In the Name of Allah (SWT), the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

**OUR VISION**

May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala give us the wisdom and strength to fulfill our objectives as we seek to help people in need. The Zakat Committee at ISCJ is committed to achieving this objective to disburse the Zakat collected for the needy and supporting appropriate causes including humanitarian relief efforts.

**SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY**

Assalamu’Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

We pray that this Newsletter finds you and your family in the best of Iman and health. Ameen. We are writing to share some of the cases the Zakat Committee has recently taken care of with your Zakat donations. Cases below are real! Inshaa’ Allah, with your donations, we will be able to distribute your Zakat to many others just like them!

Don’t forget to pay your Zakat donations! Please click the link below to donate online or mail your Zakat money to: ISCJ, P.O. Box 628, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852-0628. You may also stop by at ISCJ to drop off your Zakat. In the memo please clearly state “Zakat”.

An Appeal to Business Owners:

In addition to donations if you can help these recipients find work please contact the Zakat Committee. You can reach us at 732-329-2020 or email us at sobia.pervez@iscj.org. Jazak’Allah Khair for your continuous Zakat donations and duas.

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

Whosoever relieves from a believer some grief pertaining to this world, Allah will relieve from him some grief pertaining to the Hereafter. Whosoever alleviates the difficulties of a needy person who cannot pay his debt, Allah will alleviate his difficulties in both this world and the Hereafter.” (Muslim)

**ISCJ ZAKAT BASICS**

- Zakat questions? Check out the ISCJ Zakat webpage ([http://www.iscj.org/Zakat.aspx](http://www.iscj.org/Zakat.aspx)). You’ll find links to:
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Calculators
  - Resource Packet
  - Online Application
- Zakat Hotline has been setup at 732-329-2020
- For Zakat questions/queries, you can also email us at: zakat@iscj.org
- You can now also donate Zakat funds directly online at [http://iscj.org/Donations.aspx](http://iscj.org/Donations.aspx) or by clicking the link below!

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**PAY YOUR ZAKAT NOW!**
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MAY
Zakat Awareness Weekend!

Assalamu’Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

The Zakat Committee seeks to bring awareness about the poor and needy. With this in mind, we have two, very special events planned for the weekend of May 21st and 22nd. Insha’Allah.

May 21st 6:30pm – 8:30pm “Muslim Giving Back”
The Zakat Committee is very pleased to be partnering up with “Muslim Giving Back” organization, an initiative that feeds the poor and needy. [http://www.muslimsgivingback.org/](http://www.muslimsgivingback.org/)

We will be collecting cooked food from the community and will be packing the food into small containers for Muslim Giving Back to distribute it to the poor and needy in local areas.

May 22nd – 10am – 1pm “Zakat Committee Seminar with Imam Chebli”
The Zakat Committee will continue to bring awareness about the poor and needy with our Zakat Seminar. There will also be guest speakers, which will be announced on the ISCJ’s Facebook event page and ISCJ emails. Please be sure to attend both events and please help us to spread the word.

Here’s our Facebook event page: [https://www.facebook.com/ISCJ1/events](https://www.facebook.com/ISCJ1/events)

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We need your Zakat to help families in need. Below is list of clients that have received assistance from your donations.

Avoiding Eviction!
An elderly sister, who was unable to make ends meet (not for a lack of trying), fell behind in her rent. Alhamdulillah, we helped her from the Zakat funds to get through the tough couple of months.

A family of six was in danger of losing their home. The husband is the bread winner of the family. The housing department raised their rent after he worked extra hours at his job. The family was not able to afford the new rent, and was forced to ask for help. Your Zakat helped them stay in their home.

Injured on the job!
The head of the household was injured on the job and the employer did not compensate him. A family of five, with a disabled father and sick mother were going to be evicted from their homes. They had been behind in their bills and rent. Alhamdulillah, your Zakat helped them to catch up on their overdue bills and avoid eviction.

A young sister was injured on the job. Due to her injury she cannot work. She needs help with everyday expenses such as food and clothing. Your Zakat helped her get food supplies and clothing, Alhamdulillah.

Disabled Elderly:
An elderly sister, who has no income and is disabled, relies on the mosque for help on regular basis. She needs your continuous support just to survive from day to day.
How our process works!

Financial Aid is provided from Zakat funds and therefore can be given only to individuals/applicants who qualify to receive Zakat.

1. An Applicant must complete and submit the Zakat Application to ISCJ with all the required documentation.

2. The Zakat committee will assess an applicant’s Zakat eligibility based on a set of requirements. As part of the screening:
   • Required documentations will be reviewed (Eg. overdue bills, legal notices, tax returns, paystubs, etc.)
   • Informal interview may be conducted
   • Additional information including paperwork may be requested for further assessment.
   • Past history of payments to applicants is reviewed
   • Zakat Committee may also contact other masajids and organizations for further assistance

3. Financial Aid will only be provided to applicants who are legal residents of USA.

4. If an application is approved, it follows an internal process for approval of payment. This includes the Zakat Committee, ISCJ President, ISCJ Treasurer and the Accounting office. If an application is determined to be non-zakat eligible, it will be denied and the applicant is notified.

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