

"In the Name of Allah/the One God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful"

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5th Edition

(June 2014 - November 2014)

Mission

Islamic Social Services (ISOS) is a 501c3 social service charitable organization. We strive to be a trusted organization practicing Islamic values when rendering services to people in need of assistance through trying times. In doing so we hope to reflect and spread understanding of Islam, promote self reliance and add to the well being of the community we live in.

Vision

ISOS collaborates with a network of non-profit organizations and community service groups to assist those facing periods of challenge in gaining self reliance through financial assistance and access to public assistance targeted to their needs and goals.

Appreciation

We would like to provide an acknowledgement to those agencies that have collaborated with ISOS during this time period in helping those in need. They are: DHS Child Welfare; AsSaber Mosque; Bilal Mosque; Iraqi Society of Oregon; Oregon Islamic Chaplain Organization; Tualatin Community Warehouse and Jewish Family and Child Services.

And most of all to our Muslim donors for providing the much needed financial support to make this happen!

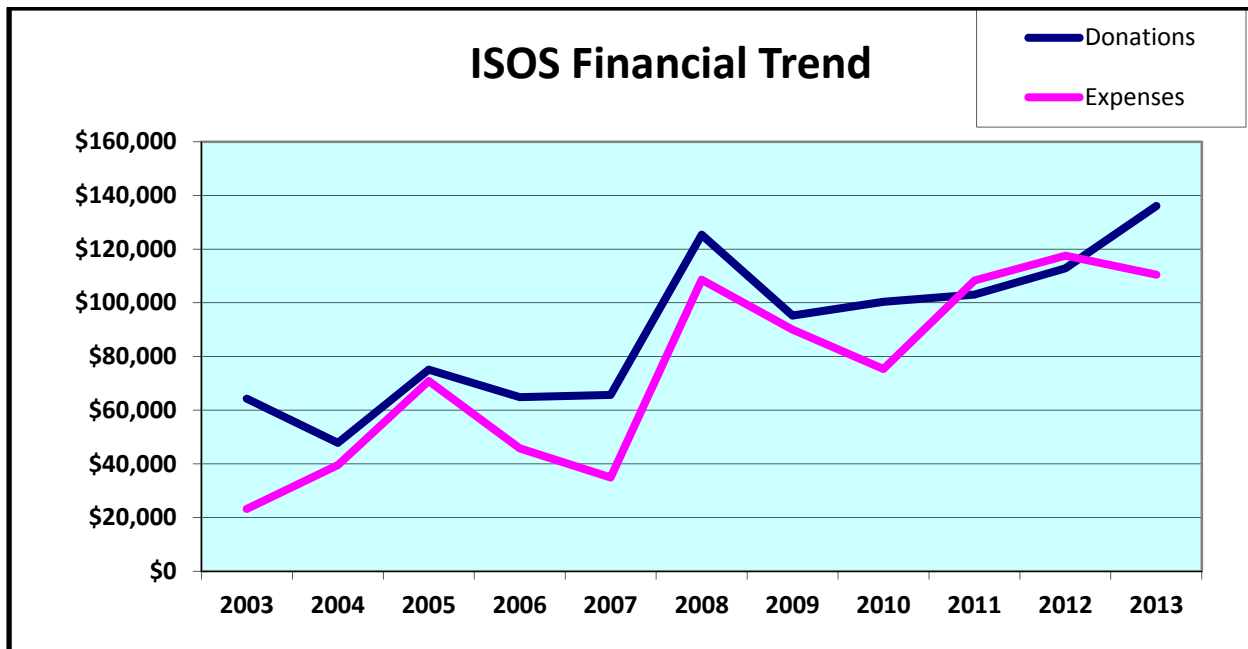
Finance Status

January 2014 – November 2014:

- **Donations Received:** \$160,896.20
- **Spent:** \$159,949.07

Main Categories: Rent; Bus Passes; Apartment Furnishings; Medical; Utility bills; Food and Legal.

Financial Trend (2003-2013):



Expenses	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
clothes		\$650	\$350	\$182	
education	\$2,245	\$990	\$330	\$500	\$789
food	\$12,415	\$5,475	\$30,824	\$22,931	\$25,864
housing	\$46,501	\$47,083	\$43,864	\$62,413	\$54,792
*ISOS infrastructure	\$5,326	\$3,320	\$4,047	\$2,065	\$7,535
medical		\$1,309	\$3,015	\$623	
transportation	\$5,326	\$4,483	\$8,217	\$6,067	\$2,939
utilities	\$6,317	\$5,723	\$5,411	\$2,667	\$3,759
youth activities			\$114	\$9,988	\$5,350
death/support	\$7,073			\$830	
Day of Dignity			\$6,268	\$8,267	\$10,000
employment			\$5,842	\$1,000	
disaster relief		\$2,025			
legal	\$4,803	\$4,260			\$40
TOTALS	\$90,006	\$75,318	\$108,282	\$117,533	\$111,068

***ISOS infrastructure expenses**

2009: over \$2,000 into storage rent; heavy investment into outreach promotions on who ISOS is to the community.

2010: most went into the storage rent (over \$2,000), phone service fees; state certification and PO Box renewal

2011: over \$2,000 into storage - last time, switched to supporting Tualatin Community Warehouse for getting furniture and supplies. Charges \$50 for all you need and \$250 for delivery. Outreach promotions and events.

2012: started leasing ISOS office in Oct (\$299/month); brochures; phone and PO Box fees

2013: DHS requires insurance coverage (about \$2,500); ISOS office; outreach promotions.

Accomplishments

- **Cases (Helping those in Need):** ISOS requires those receiving assistance to be an Oregonian/SW Washingtonian resident; sponsored by another agency to validate the need and to provide a self-sufficiency plan.

About 50 cases served from June through November 2014. Majority of the cases are due to loss of jobs; domestic violence; insufficient disability funds; and refugee resettlement. Assistance went into the following areas: 77% housing; 9% utilities; 8% furniture/food/clothing; 4% transportation (bus tickets) and 2% legal fees (divorce/custody).

- **DHS Foster Children Prevention Program (Saving Families):** DHS Family Service and Child Protection are collaborating with ISOS certified case workers on specific Muslim families at risk, finding ways to keep children from being removed from their families into foster care, if at all possible.

We have been recently working with a complex case that involves heavy interaction with members of the community; Child welfare case workers; lawyers; health providers and the courts. ISOS's involvement requires understanding the options available to provide to the family to restore safety and well-being by knowing how to work with the authorities.

ISOS is a member at the state level with Refugee Child Welfare Advisory Committee. We meet and review state wide cases and discuss possible resolutions. No new cases were submitted.

- **Day of Dignity (Serving Portland's Homeless):** Day of Dignity 2014 in Portland, OR, was held on September 21, 2014 in downtown Portland (Pearl District) in the park where we had exposure to the general public in the heart of the city. We had 581 homeless served with food; winter supplies; health checkups, including flu shots and haircuts. Our volunteers came from St. Vincent de Paul's who brought their mobile kitchen bus (providing veggie burgers, chips; fruits and coffee); Latter Day Saints (LDS) (providing hygiene and school kits); Jewish Family and Child Services (providing socks; knitted caps; gloves and Portland City Resource booklets); Japanese American Citizen League (JACL, who brought youth volunteers from UNITE People: www.pdxjacl.org/youth); our Muslim youths; seven local barbers (giving free haircuts); Dept. of Health with Dr. Shagufta's clinic (providing flu shots and medical checkups); local church providing tables and chairs; and Sesame Donuts (providing donuts). ISOS supplied sleeping bags; sleeping mats; dried food and bottled water with the \$10,000 grant provided by IRUSA. The success was not only serving Portland's homeless, but also building partnerships across charitable organizations. This year Japanese American Citizen League (JACL) UNITE People youth group participated in this year's Day of Dignity Event, for the first time.





- **Co-Op Meetings (addressing Homelessness):** One of major highlights from the Day of Dignity was the start of a co-op meeting among organizations that serve the homeless. Participants are Jewish Family and Child Services; Blanchet House; Catholic Charities and Later Day Saints. The intent is to provide a forum in seeking root causes to homelessness and to leverage support from one another when it comes to serving those in need – based on resources available.
- **Ramadhan Food Drive (Food for Muslim Families):** About \$9,000 was raised for the annual Ramadhan Food Drive, which WINCO cards and food were purchased and distributed to those families in need within our community.
- **Qurbani/Udhiya Meat Distribution (Food for Muslim Families):** About 900 lbs of meat were distributed to the families in need for the Eid ul-Aldha celebration. We thank those who participated in the purchase, packaging and distribution of the meat in a timely and organized manner. We thank Br. Abdalh El-Adhil for purchasing, slaughtering and delivering the meat. We have been blessed with Br. Abdalh’s services for the past several years.
- **Thanksgiving Food Boxes provided by Jewish Family and Child Services (JFCS):** ISOS has been collaborating on cases in need with JFCS. JFCS decided to show their appreciation by extending their annual Thanksgiving food boxes to some of our Muslim families. They did an excellent job in delivering to the homes a large box of everything needed to prepare a complete turkey dinner with desert for a large family. We received several compliments from our families for the gracious service and excellent quality.

- **Elderly Care:** Housing Services through Cedar Sinai Park (www.CedarSinaiPark.org) provides elderly care housing and services and came to ISOS asking for assistance with a Farsi speaking translator for their 30 Farsi speaking elderly tenants. ISOS was awarded ~\$3,000 contract in providing a Farsi speaking translator for their facilities located downtown. The person that was chosen not only provided the translation support but also was someone the Farsi speaking community trusted and has triggered several opportunities to better the services. ISOS has wanted to learn more about elder care and this will give us the means to learn what we can do for our own community.

Upcoming News

Here are a few of the upcoming news articles in our next edition:

- **OMMA and SW Community Health Center for Human Well-Being treatment:** There has been a growing concern to provide support for mental health well-being and support to our Muslim community. We are faced with Muslim families facing serious youth issues; refugees coming from traumatic environments; and Dept of Health and Human Resources asking for parental training programs to keep from taking the children from their homes.

We are fortunate to have Oregon Muslim Medical Association (OMMA), in collaboration with Southwest Community Health Clinic (SWCHC) developing such a clinic. Islamic Social Services of Oregon State (ISOS) will be networking with OMMA and SWCHC in providing educational material and referrals to those agencies and individuals in need. One of OMMA's initiatives will be establishing workshops at designated areas within the Muslim community. More information will be provided as the clinic gets established.

- **Food Pantry:** Oregon Food Bank is working with ISOS in providing halal food for Muslims in need of food through different distribution sites.
- **Refugee Resettlement Forum:** ISOS is participating in a new co-op of agencies involved with refugee services and how we can work together to render better aid to our new neighbors.

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