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“I choose to assist ILM-SA every year because I trust them. I respect and truly admire the humans behind this organisation and am honoured to be able to contribute towards their growth and the help that they offer others on a daily basis.” (A donor)

Pictured above:

Top: Clare, an ILM-SA volunteer, pictured with some of the learners from the financially disadvantaged madrasahs we assist, as well as the son of two other volunteers, at our annual Eid with a Difference programme last year.

Bottom left: ILM-SA bursary student, Zakira, excitedly greets Dr Naledi Pandor at our Muslimah Today 2024 event. Our bursary students serve as volunteers at this, and other events, as part of giving back to society.

Bottom right: ILM-SA bursary student Muzzammil conveys a heartfelt vote of thanks to our main bursary programme donor at an event for our students last year.

ABOUT ILM-SA

The Institute for Learning and Motivation – South Africa (ILM-SA) is a non-profit organisation, based in Morningside, Durban.

Founded in 2006, we are primarily focused on:

- providing bursaries for tertiary students
- assisting six township/rural madrasahs
- social welfare
- feeding schemes
- hosting educational and motivational events with an Islamic ethos

We are founded upon the philosophy that our beneficiaries, staff, donors and service providers should:

- be treated with dignity, kindness and respect
- not be exploited
- consider themselves to be part of a family

INVEST IN YOUR AAKHIRAH – HELP US ESTABLISH AN ISLAMIC CENTRE!

Since the early years of our inception, it has been our dream to establish an Islamic Centre in a central area in Durban. This centre will in sha Allah:

- house our offices (we are currently based in a tiny office which we rent)
- feature a child-friendly musallah with a section for men and a section for women, where salaah is led by by an imam who recites with excellent tajweed, and where pre-Jumu'ah and other talks are relevant and cater to the needs of our community
- include a lecture theatre where Islamic Studies classes are offered
- be easily accessible to people who are interested in Islam and want more information
- offer other services like spiritual counselling and recreational facilities for our community

We would like to purchase an existing property and convert it into the envisioned centre, and a total of between R3000 000 to R4000 000 (in lillah/sadaqah) is required for this purpose.



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YOUR DONATION TOWARDS THIS NOBLE CAUSE WILL, IN SHA ALLAH, SERVE AS A MEANS OF SADAQAH JAARIYAH (ONGOING CHARITY) FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES (LIVING OR DECEASED). PLEASE WHATSAPP US AT 083 271 4500 SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN DONATING. PLEASE DO NOT TRANSFER ANY MONIES INTO OUR ACCOUNT FOR THIS CAUSE, WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING US.

RURAL/TOWNSHIP MADRASAH PROGRAMME

We assist six madrasahs - run by financially disadvantaged revert Muslimahs in the areas of Folweni, Malukazi, Kwa Mashu, Lindelani, Ndabankulu and Trenance Park – in numerous ways, including (but not limited to):

- provision of monthly stipends, annual bonuses and grocery vouchers for the aapas, and in many instances, assistance with school fees, school transport, uniforms, text books for their children and grandchildren
- provision of teaching and learning resources like text books, white boards, etc.
- infrastructural improvements
- provision of meals for teachers and learners on a fort-nightly basis, suhoor and iftaar on a daily basis in Ramadaan and Qurbaani meat parcels after Eid-ul-Adhaa
- hosting the annual Eid with a Difference celebration on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr, ahead of which all aapas and learners are gifted a new set of clothing and shoes

Each madrasah is visited by a representative of ILM-SA on a weekly basis for the purpose of assessing attendance and progress.



These photographs were taken at our Eid with a Difference programme last year. This beautiful programme is almost entirely executed by a team of volunteers. WhatsApp us at 083 271 4500 for more information about getting involved in this year's event.

SOCIAL WELFARE

We assist numerous individuals and families with rent, utilities, groceries and school fees.

“Your assistance means everything to my family. Without it, we would not have managed to survive. Alhamdulillah, you have been really patient, kind and understanding with me.”

(A widow who supports her two children and her parents – we assist her with water and electricity, as well as medication for her son and father)

“Your assistance means a lot to me. Nobody has ever done something like this for me. Nobody has stood up for me. You do everything with love and treat me so well. Thanks to you I’m surviving and have a place in which to stay.”

(A single male in his seventies, who we assist with rental)

“The assistance we receive from ILM-SA means a lot to my family and I. Whenever we think of how ILM-SA helps us, we think about helping others. The help provided by ILM-SA makes us believe that Allah is always there for us, as we were helpless, then He sent ILM-SA to save us. ‘And they feed the needy, the orphan and the prisoner out of love for him (Surah ad-Dahr).’ May the Almighty Allah protect and bless ILM-SA and the people behind it. Ameen.”

(A refugee whose family we assist with rent and water)

FEEDING SCHEMES

Apart from the feeding we undertake at our madrasahs, we also provide meals for:

- hundreds of financially disadvantaged children who are part of KZN Cricket’s development structure (for them to partake of whilst they are playing cricket).
- over a hundred matriculants at the severely under-resourced Embizweni High School in uMlazi – we provide these meals during special study camps held in preparation for their examinations.



BURSARY PROGRAMME

Since our inception, we have assisted dozens of tertiary students with bursaries. Many of them are now income-earners, supporting their families and even donating to ILM-SA. The assistance rendered differs from student to student, and may include assistance with one or more of the following: tuition fees, laptops, text books, accommodation, food and transport. We assist mainly Muslim students due to the paucity of non-zakaah funding, but over the years we have assisted many students of other faith groups and our intention is to continue doing so. The students we assist are encouraged to give back to the organisation by volunteering at our events – a compulsory requirement for Durban-based students. We remain in regular contact with our students, and facilitate interaction between them through a WhatsApp group, as well as an annual meetup.

CURRENT STUDENTS

(Please note that some of these students are also being assisted by other organisations)



Aaliyah
Industrial Engineering



Adanan
Medicine



Alembe
Pharmacy



Brooklyn
Medicine



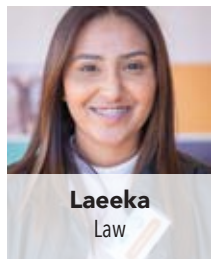
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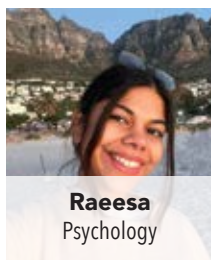
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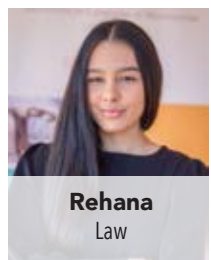
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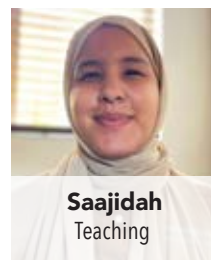
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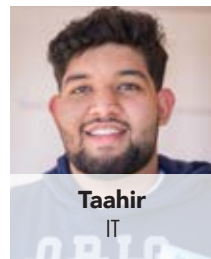
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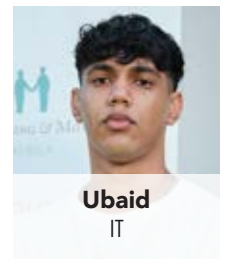
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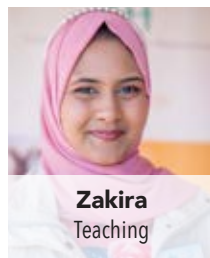
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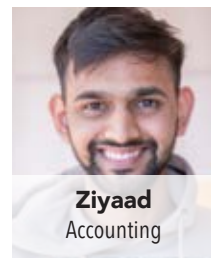
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Zahrah
Medicine



Zakira
Teaching



Ziyaad
Accounting



Zuvena
IT

2024 GRADUATES

Alhamdulillah, the following individuals completed their studies in 2024, either fully or partially assisted by ILM-SA.



Answar

Programme completed: Professional Cookery with École Duccase (International Hotel School)

Answar was the highest performing intern during the work-integrated learning component of his studies, and is currently on the lookout for employment as a chef.

“Things were tough for my parents when it came to funding my tertiary education but fortunately ILM-SA came to my aid – a big thank you to them; I wouldn’t be here today if it wasn’t for you all.”

Asina

Programme completed: LLB (UNISA)

Asina – a single mum - is currently enrolled in the Night School Programme at the School for Legal Practice in Durban (also on an ILM-SA bursary). ILM-SA was also instrumental in helping her secure day-time employment (not in the legal field), so that she can secure a monthly income.

“My earth angels - the ILM-SA team has been my strongest support system, not just financially but mentally too. They have empowered me to pursue my career goals, and to ensure a more prosperous life for my daughter and I – for that I am eternally grateful.”



Layla

Programme completed: Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching (Stadio)

Layla – who is married with children – is currently seeking employment in the teaching field.

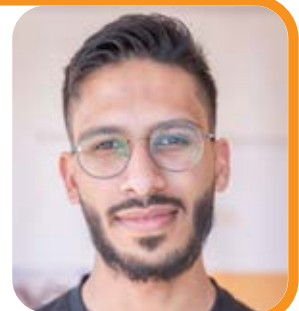
“Receiving financial assistance from ILM-SA from 2021 to 2024 has not only alleviated the financial strain attached to pursuing tertiary education, but has also given me the confidence and courage to follow my goals. Volunteering at ILM-SA events has contributed to my personal and professional development as an individual.”

Muhammed Uzair

Programme completed: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (UCT)

Muhammed Uzair achieved a qualification GPA of 77%. He is currently undertaking his internship at a hospital in the Western Cape.

“Your kindness and generosity went beyond what I could have ever expected. Even at times when I did not think there was a way out, you found it through your sincere commitment to selflessly helping others. The way you handled everything—with such love, care and consideration—touched my heart deeply.”



Muhammad Ziyaad

Programme completed: Master of Sciences in Pharmaceutics (North-West University)

Muhammad Ziyaad acquired his degree with a final average mark of 80% and is currently undertaking his community service in pharmacy at a correctional centre in the North-West Province.

“Your assistance has meant more to me than words can express, and your love and unwavering support, including your tough love when needed, have been a guiding light in my journey. ILM-SA has truly become like family to me.”

Najma

Programme completed: Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communications (Red & Yellow Creative School of Business)

Najma is studying towards an Advanced Diploma in Copywriting via the same institute and we are once again, assisting her with a bursary towards her living expenses.

“I am deeply grateful to ILM-SA for your generosity and support in funding my rent, transport and assisting me with a monthly food stipend. Your kindness and commitment to uplifting students like myself inspire me to work even harder, and I hope to one day pay it forward.”



Nashiya

Programme completed: LLB (North-West University)

Nashiya is currently serving articles at a law firm in Gauteng.

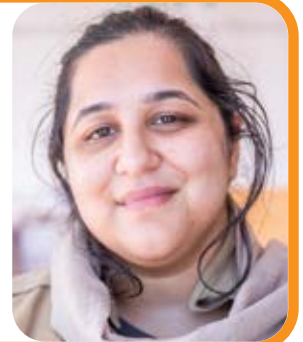
“Throughout my time as a bursary student, you ensured payments for me were made on time, which lifted a tremendous burden from my shoulders. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the bursary meet up events - listening to the inspiring stories of past recipients of ILM-SA bursaries showed me how this initiative does more than just support students financially; it builds futures, creates connections and leaves a lasting impact on countless lives.”

Nazeerah

Programme completed: Masters of Arts in Psychology (University of Johannesburg)

Nazeerah completed her masters with distinction, and is now employed as a research analyst.

“This opportunity has not only paved the way for my academic success but has also introduced me to a community dedicated to supporting and uplifting students. The encouragement, guidance and sense of belonging I have found within ILM-SA have deeply enriched my life, inspiring me to strive towards achieving my goals with tenacity.”



Nisaar

Programme completed: Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences in Application Development (Varsity College)

Nisaar is currently seeking employment in the IT field.

“Your bursary not only allowed me to continue my studies but also gave me hope and motivation during challenging times. Knowing that you believed in me pushed me to work even harder, and today, I stand on the verge of a new chapter in my life, all thanks to you.”

Sameera

Programme completed: LLB (UNISA)

Sameera acquired her degree cum laude and is currently enrolled at the School for Legal Practice in Durban (also on an ILM-SA bursary).

“Being a part of ILM-SA has been more than about just receiving financial assistance—it has been a profound source of support, encouragement and belonging. ILM-SA has become like a family to me. The programme provided an environment for both personal and professional growth, where I had the privilege of participating in events that allowed me to give back to the community.”



Join our WhatsApp group to keep up to date with our initiatives: www.ilmsa.co.za/whatsapp

EVENTS

We regularly host conferences, seminars, workshops and classes aimed at further educating Muslims about Islam and motivating them to become the best versions of themselves. Amongst these initiatives are weekly tajweed classes for women, and our annual Muslimah Today conference, which brings together hundreds of women from diverse backgrounds for a series of inspirational and educational talks, delivered mainly by Muslim women.



DONATE

Please consider making both, lillah and zakaah donations to us, as we require lillah to cover our operating expenses, as well as to assist beneficiaries who are not Muslim.

Please do not transfer donations into our Section 18A account if you DO NOT require a Section 18A certificate. Use our Section 18A account, only if you require a Section 18A certificate.

NON-SECTION 18A DONATIONS

LILLAH

Account: Institute for Learning and Motivation - SA
Bank: FNB
Branch code: 222826
Account number: 62143281905
Reference: Contact number + name

ZAKAAH

Account: Institute for Learning and Motivation - SA
Bank: FNB
Branch code: 222826
Account number: 62205602510
Reference: Contact number + name

SECTION 18A DONATIONS (FOR LILLAH AND ZAKAAH)

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Bank: alBaraka
Branch code: 800000
Account number: 78600290903
Reference: Your name + Zakaah/Lillah

Please email a request for an 18A certificate, together with your proof of payment to fatima@ilmsa.co.za