



### Upcoming Events

**Dec 2:** Council Meeting  
10:30am

**Dec 7:** Stories from the  
Qur'an 7pm

**Dec 8:** Mobile Food Bank  
11am

Winter Gala: 6:30pm

### Holiday Toy Drive

The Social Services committee is working with Lucas County Children Services this month and holding a toy drive for children in need. Our goal is to help 40 area children this month. Toy lists and collection bins are located in the front hallway of Center.

### New Sunday Weekly Classes

- Exploring the poetry of Allama Iqbal 11am
- Conversational Arabic for Beginners 10:30am



## 2nd Annual Winter Gala

The 2nd Annual Winter Gala is next Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6:30pm. The entertainment for the evening is Muslim comedian, Ismael Loutfi. He has been featured on shows like Jimmy Kimmel Live, and is also a staff writer on Hasan Minhaj's new series on Netflix, Patriot Act.

Thank you to those community members who have already sponsored the event. If you are interested in sponsoring or want to reserve tickets, please call the Center at 419.874.3509. Gold sponsorship is \$1000 and includes 8 tickets. Silver sponsorship is \$500 and you will get 4 tickets.

Tickets are \$35 if reserved in advance and \$45 at the door. We will be having a silent auction and raffles for many interesting items at the event. Dinner will be a combination of Middle-eastern, Pakistani, and Italian cuisine. Look forward to seeing you all there.



### Community Spotlight

If you've been around the Islamic Center for a long time, it's probable you saw Ziad Burkett running around as a kid. Since then, he's grown up a bit. He still loves to run, but now has much more to do. Ziad graduated from the University of Toledo in 2013 with a double major in Marketing and Finance. After working in his family business for 7 years, Ziad decided to give it a go at entrepreneurship. He is known amongst his friends and family as a person passionate about health and wellness. So in 2016, he started *midwest juicery*, an organic, cold-pressed juice company. Ziad started this company because he believes most people consume and most juices contain way too much sugar and not enough vegetables. His juices are carefully crafted using 2 pounds of organic vegetables and fruit, with a delicious flavor, high in vegetables, and low in sugar. They're available at many local businesses in the greater Toledo area, as well as all over the Midwest United States and beyond. Check out their website and where he sells: [midwestjuicery.com/findus](http://midwestjuicery.com/findus)

### New Coffee Shop at the Islamic Center

You may have noticed some renovation occurring in the gift shop area the last time you visited the Center. We are pleased to announce the opening of the ICGT Cafe this month at the Islamic Center. Thanks to the designing efforts of Mrs. Lubna Adil, we have been able to create a space where people can read, relax, mingle and get a nice cup of espresso or cappuccino, when they come to the Center. Our vast collection of Islamic books and Qur'ans will be available to read and purchase. There are still a few finishing touches left to the project, but hopefully something you all will enjoy for years to come.

