



Zakat Chicago

Local Collection, Local Distribution

A Committee of CIOGC
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We are very pleased to announce that Chicagoland Muslims trusted over \$600,000 of their Zakat to Zakat Chicago (ZC). In 2018, collection from a total of almost 1,000 individual Muslims grew by 9%, alhamdulillah. **ZC has distributed more than \$4.5 Million since 2004.**

Muslims choose to trust their Zakat money with ZC for several strengths it brings:

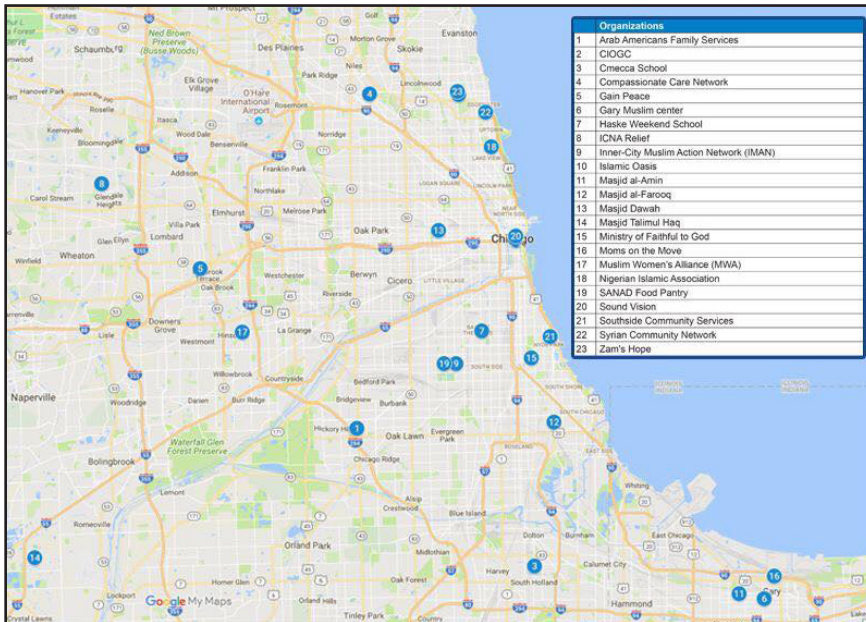
- **ZC is led/run by individuals appointed by the community.** Representatives of 60+ organizations, who form the CIOGC House of Representatives, choose the ZC leadership.
- **Local Focus** – ZC focuses almost exclusively on the needs of Chicago area Muslims.
- **One-Stop Zakat Payment Center** - People wanting to spread their Zakat to multiple needs of the community can do so by contributing at one place, to ZC.
- **“NEW” Donor Choices** – ZC will be offering donors choices of projects they would prefer to support!
- **ZC is the only Zakat organization that emphasizes other Zakat-related activities** in keeping with its mission of establishing Zakat as a living institution in the Greater Chicago area. These include the following:
 - **Zakat promotion** – through our website, Facebook page, articles in Masjid newspapers and Khutbahs.
 - **Coordination between Chicago area zakat organizations** – In 2018, ZC held three coordination meetings between Masajid who collect the Zakat. Similar coordinations are planned between other major Zakat collecting organizations and receiving organizations, such as food pantries and weekend Islamic Schools.

Thank you and Jazakumullahu khairan for your continued support. We will appreciate your help in spreading the word and getting more people to take advantage of our services.

COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ZAKAT

Connecting your Zakat with Local Community Needs

COLLECTION: Please visit our website at zakatchicago.com to see how easy it is to calculate and send your zakat to ZC. Our Zakat collections have grown steadily since 2004. One contribution to ZC serves multiple community needs.



DISTRIBUTION: ZC distributes your Zakat to deserving individuals through existing and experienced organizations. We receive and critically review all funding applications, and provide due diligence through onsite inspection and programmatic operations, so your Zakat is put to the best and most impactful use making a difference in the Communities in which we live. Organizations that ZC partners with span the metropolitan Chicago area as seen by the blue circles on the map.

You may contribute your Zakat/Sadaqa online at zakatchicago.com, or mail to CIOGC Zakat Chicago, 231 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60604