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Illuminating Faith, Community, and Belonging

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1. Executive Summary

2025 was a year of growth, depth, and sustained community impact for the Light House Project. With nearly daily programming, expanded leadership, new initiatives, and major infrastructure investments, the Light House Project continued to serve as a spiritual, educational, and communal anchor for the Triangle Muslim community and beyond. At the center of it all was faith and community!

Key highlights at a glance:



- 201 total events in 2025 (≈ one event every two days)
- 3,345 total ticket orders
- $240,000 raised at the Annual Gala
- 35 active monthly sustainer members
- Multiple new programs and partnerships launched
- Expanded physical space & upgraded AV infrastructure

The Light House Project is not just hosting events. We are building a home, a rhythm, and a future for our community.

2. Mission, Vision, & Values Reminder

Mission:

Atthe LightHouse Project,we are dedicated to empowering Muslim Americans in the Triangle through community and faith. We aim to create a safe space and welcoming environment that

nurtures personal, spiritual, and social growth. We equip our leaders with the tools and resources to positively impact their communities and the world at large.

Vision:
Empower Muslim Americans in the Triangle to positively impact their communities and the world at large, guided by Islamic principles. We want to see a world in which Muslims are confident in their identity and purpose.
Values:

- Faith
- Community
- Leadership
- Empowerment

Page 2: Programmatic Impact & Engagement



3. Programming Overview (2025)

Total Programming Volume

- **189 completed events**
- 12 scheduled events before year-end
- **201 total events in 2025**

This represents:

- **~1 event every 2 days**
- A balance of spiritual, educational, family-centered, and social programming

Attendance & Reach

- **3,345 ticketorders** across all events
- Events ranging from intimate gatherings to large community convenings

4. Ramadan Impact Snapshot

Ramadan remains a spiritual and communal cornerstone for the Light House Project.

Ramadan 2025 at a glance:

- **8 dedicated Ramadan programs**
- **Nightly Taraweeh prayers**
- **378 ticket orders** during Ramadan events alone

Impact Focus:

- Spiritual grounding through worship
- Community connection through shared iftars
- Accessible religious learning throughout the month



Page 3: New Programs & Initiatives Launched

5. New Programs Introduced in 2025

In Good Company

A weekly gathering centered on:

- Remembrance (dhikr)
- Companionship
- Shared meals
- Designed to foster consistency, belonging, and spiritual presence.

Feed the Need Food Pantry

- Open access food pantry
- Serving individuals and families facing food insecurity
- A tangible expression of service and dignity

Archery Intensive

- Faith-rooted physical discipline
- Skill-building grounded in Prophetic tradition
- Youth and adult engagement

Parent & Child Story Time

- Early childhood faith formation
- Strengthening family bonds
- Creating positive experiences for young families

6. Expanded & Revitalized Initiatives

Minaret Series

- Collaborative programming with local mosques and institutions
- 2025 partners include:
    - Islamic Center of Morrisville
    - Islamic Association of Raleigh
- Strengthened unity across institutions
- Shared scholarship, audiences, and resources



Convert Care Program (Revamp)

- Renewed structure and intentional support pathways
- New program leads:
    - **Alejandra Mendez**
    - **Andrew Esposito**
- Focused on mentorship, education, and long-term belonging

Page 4: Leadership, Team Growth & Organizational Capacity

7. Team Expansion & Leadership Development

New Staff & Leadership in 2025

- **Ismaaeel Ali** – Program Manager

- **Hafsah Kurtpinar** – Marketing Coordinator
- **Ayah Sheikh-Ahmad** – Operations Manager
- **Mohsen Zakaib** – Director of Development *(returning to LHP)*
- **Saaira Khan** – Moonlight Cafe Manager
- **Sophie Khan** – Membership Coordinator



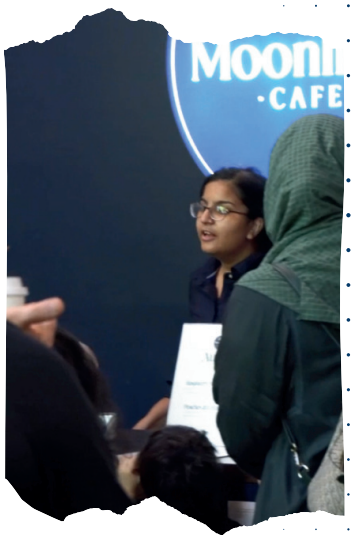
This growth reflects:

- Increased programming complexity
- Need for operational sustainability
- Investment in long-term organizational health

Existing staff and Board Members

- Nadia Khan – Executive Director
- Ibraheem Khalifa – Board Chair
- Mansoor Kazi – Treasurer
- Wajeha Barakat – Secretary
- Farris Barakat – Founding Board Member

8. Operational & Infrastructure Growth



Facility Expansion (Near Completion)

- Opening of inhousecoffeeshop: **The Moonlight Cafe**
- Expanded event space with capacity for **150 attendees**
- Launch of the **Beacon Library**
    - A dedicated space for learning, reflection, and scholarship

Security Upgrades

- High quality security cameras installed throughout the building
- Lock system which can be controlled remotely

Technology & AV Upgrades

- Installation of a new professional AV system

- Capabilities now include:
    - High-quality audio and video recording
    - Member-only digital content access
    - Improved live program experience
    - Enhanced hybrid and post-event engagement

These investments allow us to scale impact without compromising quality

Page 5: Financial Stewardship & Sustainability

9. Fundraising & Financial Highlights

2025 Annual Gala



- **~$240,000 raised**
- Funds allocated to:
    - Sustaining current programs
    - Expanding access
    - Staffing and infrastructure
    - Long-term financial resilience

Monthly Sustainer Program

- **34 active monthly members**
- Provides:
    - Predictable revenue
    - Community ownership of the mission

- Long-term sustainability

Page 6: Looking Ahead — Vision for 2026 and Beyond

11. Strategic Priorities & Future Plans

As the Light House Project closes out a transformative year, we look ahead with clarity, ambition, and trust in Allah. Building on the momentum of 2025, our future plans are designed to deepen impact, expand access, and strengthen institutional collaboration while remaining rooted in spiritual authenticity and community needs.

A. Program Expansion & Educational Depth

Back2Basics (Returning Program)
In response to community demand, the Light House Project plans to bring back the Back2Basics class, a foundational Islamic learning series focused on:



- Core beliefs
- Worship (ʿIbadat)
- Character and ethics (Akhlaq)
- Practical application of faith in daily life

This program will be structured to serve both new learners and those seeking to reconnect with foundational knowledge.

B. Youth Development & Mentorship

HighSchoolMentorship Program (NewInitiative)
Launching a **structured mentorship program for high school students**, focused on:

- Identity formation
- Academic and career guidance
- Practical Skill-Learning including car maintenance, cooking, etc...
- Faith, leadership, and character development
- Pairing students with trusted mentors and role models

This initiative aims to support Muslim youth at a critical developmental stage while strengthening intergenerational connection within the community.

C. Institutional Collaboration & Community Unity Minaret Series – Continued Growth

TheLight House Project remains committed to ongoing collaboration with Islamic institutions across the Triangle, expanding the Minaret Series to:

- Reach new communities
- Share resources and scholarship
- Strengthen unity between mosques, centers, and organizations

These partnerships reflect our belief that impact is multiplied through cooperation, not competition.

D. Ramadan 2026: A Dedicated & Elevated Experience Ramadan Programming

Expansion

Building on the success of Ramadan 2025, the Light House Project is planning an exciting and expanded Ramadan programming calendar, including:

- Enhanced spiritual programming
- Community iftars and nightly worship
- Educational series and guest speakers
- Family- and youth-centered initiatives



Our goal is to make the Light House Project a consistent spiritual home throughout Ramadan, while maintaining accessibility and warmth.

E. Digital Growth & Media Expansion New Podcast Space at the

Light House Project

With the installation of our newAV system,we are excited to launch a **dedicated podcast and recording space**, enabling:

- In-house podcast production
- Recorded lectures and discussions

- Member-exclusive access to recording space

12. Gratitude & Closing Reflection

None of this work is possible without the trust, generosity, and duas of our community. From donors and sustainers to volunteers, staff, speakers, and attendees— **this Light belongs to all of us**.

We ask Allah to accept this work, purify our intentions, and allow the Light House Project to continue serving as a place of guidance, belonging, and hope for years to come.
"And Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth." (Qur'an 24:35)

