



Muslims in America: **A YEAR OF LEARNING | 2021** *For the Philanthropic Community*

Relationships with philanthropic and sponsoring institutions and American Muslim social, civic, and cultural service organizations are strengthening. In this engagement, Muslim organizations and their allies have recognized the need for improving fact-based knowledge, as well as removing systemic barriers that historically prevent Muslim American nonprofit organizations from acquiring equitable opportunity to build relationships and receive funding and resources.

Welcome to the 2021 Year of Learning. A committee of leaders gathered together in 2020 to begin planning an event that would foster a deeper understanding of American Muslims, Muslim NGO communities, nuances of funding, and specific issues these communities face. The result is a year-long program series focused on changing the paradigm of how philanthropy and marginalized communities engage, partner and deepen relationships.

The goals of the year-long program series are:

- To build upon our collective power to open up pathways to foundational giving for Muslim American non-profit organizations serving in the contiguous United States.
- To utilize social capital to bring about change in perspectives with foundation leaders.
- To identify individuals and foundations that would benefit from the Learning Launch and provide a connection to them throughout 2021 and beyond.

Leaders from across the Philanthropic Community, Government, and Corporations have committed to joining us.

Please join us as we strengthen our collective power to open up pathways to foundational giving for Muslim American non-profit organizations serving in the United States.

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