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# TAYBA FOUNDATION

EDUCATION- LIFESKILLS- REENTRY



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# OUR MISSION



Tayba Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving individuals and families impacted by incarceration. We believe in the power of human change through holistic education, guidance, and support. Our work is organized into three interrelated program areas:

**Education, Life Skills, and Reentry**

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**Of the 2.3 million prisoners in the US, over 200,000 identify as Muslim.**

Ninety percent these Muslims are converts to the faith, and most of them became Muslim in prison, seeking to turn a new page in their lives. Yet for many of them, even getting access to a copy of the Qur'an is a challenge - let alone any further religious education or rehabilitation programs. Without such programs, some Muslims embrace sectarian or extremist views; others leave the religion altogether. Still others return to crime after release, having found no support from their local Muslim community.

Since 2002, Tayba Foundation has touched the lives of more than 9,000 incarcerated Muslims across the U.S by providing critically needed Islamic education, essential Life Skills training, and Reentry support. Many Tayba students have become leaders and change-makers within their communities, both inside and outside of prison. With every passing year, we strive to reach more men and women behind bars and to improve the quality of our work to create real change in the lives of those we serve.

# Students Served by Tayba 2016



**Islam 99 = 976** students  
**Spring Semester = 662** students  
**Fall Semester = 582** students (75 Female)

## Reentry Programs

The program did not officially launch until 2018.

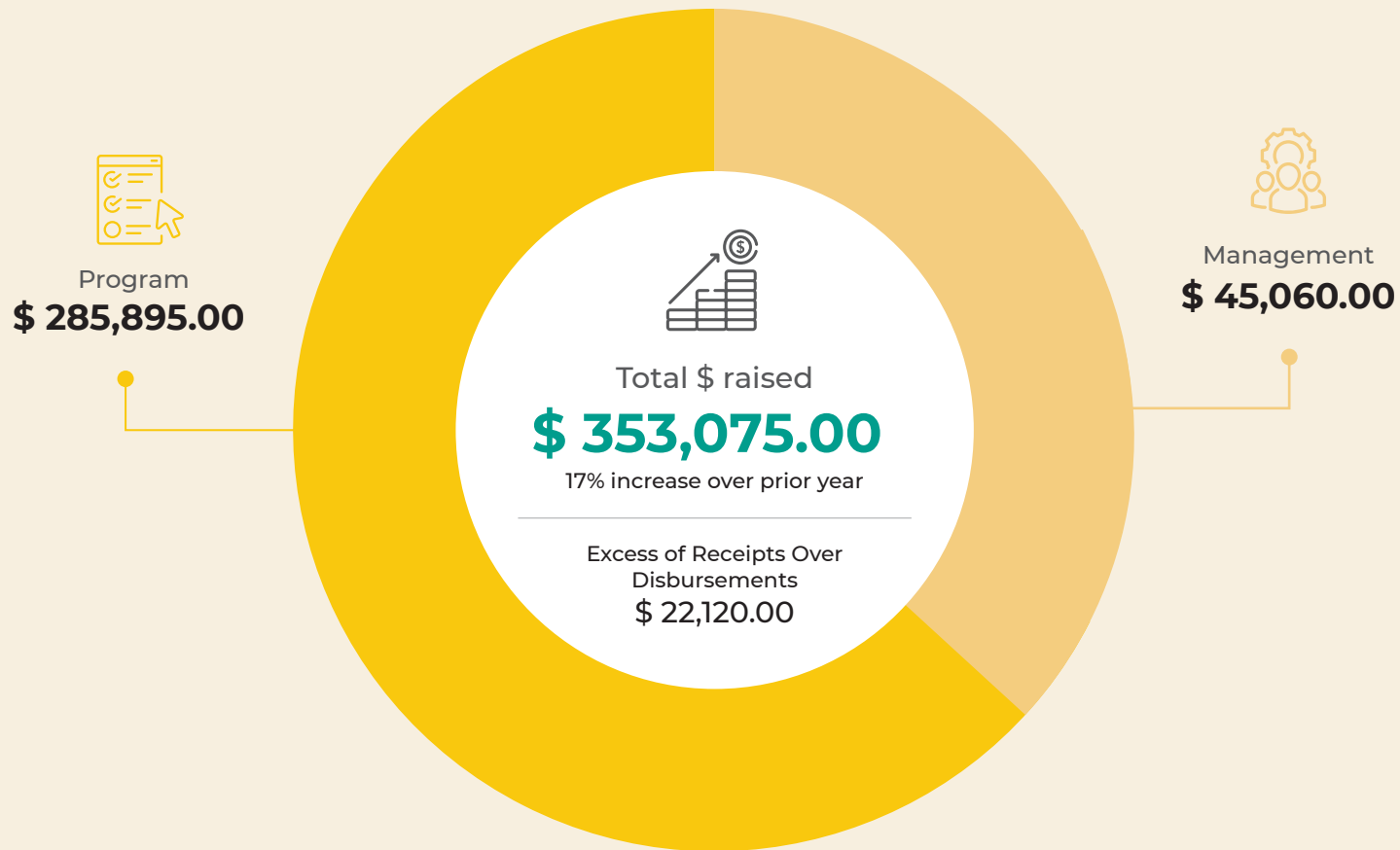
## Life Skills

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**Total Raised**  
**\$ 353,075.00**  
(a 17% increase over prior year)



# Expenses and Disbursements



Due to the continuous expansion of Tayba's student population, Tayba Foundation instated a semester system to replace the individual track. This was a strategic move to provide consistency to students' education.

- Added two full-time and two part-time members to our team: an office manager, an academic assistant, and two instructors.
- Conducted a needs assessment with our students, leading to the development of new course offerings. The data suggested that coursework on healthy families, personal finance, conflict resolution, understanding criminality, and mental health would be most beneficial.
- Developed three new courses that were tailored to the needs of new and newly-practicing Muslims: Islam99 (Early compiled version), IMAN 100, and ADAB 100.
- Completely revamped our student database to allow for more accurate advising, coaching, and records management.

- Engaged approximately 20 volunteers to assist in course preparation, grading, and more.
- Began sending Islam 99, a course geared toward brand-new Muslims in prison, to ensure their beliefs, understanding, and essential practices are sound. This book was completely redesigned the following year.
- Continued to assist released students with their reentry needs including: job training, networking, aiding in travel, tutoring, purchase of books, and other needs.
- Began planning for the expansion of our transitional housing and job training programs.

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Thank you for remembering the forgotten believers and  
dreaming of new achievements in the year ahead.

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