

2021



TAYBA FOUNDATION

Education • Lifeskills • Reentry



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.

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

Ninety percent of 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 2004, 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.

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Students Served by Tayba 2021

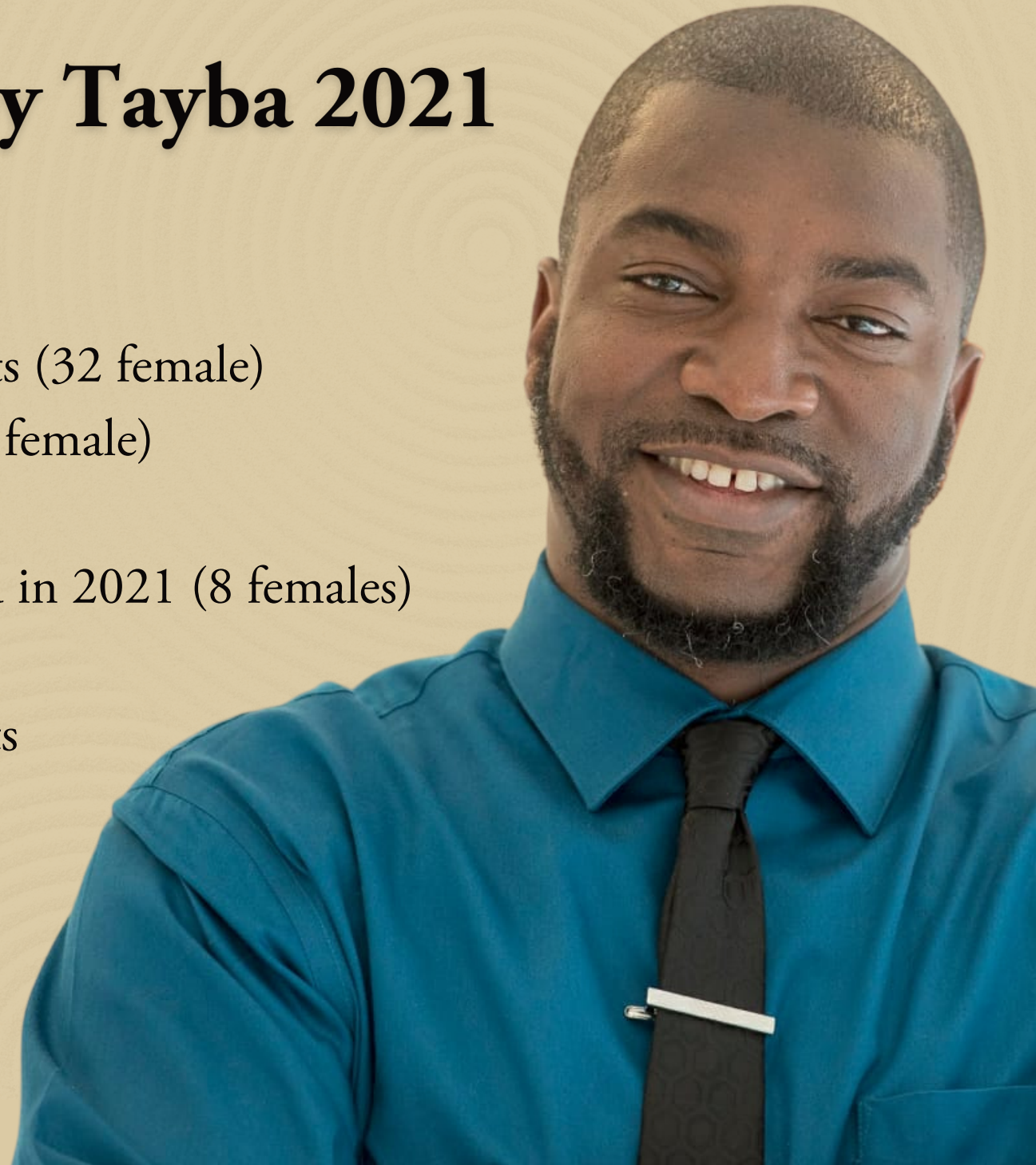
Islam 99 = 731 students

Spring Semester = 1,476 students (32 female)

Fall Semester = 359 students (2 female)

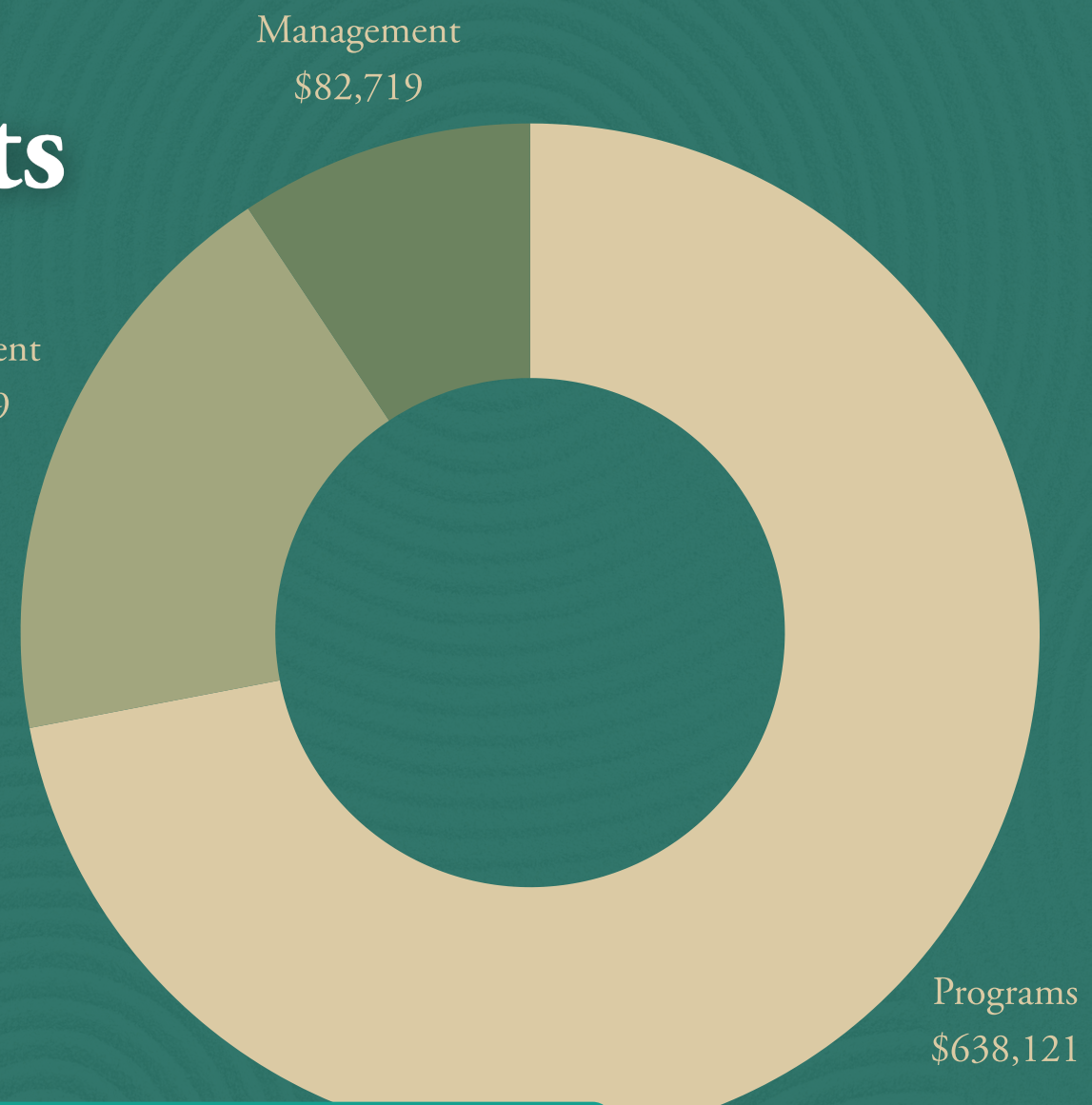
Life Skills = 137 students served in 2021 (8 females)

Reentry Programs = 1030 clients



Expenses and Disbursements

Total Raised
\$ 1,181,705
22% increase over
the prior year



Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements: \$295,426.00

Highlights



New office, new curriculum, new addiction recovery book...

Thanks to your support, 2021 was a year of many firsts and incredible growth in the service of those impacted by incarceration. Here are some of the major milestones for this year:

Education

- Made major changes to existing courses that resulted in a noticeable increase in student interaction. More students are calling, writing, and emailing than ever before and the overall process is going much smoother.
- Brought in education experts to help Tayba design a new 6-course “Essential Curriculum” that better delivers our Islamic education given the needs of prisoners with learning challenges, many of whom cannot read at a high school level.
- Completely overhauled our learning management systems to improve the quality of Tayba’s services while enabling us to increase enrollment numbers. This overhaul required highly-skilled and specialized developers.
- Made crucial new hires to our faculty and staff to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Life Skills

- Launched an Islamic 12-step Addiction Recovery program and an accompanying book written by two currently-incarcerated Tayba students in collaboration with our Life Skills department. The book has already received a great deal of attention from people in the field of addiction treatment.
- Established a “Community of Practice” (CoP): a large group of prisoner-led group facilitators to share feedback and develop better practices. The main area of focus this year was our Tayba Legal Initiative (TLI) where we had over 225 students share essays, experiences, suggestions, and more with the Community of Practice.

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Reentry

- Offered a weekly anger management class along with a non-violent communications class, both with completion certificates.
- Held weekly group and individual substance abuse rehabilitation programs, covering various substance abuse coping mechanisms and interpersonal effectiveness skills. A number of participants have also received a certificate of accomplishment based on what they have achieved.
- Launched “Project Fatima”, a project that aims to provide Islamic learning for women in prison and after release, along with relevant and compassionate coaching, advice, and support from trained and qualified mentors including female Tayba staff with lived experience of incarceration. This project is funded thanks to a (or by a) private foundation grant."
- Secured state grant funding and established an in-person reentry clinic in San Bernardino County (one of the most economically depressed counties in California) to provide key resources like food, counseling, and community facilities.
- Provided clients substance abuse services, anger management services, and other key services via psychoeducation, workbooks, discussions, etc. Successfully helped clients get discharged from parole and/or probation, and acquire jobs and services.
- Developed a strong reputation to the point that San Bernardino County Probation Department is constantly referring their supervisees to Tayba Foundation for substance abuse and mental health services.
- Established a number of collaborations with local programs and organizations to refer clients to each other for needed services.

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

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