotes Dawah in the Greater Binghamton Area
- Purchases brochures and Dawah materials
- Answers questions about Islam
- Provides Islam 101 classes
- Offers tours of the masjid
- Represents IOST in interfaith organizations
- Hosts open houses at the masjid
- Promotes the message of Islam in the broader community

LIBRARY TEAM

- Manages the Words of Wisdom Library
- Researches and purchases books for the library
- Catalogs books and updates the database
- Manages lending services and library staffing hours
- Schedule usage of the library space
- Receives and processes book donations

SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM

- Provides support and assistance to those in need
- Distributes Zakat to widows, orphans, and overseas where needed
- Manages the food pantry at IOST
- Organizes various drives (clothing, food, school supplies)
- Offers settlement services for newcomers (assistance with jobs, housing, furniture)
- Coordinates charitable initiatives within the community

ANSAR TEAM

- Integrates New Muslims into Our Community
- Partners local members with new Muslims
- Teaches new Muslims how to pray and the basics of Islam
- Arranges special iftars and Eid events for new Muslims
- Follows up to encourage attendance at Jumuah and other IOST events
- Provides ongoing support and guidance
- Helps new Muslims feel welcomed and connected

RAMADAN COMMITTEE

- Coordinate all Ramadan activities and communication
- Plan and organize community iftars
- Organize children's programs and provide babysitting
- Ensure safety, security, and crowd control
- Handle audio/visual needs and live-streaming
- Promote programs through marketing and social media
- Maintain facilities and manage event setup

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

IOST is always seeking volunteers to assist with events, projects, organization, cleaning, and maintenance. If you're interested in volunteering, please scan the QR code to provide your availability.





THE NOOR
CAMPUS

A New Campus For Our Growing Community

Uniting and empowering the Southern Tier Muslim community!

THE NOOR CAMPUS LOCATION

- Located at 996 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, New York, 13790
- 21 acres large (10x the current Grand Ave location)
- Private neighborhood, with suburban houses & apartment complexes nearby
- Close proximity to shopping centers, grocery stores, and JC school district
- Easy access & viewable from the highway (.5 miles)



UPGRADED
MASJID



GYMNASIUM &
SPORTS



FULL
ISLAMIC



YOUTH
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CAFE &
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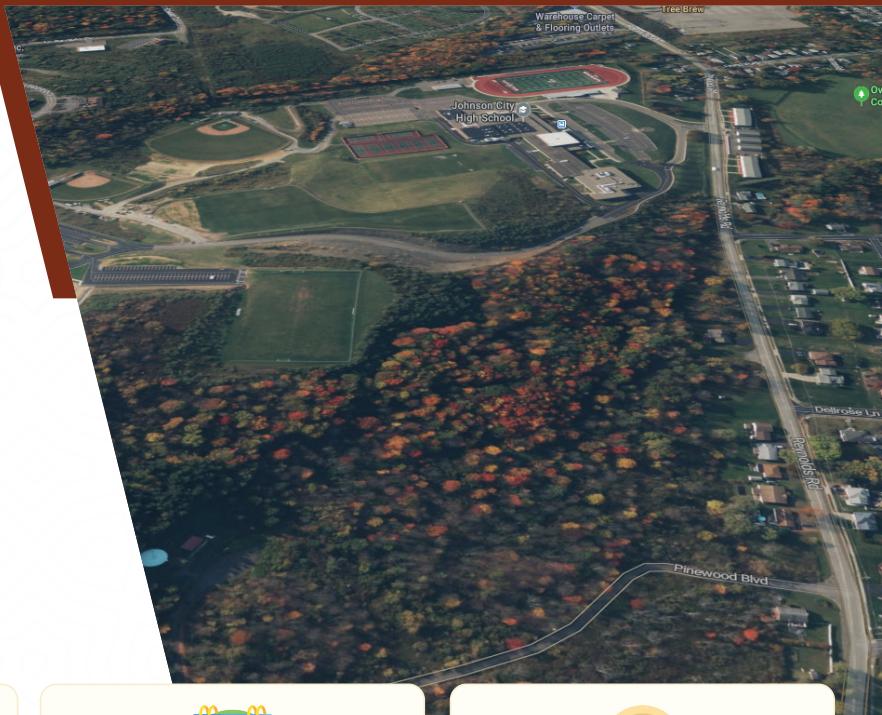


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DISCOVER

the latest developments and progress updates on IOST's upcoming campus project.



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TIME
SCHOOL



EVENT
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DAYCARE
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PARKS &
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SOCIAL SERVICES
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OFFICE
SPACE

UCH MORE!



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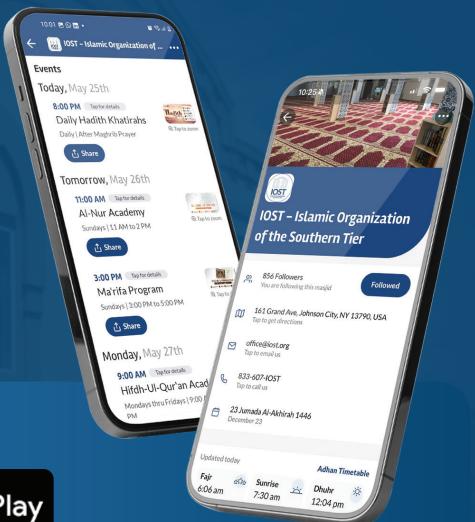
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