



Islamic Society Of Central Jersey

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

ZAKAT NEWSLETTER – 3rd Issue



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 by establishing a zakat/charity fund for the needy and supporting causes including relief for victims.

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 Fund has recently taken care of with your Zakat donations. Cases below are real! Inshaa' Allah, with your donations, we will be able 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: Zakat Fund, P.O. Box 628, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852-0628. You may also stop by at ISCJ to drop off your 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)

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What's NEW at ISCJ?

- ❖ New and Enhanced Zakat Process to manage and distribute Zakat Funds!
- ❖ Zakat questions? Check out the ISCJ Zakat webpage (<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> or by clicking the link below!

PAY YOUR ZAKAT NOW!



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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.

Cancer patient seeking help for medical bills

A young sister in her early thirties who has cancer and cannot pay her hospital bills. She cannot afford the new treatment she needs to make her life better. Your generous donation to the zakat fund can help her with her surgery and pay for the pending bills.

A family with disabled parents seeks support:

A young mother with three small children needs your help. Her husband is brain dead and cannot do anything for himself. He was the sole provider of the family. The young mother cannot work because she has to take care of her husband and she is also disabled. Her youngest child is also disabled. She needs your continuous help to survive and live in her home.

Your zakat prevents family's eviction:

A widowed sister depends on her two college aged children to help her make ends meet barely. She was working but is now laid-off. Your zakat money saved her from an impending eviction. She needs your continuous support and duas.

Had brain surgery but no insurance to pay bills:

A family of five needs your help and duas. The youngest child in the family had to have brain surgery at the age of 12. The father cannot work because he is also very sick. They have no source of income and are having trouble just to provide basic needs.

Paying back to the community:

A grandfather raising his grandchild to be a better person and Muslim in this society. He came asking to help pay his bills and rent. With your zakat the shut-off notices were stopped. A thank you letter was sent in return with a donation for the zakat fund.

Single mother trying to raise her family:

A single mother with two young adults needs your help. She works only when she can get work. Her boys are not able to help her due to medical conditions. She is in a difficult place with her bills and rent.

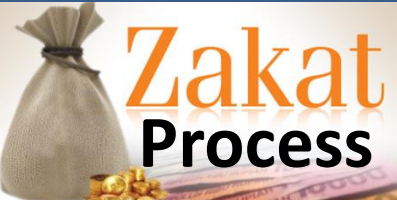




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How our process works!

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.

Zakat Hotline: 732- 329-2020

For Zakat questions/queries email us at:

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