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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 2018

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**Islam 99 = 1493**  
students

**Spring Semester = 869 students**  
(27 female)

**Fall Semester = 972 students**  
(30 female)

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**Life Skills = 25 students**  
(Mailed a total of 50 Life Skills courses.)

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**Reentry Programs = 7 students**

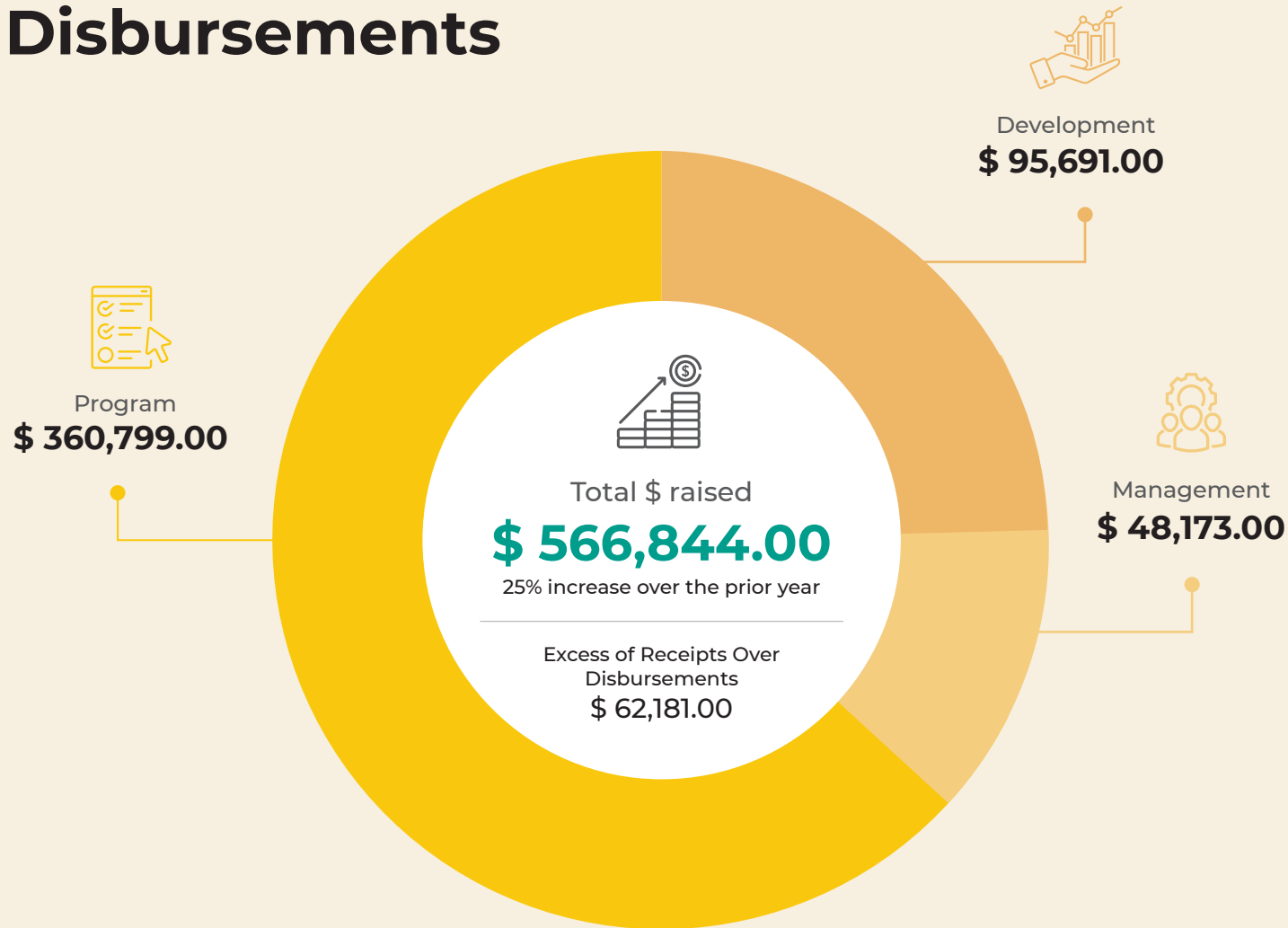
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**Total Raised**  
**\$ 566,844.00**

(a 25% increase over the prior year)



# Expenses and Disbursements



Ten years ago, in 2008, when we incorporated Tayba, we began with a cell phone, P.O. Box, and a dream to educate Muslim prisoners. We were not discouraged by the lack of a building to house our educational effort. With the support of our early donors, we began the process of teaching and delivering education to Muslims, in prisons around the country. We worked out of our homes, out of different offices, never discouraged by the lack of a permanent home, and always striving to make our donors' generous gifts go further.

- This year marks Tayba's 10-year anniversary since incorporating into a 501C3
- Officially launched Tayba's Life Skills and Reentry Programs.
- Released *Introduction to Hadith*.
- Offered students a choice of 13 unique courses.
- Increased our presence to serve 290 prisons across 42 states.
- Increased our capacity to serve 1,000 students per term.
- Enrolled 1,126 new students from prisons across America, raising Tayba's total number of students served to 3,126.
- Eliminated the need for a waitlist by increasing our staff and faculty. We are now able to respond to every application request and answer every letter we receive from current and prospective students.
- After an extensive review of forensic peer-mentoring programs, we enrolled peer coaches into a training and certification program that enhances their ability to advise and mentor both current and previously incarcerated men and women.
- After researching available Life Skills courses, we made a variety of life skills training opportunities available to our students.
- Sourced and selected a new software system to track the progress of clients who participate in our reentry program.
- Collaborated with Dream-of-Detroit to manage reentry transitional housing.

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

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