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# TAYBA FOUNDATION

EDUCATION- LIFESKILLS- REENTRY



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*Freedom Through Education*

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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 2017

**Islam 99 = 2247** students

**Spring Semester = 555** students

**Fall Semester = 436** students

**Female students = 116**

## Life Skills

The program did not officially launch until 2018.

## Reentry Programs

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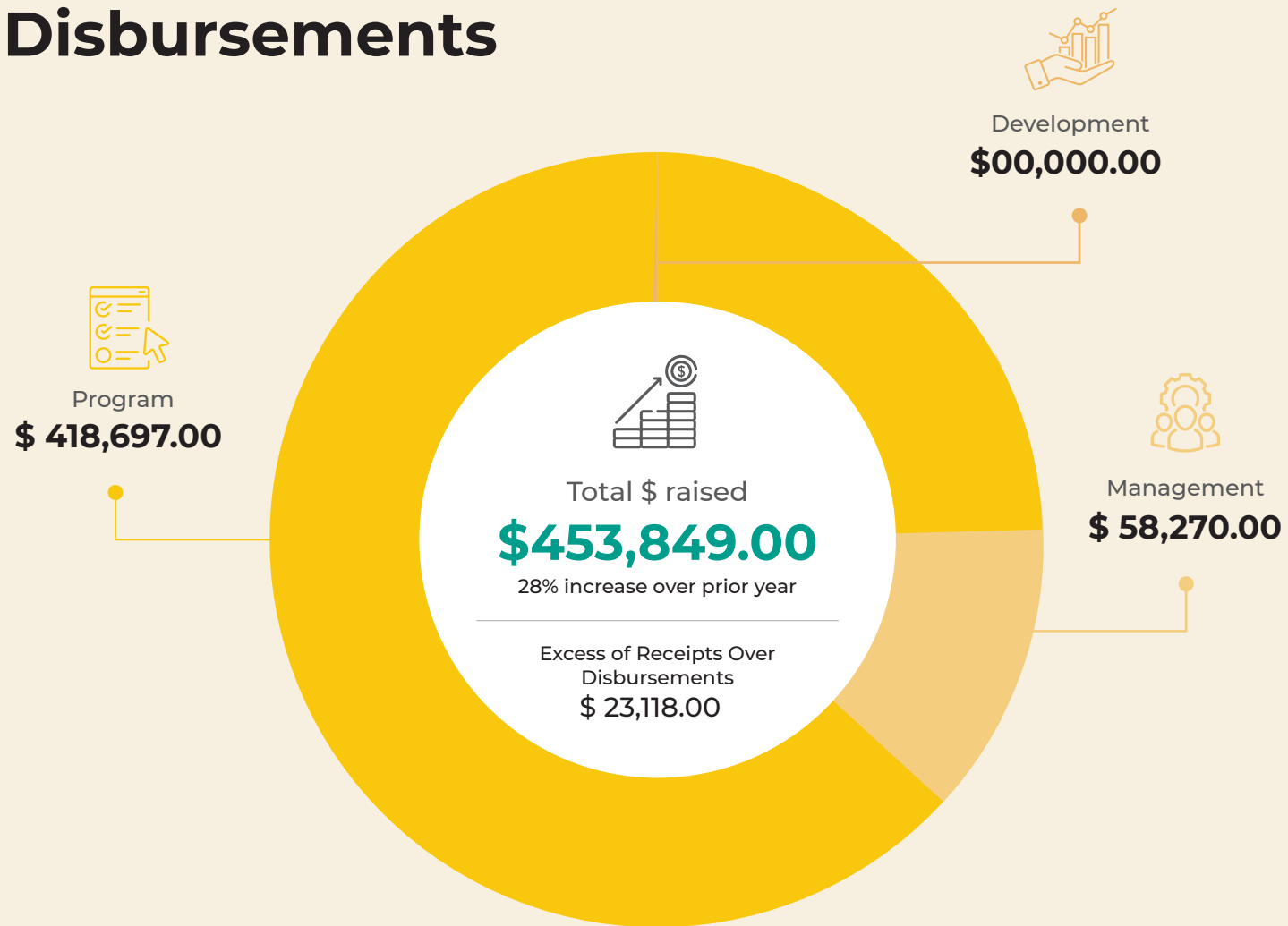
**Total Raised**

**\$453,849.00**

(a 28% increase over the prior year)



# Expenses and Disbursements



Thanks to the support of the Muslim community, Tayba Foundation continued its growth. Tayba's Islamic education department enrolled a record number of students from all states and prison systems. We even had internationally recognized organizations look into our curriculum for possible use in their respective countries.

- Tayba Foundation courses have been accepted as electives at Adams State University in Colorado.
- Introduced our core course, *Islam 99*.
- Developed in-house two new textbooks: A Commentary on Aqeeda Tahawiyya and a companion reader for Ascent to Felicity.
- Provided 2,000 copies of the book Revelation to incarcerated students through our **"2000 Books Behind Bars"** campaign.
- Thanks to generous donor support, we completed Islam 99, an introductory course designed specifically for prisoners, and written in part by Tayba's incarcerated students. The first course books were printed and mailed to students the same year.

- Launched a newly redesigned website.
- Improved our success rate, with a greater percentage of students mastering courses in the Tayba curriculum than ever before.
- Increased student re-enrollment rates.
- Reached a record-high waitlist, with 800 prospective students interested in Tayba programming.
- Student Amin Anderson, who successfully completed the Tayba curriculum, became such a highly-valued member of his prison facility that his name was included in the prison mural.

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

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