



SUFI RUHANIAT INTERNATIONAL

2023 Treasurer's Report and Financial Pie Charts

Dearest Ruhaniat Friends and Family,

As individuals, we are free as birds. Able to seek teachings and guidance as it comes. Able to alight on the closest branch for rest or song. But we still need a nest. A place to hold the concentration for this generation and the next. I see our nest, for nurturing and support, as the Ruhaniat.

Organizationally, our nest is a USA based, nonprofit church, able to offer events and courses for unfoldment, while also being able to accept donations to keep our offerings inexpensive and accessible throughout the world. We are able to give financial support to our young adults, Youth Council, to assist their peers in finding the depth of this path. We are able to help our leaders and Murshids connect and meet together, nourishing the center. We are able to help the hungry and poor who gather near Hazrat Inayat Khan's Dargah. We continue to expand our offerings of Sufi teachings through book and translation projects. All to encourage this freedom of the individual unfoldment and soaring flight.

Our [financial statements](#) and pie charts reflect this activity. The 81% of our expenses allocated to our activities indicates the passion and commitment to this work. The Mentorgarten. Khankah SAM. Garden of Allah; our local centers that we can touch into. The God is Breath and River of Guidance courses that are sustaining and nourishing so many of us. And our in-person gatherings; Jamiat Aam, Jamiat Khas, and Sufi Sesshin that polish our hearts as we come together. All the costs of labor, travel, computer software, teacher fees, venue rentals, property insurance and taxes are evident in this 81% of our total expenses.

It costs a great deal to do this work and, like many, many sister nonprofits, we continue to be underfunded. Our activity income plus donations does not fully cover the work we are doing. We approach this with eyes open, aware of the annual net loss, yet confident that the call to our service is still on track.

We continue to maintain our *Directed Donations*, donations received but not yet spent through *Concentrations*. We reserve this income for future use in our *Restricted Funds*; \$33k at the end of 2023. These funds become income when we spend the money according to the donation intention. Until then we hold on to the money as restricted net assets, waiting to spend it as requested. These funds include Physicians of the Heart income reserved for reprinting or translation, *JK Scholarship* funds not spent in the previous year, *Murshid Dana* that the Murshids tithed to their future travel fund, funds for giving to mureeds in crisis, etc.

Our organization took in just over half a million dollars last year through donations, teaching and events, short and long term stays at our Khankahs, and publications. Our multiple-year Murshid SAM biography book project, *Sunrise in the West*, was completed and started shipping in 2023! Thank you so much for your generosity and support in all these accomplishments.

Please consider the impermanence of our individual lives and the value of this nest. Would you like to include a Legacy Donation to the Ruhaniat as part of your Will or End-of-Life Planning? This kind of gift will greatly help the Ruhaniat to thrive as an organization, and fulfill our mission in service to future generations. Help us build a *nest-egg* for the future.

Feel free to call or email with questions about our financial reports and activities.

With Gratitude,

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Waduda Welsh, Treasurer

