

# Annual Community Report

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My Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you and send my love to all of you. The Farm of Peace/Sufi Center East flourished this year under your care and support.

Our 10th anniversary party in April was a time for reflection upon our accomplishments and remembrance of the generosity of our Lord. We all enjoyed the celebration and the joy of being together in community.

Here are some highlights of our accomplishments this year:

- Our community supported agriculture program expanded this year to include 60 shares comprising 80 families. The Adams Center became a new member site and created the opportunity to provide more shares to help feed the poor.
- Our sheep gave birth this year to 29 lambs, with most being twins or triplets. We thank Rifqa Renata Parrino for 8 years of dedicated service to our flock and welcome Jamil Rob Bastress as the new Sheep Manager.
- Nuh David Ross is now serving as General Manager, setting policy and procedures to keep the operations running smoothly.
- Belqis Joyce Lynne joined our management team, teaming up with Hamida Trish Silber as Programs Co-Managers. Many new programs have been initiated, including Medical Qigong and Healing Retreats.
- Dr. Jeanette Habullah continued her bi-monthly Arabic studies class. Many students are now reading Qur'an, not only pronouncing but understanding the words, as she continues with great patience to unfold the mysteries of this beautiful language.
- 20 new beloveds have taken the promise and joined our regional community.
- Several building improvements were completed. We now have a beautiful new lean-to for camping and farm retreats. An existing shed was converted into a lovely space for a farm intern.
- The September School completed its second year in their new space with new furniture and lots of exciting programs. All the children are now reading and excelling in their academic studies.

We are very grateful for all that Allah has bestowed upon us. We deeply thank all our generous donors and volunteers. Your support is crucial to our success. We wish you all the blessings that come from giving and pray that you will continue to benefit from the many service projects, retreats, classes and community events in the coming year. May the Farm of Peace continue to be a beacon of love and light and may we all continue to carry Allah's message of peace and love and mercy and justice and freedom.

In love and service,

Salima Adelstein  
President





## **BUILDING OUR SUFI CENTER EAST / FARM OF PEACE COMMUNITY**

This year has seen good progress in the continuing development of our Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace community. Our governance structure continues to evolve as we grow and gain experience in learning to manage the organization efficiently. Our structure encourages community engagement and involvement in setting direction and taking action towards achieving our vision and strategic objectives. This governance structure consists of a management team and a network of “circles” associated with the managers and representing the many areas of our community. This inclusive structure allows those community members who choose to become actively involved in the operation of SCE / FoP to take part in a consent-based governance process designed to be consistent with the Shura process of consultative leadership advocated by the prophet Mohammad (saaws).

This annual report reflects the responsibilities and accomplishments of our community governance in the past year. We invite all community members to become involved in the exciting process that is happening here by taking an active part in a circle whose area of responsibility is one to which you would like to contribute—the door is open to all.

During this year, our top policy-level circle, The Circle of Trusted Servants, further refined the strategic plan for our organization and established six strategic focus areas for the 2013 – 2015 period with specific objectives for each of these areas. The entire strategic plan is available for view on our web site ([www.suficentereast.org](http://www.suficentereast.org)). Each strategic focus area has specific “champions” identified to lead the activity in that area. The Circle of Trusted Servants reviews progress being made toward achieving the objectives in each focus area periodically during the year.



The strategic plan for 2013 - 2015 includes the following focus areas:

- Establish the Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace as an independent non-profit organization that successfully conducts operations consistent with its mission and vision.
- Establish and maintain an active and vibrant Prophetic Medicine Healing Program at the Farm of Peace.
- Establish the Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace as a well-known, highly regarded place in the region where people (both Sufis/Muslims and those of other faiths) come to find their spiritual nourishment.
- Establish the Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace as a well-known, highly regarded place in the region for the general public to obtain healthy foods and to learn about the concepts of sustainability.
- Develop the residential and local community components of the Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace to fulfill our vision of “a joyful, thriving, sustainable community of beloveds living and walking to God together, working together, supporting and caring for one another through all phases of the Circle of Life.”
- Expand and enhance the services provided by the Farm of Peace and its community members to the larger regional, national and global community.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS AND GOVERNANCE

This year marked the completion of the two-year process to establish Sufi Center East as an independent non-profit. For many years we operated as a branch of Shadhiliyya Sufi Center in California. In December 2011, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania awarded Sufi Center East church status, and in March of 2013 we received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that our application for tax-exempt status under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code had been approved.

Another major milestone for the organization occurred in July of 2013 when the non-profit organization purchased the two-acre plot of land on which the International Peace Center (IPC) is located. Sufi Center East now owns both the IPC itself and the land on which it sits, and is revising its rental agreement for the rest of the property.

### Policy-level Circle Structure

Our community's Circle of Trusted Servants (COTS) is the top policy-level circle in our governance structure. It consists of the management team members plus one additional representative from each management area, elected through a consent process by the main working group or circle from that area. COTS meets monthly, setting overall policy for the organization and supporting the activities of the other circles, which have more specialized areas of responsibility. While the circle members deliberate together and make policy decisions for their area by consent, in order to facilitate the most efficient day-to-day functioning of the organization, operational decisions in each management area are made by the appropriate manager in close consultation (and consent if possible) with the members of the circle.



### Management Team

The management team assists our President and Spiritual Director, Salima Adelstein, in caring for various essential activities of the Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace, and each member also leads the circle(s) associated with its area of activity.

Members of this past year's management team include: General Manager Nuh Ross; Farm Operations Manager Halima Jen Willett; Sufi Ministry Manager Maryam Mary Ellen Whalen; Programs Managers Hamida Silber and Belqis Lynne; Residential Life Manager Abd al-Qadir John Davies; Development Manager Mu'min Robert Shay; Business & Finance Manager Nuh Ross; and Buildings and Grounds Manager Mu'min Shay.

This year we continued the Community Nourishment & Celebration Weekends, a project of the Management Team, with many new faces joining us. About every six weeks, beloveds and friends from throughout our community are invited to come to the Farm to enjoy a weekend of teachings, fellowship and service. On Saturday, there is an afternoon of teachings and service, followed by a potluck dinner and an evening of family fun. Beloveds are invited to stay at the International Peace Center or to camp out. There's a pancake breakfast on Sunday mornings, after which everyone gathers for a community meeting, then all join together to work on projects on the farm. The afternoon ends with dhikr. These weekends have been a rich and rewarding time for everyone to be together in the spirit of joy and service.

### Staff

During this past year, Farm of Peace staff members responsible for the day-to-day activities that support administration, programs and events have included: Salima Adelstein, Nuh Ross, Rifqa Rebecca Zaban-Boylan, Maryam Mary Hand, Rifqa Parrino and Mu'min Shay.



## RESIDENT LIFE

### September School

The September School at the Farm of Peace has completed its second year, offering a child-centered education embracing the unity underlying diverse cultural and spiritual traditions, based in beautiful classroom space in the newly renovated second floor of the Teaching Barn. The school is organized as a full-time Home Education Cooperative for kids between ages 7 and 13, and meets the requirements for Pennsylvania non-public schools. The children's learning space expands to include the whole Farm of Peace and surrounding forests and creeks, so that their hearts are nourished



spiritually while they learn to understand the ecology of fields, forest and waterways, and participate in sustainable farming, including community agriculture, sheep, chickens, bees – and tapping our maple trees to make syrup.

We're grateful for the talents and dedication of our lead teacher, Eddy Rubin, an experienced ecologist, musician, songwriter and educator who is leaving us after two successful years. We are currently conducting a search for his replacement, and will be opening the school for both full and part-time students in the coming year, based on growing interest from local families.

### Residential Development

This year we sold the fourth of our four residential lots at the end of Haven Lane West to two beloveds, who have not yet started construction. Also this year, we welcomed Maryam Mary Ellen and Amin John Whalen into our residential community on the Farm, with their daughter Kate attending the local high school. They are staying with Jamila Vicki and Abd al-Qadir Davies until they complete their own straw bale home next door, insha'Allah by the end of winter. They began construction in July.





## SUFI MINISTRY

The Sufi Ministry Circle coordinates religious programming for our local community. Over the past year, we've offered daily morning practices after Fajr prayer, weekly Jumah services, and twice weekly dhikrs here at the Farm. We continued to host Community Nourishment weekends, where beloveds come together at the Farm for teachings, prayers, fellowship and service. During the holy month of Ramadan, we were delighted to offer daily practices at the IPC, including Qur'an reading, potluck Iftar (evening meal after breaking the fast), salat and Tarawih prayers. We also offered ongoing spiritual retreat in the form of our zawiyah program.



We hosted our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the IPC, with beloveds, family and friends coming together in gratitude and love. We rang in 2013 with our annual New Year's khalwah and spent the holy night of Lailat al-Qadr praying together in an all-night khalwah.

One major highlight this year was the celebration of the Farm's 10th anniversary! Salima hosted a day-long party in April, with beloveds traveling from all over the country to celebrate with us. Despite the rain, it was a wonderful day filled with love, gratitude and fun! We started the day in the Farmhouse, where it all began, by sharing our memories of the Farm, and playing Farm of Peace Jeopardy! We had salat in the Teaching Barn, and a wonderful meal together in the IPC, followed by music and entertainment from many of our talented beloveds. It was amazing and humbling to look at the photographs and memories from the last ten years, and see how far we've come, Alhamdulillah!

In the year to come, we are looking to expand and strengthen our religious programming, and to develop more support for the beloveds who are living and working at the Farm. We are also beginning to reach out to the surrounding community to strengthen connections and find opportunities for service.

### Zawiyah

The zawiyah retreat is one of the premier programs offered at the Farm of Peace. The Farm offers an ideal environment for participants to be away from the cares of the world and to walk deeply to face only God. The zawiyah program is held in the International Peace Center, where participants enjoy a sacred environment in which to drink from Sidi's teachings, and the care and attention of the zawiyah teachers and staff.

This program is offered on an ongoing basis; participants may come for any length of time. This past year, the zawiyah hosted a several long-term guests, as well as many people new to our path. We had a very full house at the IPC for our traditional (and very snowy this year) New Year's zawiyah. We also piloted a 40-day retreat, which we hope to make available to more beloveds in the coming year.





## FARMING OPERATIONS

The many facets of the Farm of Peace farming operations are shining with a beautiful light of prosperity and growth, as they are becoming more established and bearing fruit to nourish many. The Community Supported Agriculture program continues to expand its membership each year, our flock of Tunis sheep continues to grow and offer halal pasture raised lamb, pastured poultry is a budding business, and the small beginnings of honey bee hives offer a vision for potential growth.

Halima Willett is holding the vision and supporting Farm Operations as Farm Manager, assisted by her husband, Jesse Amin Mills, as the CSA Manager; our Imam, Jamil Bastress, as the Sheep Manager; and Maryam Hand's dedicated care of the orchard. Halima shares:

*“So many beloveds from near and far have graced us with their love and support by offering to build fences, harvest and pack CSA shares, and endless other tasks. This truly reflects our mission and vision, and we are deeply grateful for the deep sense of service and true community that was alive and vibrant this past year. It has been a blessing to witness Allah’s hand sending us the support we needed to get the daily task done, as farming is hard, steady work. The mercy seemed to rain down and show up in the smiles of surprise visitors offering to lend a hand, just when we needed it most.”*



*“The request for farm tours has increased dramatically this year. We are deeply grateful to feel the momentum that is beginning to carry us forward, as we have planted seeds of nourishment in so many families over the past few years. It seems the word is out, and many are contacting us to explore the diversity of sustainable agricultural practices that can be explored at the Farm of Peace. As farm manager, I envision the continued growth of the nourishment we share, along with education opportunities, farm visits and tours for all ages; blossoming in the coming years, Insha’Allah.”*



## Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Garden

Again this year, we reflect with gratitude, on the growth of the established gardens that grace the land at the Farm of Peace, as well as through our CSA and local farmers markets. Our CSA continued to be cared for under the management of Amin Mills, along with support through our apprenticeship programs and many helping hands and hearts of volunteers from the local community, as well as visitors.

The CSA expanded over the past year to serve 80 families through 60 harvest shares. Both full and half shares were available to suit each family's needs. We continue to serve families local to the farm, as well as offer delivery to Hagerstown, Frederick and the DC Metro area. This past spring the ADAMS Center in Sterling, VA joined us as a delivery location. This has been a real joy for us, as it is an Islamic community center with values aligned with our own, in their love of Allah and service through His creation, and a beautiful template for us to explore in the coming year, in offering delivery to community centers. I am touched to see the care and stewardship our members show to one another at all of our locations, in the true spirit of Community Supported Agriculture. Each week, several shares are donated through the ADAMS Center to be delivered to FAITH, which serves families in need, and to a women's shelter through a CSA member and volunteer.

The Farm of Peace returned to the Berkeley Springs Farmers Market in 2013 for the full season and debuted at the Middletown Farmers Market in Frederick County, MD. It is quite amazing to witness the growth of our offerings and deepening relationships with our customers. The market is a beautiful way to share the nourishment from the farm, and also to share of the abundance of other offerings at the Farm of Peace, and invite our neighbors to come take a tour. The Farm was able to provide local, organic produce through SNAP, a regional food assistance program, this year for the first time, as the Berkeley Springs Market received a grant to support the use of SNAP by its vendors. Beyond the vegetables we provide, it has been acknowledged that our presence at the Market brings a sense of "hope, love and trust," reflecting the deeper values we intend to bring through all the efforts at the Farm of Peace.





When the growth of the garden dies back this fall and the garden's energy returns inward towards the soil to prepare fertile grounds for the coming year, Amin and Halima intend to do the same. During the winter, when the business of daily tasks slows down, they continue to explore ways in which the CSA can reach out to serve those who may benefit from time spent in garden and from the nourishment it provides. To become a vessel of service and healing is in the hearts and prayers of the CSA managers.



## Sheep

We maintain a small flock of pure-bred, unregistered Tunis sheep which we raise for halal lamb on 12 acres of fenced pastures. They are raised and sacrificed here on the farm in a humane, halal manner.

After an intense 8-day lambing season last year, we had the opposite this spring – lambing stretched to nearly 5 weeks. With a slightly smaller flock size, there were 29 lambs born between the end of March and early May. Our current flock size is 16 ewes, 1 ram and 26 lambs, totaling 43 sheep (2 bottle lambs were sold, and one died of a heart defect at 3 weeks). Once again we had lots of twins and triplets from the bounty of Allah. We plan to sacrifice all of the lambs for halal meat again this year, since we are at capacity in our pasture.

### What's New

- Rifqa Parrino, who has shepherded the flock since its beginning, has stepped down from that position to focus on her work at the retreat center cooking for our guests.
- Jamil Bastress is assuming full responsibility for managing and growing the sheep operation.
- We relocated our holding pen for the sheep sacrifices to make room for a new playground in front of the pole barn.
- We plan to purchase several replacement ewes from another breeder for some new bloodlines, rather than sourcing all our replacements from within our own flock. We have purchased several outside rams over the years, but this will be the first time we purchase additional outside ewes to improve the flock.
- In addition to the meat we used in the IPC kitchen, we sold over 25 lambs last fall (for freezer lamb and for Eid-al-Adha), our largest sales year to date. This year we will continue to market our lamb to our local community, our CSA customers, at several farmer's markets via the CSA booth, and online through the Local Harvest website.



## Vision for the Future

We continue to hold the vision of a larger flock to provide sustainable income, which will require fencing additional pasture and expanded facilities. Our plans include having permanent, dedicated hay storage; a covered slaughter facility (to be shared with poultry); more refrigerator/freezer space; expanding our winter shelter capacity; continuing to improve our pastures; purchasing a sorting/handling system; and expanding the flock when we have the pasture space to support more animals. To manage larger numbers of sheep, we may need a working sheepdog and/or guardian animals.

There is opportunity for someone to process our wool and sheepskins as a sideline business, and to make rugs using our donated rug loom.



## PROGRAMS CIRCLE

The Programs Circle's mission is to provide individual seekers from all faiths with classes, workshops and retreats that are deeply transformational (nurturing the heart, mind, body, soul and spirit) and that embody excellence (ihsan). In addition, this year the Programs Circle has explicitly added to its mission the role of supporting Sufi teachers in stepping into their *himma* and expertise, and in developing their programs. To this end, one of the Programs Circle's accomplishments this year was the development of a Programs Resource Guide to assist teachers in both developing their programs as well as managing the operational aspects of conducting a program at the Farm of Peace. Belqis Lynne and Hamida Silber (Programs Co-Managers) actively meet with individual teachers to provide support and guidance as they develop their programs and step into teaching.

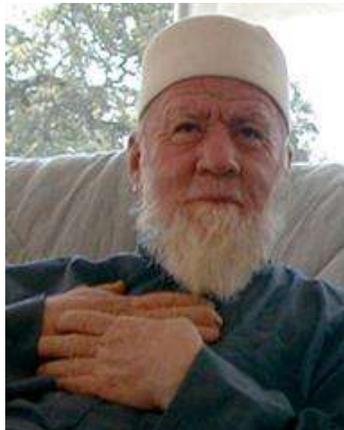
Other accomplishments include:

- We have expanded the range of programs we offer, which will be evident in the Programs Bulletin we are publishing in late August, insh'Allah.
- We are finalizing programs that will be held at Metro-accessible locations in the Washington, DC area.
- We are developing, and hope to be piloting soon, an online registration process for programs.
- We reviewed and refined all of our financial policies, including program fees, teacher fees, work-study and scholarships, and facility rental rates.

The Programs Circle organizes workshops and retreats in the following categories:

- Spiritual Development (Sufi School, Writing from the Heart)
- Healing (Medical Qigong, Farm of Peace Healing Retreats, Salima Healing Seminars)
- Peacemaking (Living Peace)
- Leadership (programming currently being developed)
- Farm Programs (Farm Stays, Farm Tours, Youth Farm Retreats)

Below is a sampling of the programs conducted this past year:



### Sufi School East

We continue to be blessed in being able to welcome our guide Sidi al-Jamal to Sufi School East, which was held over Labor Day weekend in 2012. It is truly a gift to provide this special opportunity to everyone on the East Coast. We continued to expand on our successful Newcomers Program. This is a great program which feeds the hearts of those who are just being introduced to Sidi and the Sufi path. Over the last year, we have continued to develop our production manual for our volunteers and to improve our tuition and work-study programs to make Sufi School as affordable as possible to everyone.

Later this month, at Sufi School 2013, we will once again expand the newcomers program. We are especially excited about offering "Introduction to the Path of Love" for newcomers, which will run each day of Sufi School and will be taught by top national Sufi teachers Dr. Ibrahim Jaffe, Salima Adelstein and Dr. John Wadude Laird.



## Writing from the Heart

It was a beautiful year of writing and opening through the magic of the Writing from the Heart program. In addition to workshops held quarterly at the Farm, there were other half-day “tasters” in the surrounding communities. In May, Jamila Davies was invited to the Muslim Community Center in Silver Spring where 25-30 women enjoyed an afternoon of writing and sharing.

During Writing from the Heart, as each person attends to their own process of writing and sharing, they discover their own unique gifts. Let the comments of participants upon finishing a weekend of Writing from the Heart speak for themselves:



*“I appreciated the opportunity to let my heart speak, to listen deeply to myself and all the others, and to speak out loud what is true for me in this moment. It is a freeing and nurturing process.” --HR*

*“Coming in, I was so raw, in so much pain, unbearable heartache for so long; it is unbelievable how in just one weekend, even by the first afternoon, I knew what it was to smile again, to feel true happiness, hope and faith!” --AC*

One of the highlights of the year was last summer, when the Nur Center brought 25-30 children ages 9-18 to the Farm for several days to take part in a youth farm retreat. On their last evening, after a dinner of barbecued hotdogs and s’mores cooked over an open fire and eaten on the grass overlooking the distant hills and the setting sun, we gathered well past dark in circles on the rugs on the floor in the teaching barn. Jamila handed out small journals and pens and taught them the beauty of Remembrance, the repetition of the holy name in the silence of their own hearts and then they wrote quickly and quietly expressing whatever thoughts came to their hearts and minds in that intriguing silence. And then to everyone’s surprise, everyone shared aloud what they wrote. It was delightful. At first the boys and girls were shy to read aloud but gradually they realized how much fun it was to stand in front of the group and share their own personal thoughts and feelings. They wrote into the night, until almost midnight and even then no one wanted to stop. Apparently, it was a highlight for them as well!

## Medical Qigong

In April, Isaac Goren launched our first Medical Qigong Practitioner Program here at the IPC. This five-session certification program provides CEU’s and trains participants in the theory and practical application of Medical Qigong therapy. The quote below is an example of the feedback we have been receiving about this program.

*“The Medical Qigong program is extremely powerful. It has accelerated my walking on the Sufi path by allowing me to fully embody the spiritual practices of al wurd, remembrance, and dhikr in a way that I’ve never felt before. It’s given me the ability to face pictures and voices that come up and move them out of my body for good. It has deepened my perception and my witnessing of my connection to Allah.” --Kara Shamsa Houck L.Ac., M.Ac.*

The success of this program has resulted in requests for a Medical Qigong program for those not eligible for or needing the certification. In the coming year, we hope to conduct more of the introductory session of the program to respond to this interest. This session provides an introduction to Medical Qigong and teaches over 20 different Qigong exercises to develop and strengthen one’s energy.



## **Healing Retreats**

Salima Adelstein and Jamil Bastress led several four-day spiritual healing programs for those suffering with chronic physical or emotional illness. During each healing retreat they integrated ancient Sufi Spiritual Healing with alternative medicine to reawaken the heart's awareness of the Divine and bring healing for the body, heart, and spirit. In the coming year, Jamil Bastress and Shamsa Kara Houck hope to expand the formats through which the Farm of Peace offers healing programs.

## **Salima Healing Seminars**

Individuals who sought deep healing on an individual basis attended one of the numerous three-day personal healing retreats with Salima Adelstein. Participants received daily healings and spiritual teachings from Salima as well as complementary treatments and spiritual healing from other practitioners. We continue to have an increase in requests for these individual seminars, which have more flexible scheduling than the four-day healing retreats.

## **Living Peace**

The Living Peace Program, led by Abd al-Qadir John and Jamila Davies, has evolved this year out of the original Peace Partners Program, which ran as a year-long program over the last two years. It offers introductory classes and weekend workshops, as well as more specialized advanced workshops for those who are looking to go beyond what can be covered in a single weekend in areas such as forgiveness and reconciliation, deepening relationships through the way of the love, transformative mediation, and Islam and peacemaking. The program also offers mediation and counseling services for individuals, couples, families and organizations.

In addition to programs at the Farm, Abd al-Qadir and Jamila held classes and workshops in several other towns and cities in the broader region, and are planning a fuller program for the coming year. Details will be published soon in our upcoming Programs Bulletin.

## **Workshop Hosting and Outside Rentals**

The Programs Circle provides stewardship for rentals of the International Peace Center and other Farm venues. We rent facilities to outside groups that are aligned with the Farm of Peace mission, values and vision. These workshops and retreats also allow a broader audience to experience the Farm of Peace as the teachers of these workshops bring in their students who may not have otherwise learned about the Farm of Peace and its offerings.

Over the past year, we expanded our advertising for our facility rentals and strengthened our criteria for, and contracts with, suitable outside groups.

## **Workshop Design and Facilitation**

We are blessed to have several beloveds in the Farm of Peace community who are masterful workshop designers and meeting facilitators. This past year, we had the opportunity to support a group by providing a Salima Healing Seminar for individual group members followed by a strategic planning retreat for the whole group, which was designed and facilitated by Hamida Silber. We welcome more opportunities to support outside groups by helping them integrate heart-based, Sufi practices with their work in the world.

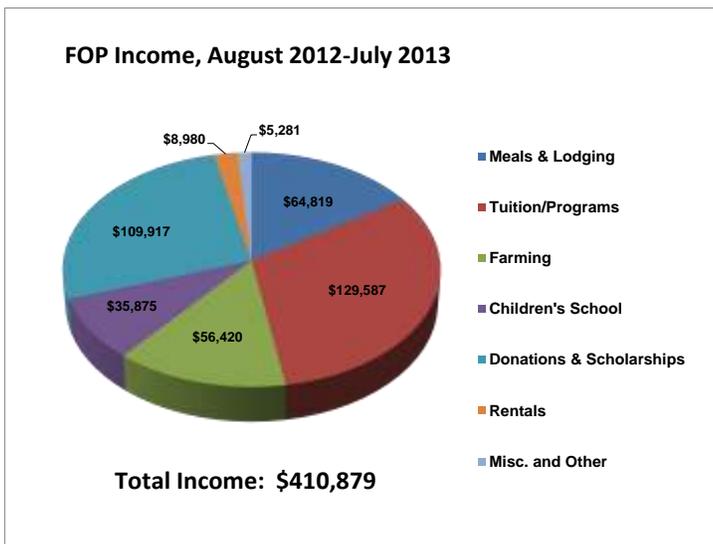


# FINANCE CIRCLE

General Manager Nuh Ross is also the Business and Finance Manager for the Farm, and Fred Ducca is the chair of the Finance Circle. The mission of this circle is to produce regular financial reports and an annual budget for the Farm and to monitor and guide decisions on finances.

The Finance Circle has established processes and systems that enable accurate, complete and transparent accounting. The circle will continue to refine and enhance these financial processes and systems in the coming year, will review and modify the reports produced, and will develop an annual budget for our new independent non-profit religious organization. The circle meets at least quarterly to analyze all program areas and categories of revenue and expenditures.

The charts that follow depict the income and expenses categories for Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace for the past fiscal year, August 2012 to July 2013. We're grateful to our generous donors and all those who participate in our programs; your contributions are essential to the Farm's financial sustainability.



**Notes:**

**Programs:** Living Peace, Writing from the Heart, Qigong, Farm Vacations, Zawiyah, Morocco Trip, Gardens of the Truth, Healing Retreats, Salima Healing Seminar, Sufi School East, Farm Retreats. (Includes: teaching, healings, travel, supplies, consulting)

**Farming:** Includes CSA, laying hens, broiler chickens, orchard, sheep

**Children's School:** Includes teacher contract and rentals

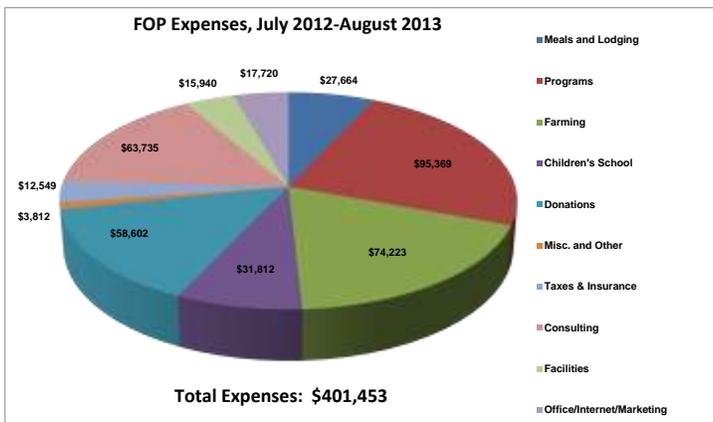
**Donations:** Includes donations to Sidi and land purchase

**Misc./Other:** Sadaqa (charity), travel, healing sessions, books, CDs, misc.

**Consulting:** Admin General, Facilities, IPC, CSA, Farm Operations

**Facilities:** Includes electricity, building maintenance, roads; Pole Barn, Teaching Barn, Farmhouse, International Peace Center

**Office/Internet/Marketing:** Includes telephone, misc. admin., finance expense





## OWNER'S CIRCLE

This year the owners of the land sold the two acres that the International Peace Center is built on to the non-profit. Now the non-profit owns the 4,000 square foot “green” building and the land underneath it. Alhamdulillah, we are all grateful for that.

Currently all four surveyed residential parcels have been sold to individuals for private homeownership. At this time there are no plans to divide any more acres into private homeownership. Some improvements to the road and more test perc sites would need to be completed to determine whether any additional residential sites are available.

The owners and the non-profit are working on a new lease agreement that will allow the non-profit to continue to use the land for its mission and vision and financially be more sustainable for the non-profit. This fiscal year the non-profit was not able to pay rent so the owners maintained their commitment to hold the land in trust and pay the mortgage, taxes, insurance and other necessary bills.

At this time the non-profit is not in a financial position to purchase the entire Farm so the owners are continuing to hold the Farm in trust and safety.

## GRATITUDE CIRCLE

So many people care for the Farm of Peace. It is just amazing to see how our hearts are all connected. Over the past year through your generosity we have completed two fundraising campaigns and through your gifts we were able to start a mosque building fund, raise funds for operations and to purchase the land under the IPC.

Our continued growth and success has been created by the actions and prayers of each of you through Allah’s generosity. We would not have been able to accomplish what we’ve done without your volunteering, prayers, and support through your gifts and donations.

Thank you for your kind giving and love. It is through your giving in so many ways that has made the Farm of Peace a place of beauty and healing.





## MISSION

The Sufi Center East / Farm of Peace is a spiritual community dedicated to bringing God's Peace, Love, Mercy, Justice and Freedom to all of creation.

We offer a path to peace, healing, spiritual nourishment and divine guidance/connection to individuals, families, communities and other groups without separation. We do this by following the teachings and the guidance of our spiritual guide and the practices of the Shadhiliyya Sufi tradition. This is the path of Love at the core of all religions, and the way of all the prophets.

In support of this mission, we provide various healing processes, education and training programs, ministerial services and children's programs. We offer opportunities for community living in this holy way and healthy natural foods. We also care for God's creation by demonstrating ecologically sensitive farming, building practices and lifestyle.



## VISION

The Farm of Peace-SSCE aspires to become, through Allah's blessings, a well-known Sufi Center providing a treasured spiritual home for seekers who want to know the Truth of God and how Love heals. We hope to be:

- A center of spiritual healing recognized around the world, where miracles happen every day.
- A highly respected spiritual and educational retreat providing deeply transformational workshops and seminars to nurture heart, mind, body, soul and spirit of individual seekers, including leaders in business, government, education, medicine, and religion.
- A joyful, thriving, sustainable community of beloveds living and walking to God together, working together, supporting and caring for one another through all phases of the Circle of Life.
- A deeply nurturing community that provides education, guidance and support for children in a holy way through their formative years.
- An internationally known safe haven for war-orphaned and other vulnerable children.
- A respected center fostering peace in the world – peace within and between individuals, families, groups, communities and countries.
- A majestic farm with agricultural and building practices that nurture the land and the people.



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Guidance** We always remember that God is our source and provider. Allah is the first and the last. We turn only to Him; surrendering to His Will in all decision processes. Sidi is our guide to Allah.

**Create Peace** We carry and live the message of the Sufi way through peace, love, mercy, justice and freedom at the farm, in the local community and in the world, with appreciation, gratitude and service.

**Respect for All Creation** We hold the hearts of everyone in deep respect (the *adab*), patience, equality and fairness, honoring diversity and making no separation. We support and care for one another as brothers and sisters. We hold the hearts of all animals with the love and dignity from birth to passing. We protect and use the plants and Earth in a natural and holy way.



**Sustainability** There's enough of God's love for all; we work together cooperatively, with honesty and integrity, to promote business that sustains farm operations and programs. Everyone contributes according to his/her abilities. Our activities and lifestyle promote sustainability and land stewardship, including the use of renewable resources, conservation efforts, "natural farming practices" and "green" building.