



**Vision Statement**  
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All praise to Allah (SWT) that we are blessed to have diverse and exemplary community and an excellent Islamic Center. I am thankful to entire community for giving me an opportunity to serve as a President. Alhamdulillah, I have the passion to continue serve the community and I humbly present myself to fulfill the responsibilities in the capacity of BOT position.

I started my journey at IFN 16 year ago serving this community in various capacities including **Sunday school teacher, Vice Principal, Interim Education Chair**, 2 terms **EC Vice President** and most recently serving as **President** of IFN Executive Committee for the last 4 years. **With the help of brilliant EC, BOT members and dedicated volunteers** I was able to deliver several projects and provided services to the community in the best possible manner. Ahamdolillah together, we were able to accomplish several programs as follows:

- Exceeded fund raising targets for all years for yearly operations of IFN
- Developed good relations with local authorities who supported us in times of emergency and need
- Supported the cause and mission of several organizations like CIOGC, CAIR, Sound Vision, Helping Hands, ICNA, Islamic Relief, Karam Foundation, Rohingya, Ummah Center and many more
- Raise the funds for Syrian refugees and shipped 6 containers of rice bags in the last 4 years
- Helped Rohingya families in Chicago by food and clothes drives
- Helped in the initiative and operations of full time Al-Ihsan Academy at IFN
- Empowered record number of sisters in community in different committees and leadership roles
- Recently appointed sisters for Sunday school Principal and Vice Principal positions
- Supported youth activities and trained them for future leadership roles (announcements in Juma, shadowing EC)
- Providing Islamic services at Great Lakes Naval Base and Lake County Jail
- Organized a vigil for shooting in mosque in New Zealand that included many organizations and members of the neighboring communities
- Family Advocacy Committee was created to provide 24/7 support for domestic issues, violence, anxiety and depression
- IFN Career Counseling committee created helping in writing resume, applying for jobs and interviews.
- Toast Master club was started which helps in developing speaking power
- Supported Stop-ETO advocacy group and their activities
- Supported political group which helps muslims and community members for political awareness
- Supported Open Mosque hours organized by Civic Engagement committee
- Guns not allowed in IFN measure was implemented by putting sign at the main door of IFN
- As safety measures two exit doors in the musallah were constructed
- Developed ways in operations to work in a cost-effective way to save money
- Community Picnic was successfully done after many years.
- Created a Social Justice Task Force and arranged many rallies for this cause

**During unprecedented pandemic following activities and programs were accomplished**

- Covid-19 Task Force was formed which has helped in making the policies and activities for the health and safety of community according to CDC, State and local guidelines
- Free drive through Covid-19 testing was organized for several weeks for the community members and vicinity neighborhood
- Free Covid-19 vaccine drive was organized for the community members and vicinity neighborhood
- Monthly Free Food boxes distribution for the needy from neighborhood is continued
- Connecting and engaging the entire community was most challenging during the lockdown period
- All programs were brought back online through zoom sessions including the Juma khutabah, IFN weekend schools,  
all weekly halaqas and programs
- A special financial support program through zakat committee for those who got laid off during this pandemic
- Daily Quran recitation by community youth, encouragement of kids for fasting and mega Lailatul Qadr program during  
the month of Ramadan
- A well-attended drive through Eidul Fitr community celebration

- To accommodate all the community members arranged 3 sessions of Eidul Adha salah
- Resumed the daily five times including juma salah with the compliance of covid-19 related guidelines
- During ramadan 2 sessions of traweeh were arranged
- Resumed all on site programs and activities including weekend schools and Quran Academy
- Organized district 10 congressman Brad Schneider on site well attended program with Q&A session
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### **My vision as BOT member**

- Strategies to improve and strengthen all our running programs and make them sustainable
- Creating the strategies to empower youths and involve them in different committees and prepare them for IFN leadership roles
- Continue to work as BOT for expansion project for growing community needs
- More involvement and engagement of BOT members with community members
- Help and assist EC in their tasks
- More interactions with entire EC so both EC and BOT are aligned and are on the same page.

If given an opportunity with the blessing of Allah (SWT), I look forward to serve the community to build a strong, diverse, vibrant and undivided IFN community.