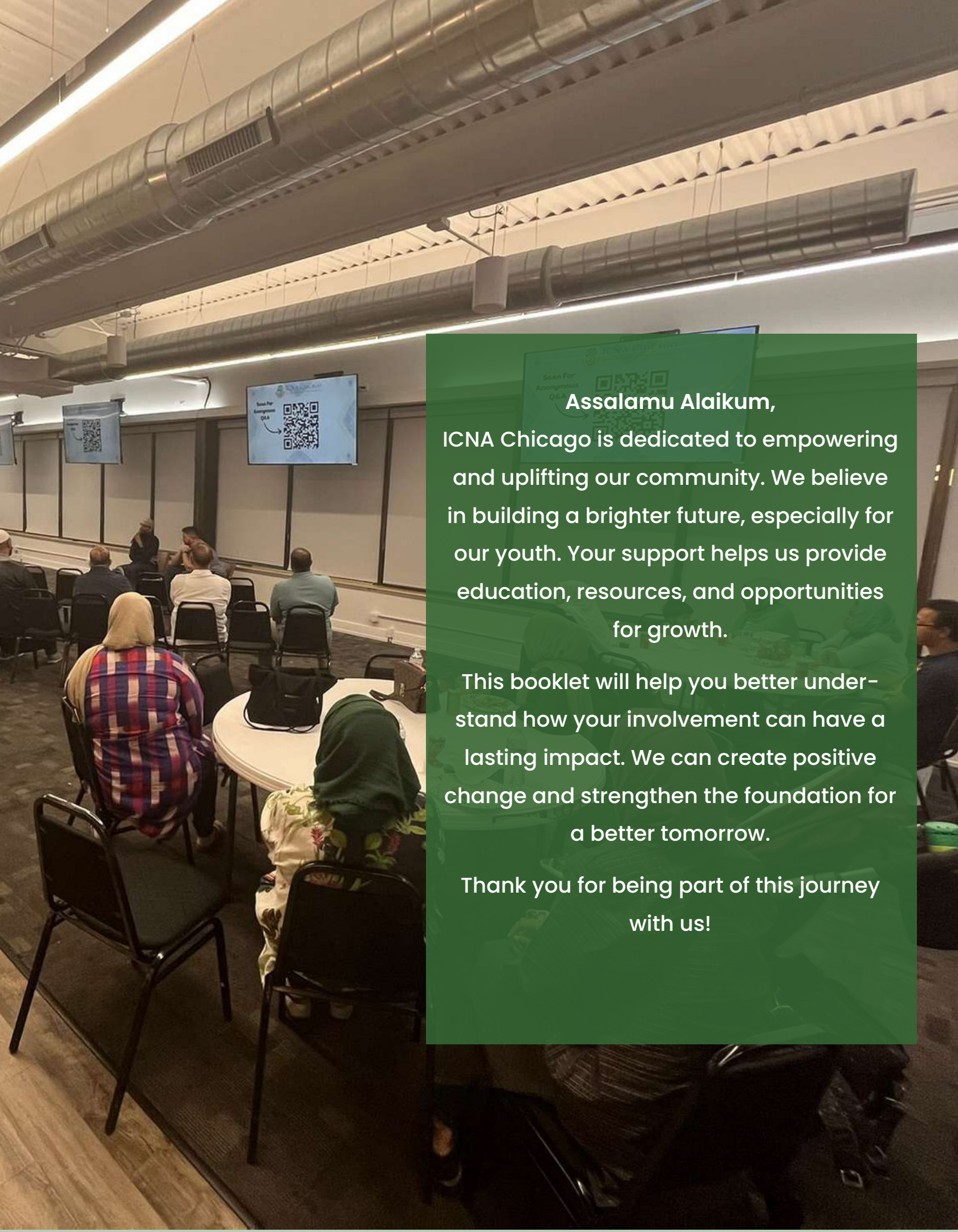




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ISLAMIC CIRCLE of NORTH AMERICA

Annual Report 2024





Assalamu Alaikum,

ICNA Chicago is dedicated to empowering and uplifting our community. We believe in building a brighter future, especially for our youth. Your support helps us provide education, resources, and opportunities for growth.

This booklet will help you better understand how your involvement can have a lasting impact. We can create positive change and strengthen the foundation for a better tomorrow.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us!



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Letter from President

Assalamu Alaikum,

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and dedication that have enabled ICNA Chicago to continue its mission of serving and uplifting our community. Guided by our shared commitment to faith, education, service, and development, we strive to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we touch.

This year, we stayed true to our commitment to create a compassionate and empowered community. Our focus is on fostering spiritual growth, offering vital services, and preparing the next generation to lead with wisdom and purpose. Every milestone serves as a reminder of our responsibility to offer hope and direction to our community, encouraging others to join in this noble cause.

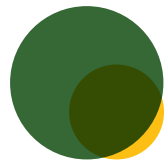
In 2024, we strengthened our programs to meet the evolving needs of our community. From expanding educational initiatives and outreach efforts to supporting families through social services and cultivating leadership in our youth, each achievement has been a testament to the power of collective action. As we look to the future, we remain committed to enhancing these efforts, ensuring our work continues to be a source of strength and unity.

None of this would be possible without your generous contributions, dedicated volunteerism, and heartfelt prayers. Your support fuels our mission and allows us to address the growing needs of our community, and we are profoundly grateful for it.

As we begin this new year, I humbly ask for your continued support and dua. Together, let us build a lasting legacy of faith, compassion, and action that benefits not only our community but also the world. May Allah (SWT) guide us, accept our efforts, and multiply the rewards for all that you do to uplift this mission.

Jazakallahu Khayran,
Arif Khan
President, ICNA Chicago

Our Leadership



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About

ICNA Chicago

Building a future of unity and compassion: ICNA Chicago empowers the next generation with the light of knowledge, community, and leadership, guiding them to build bridges of understanding and service, all grounded in Islamic values.

Mission

ICNA Chicago is committed to educating and serving our community through faith-based programs, social services, and outreach. We focus on strengthening families, supporting the next generation, and building unity within our Muslim community.

Core Values



01 Faith and Service:
Strengthening individuals' connection to Allah (SWT) while actively serving humanity through impactful initiatives.

02 Justice and Equality:
Advocating for fairness, equal rights, and social justice for all, regardless of race, gender, or background.

03 Community Empowerment:
Building strong, united communities by providing resources and fostering collaboration to address common challenges.

04 Education and Knowledge:
Promoting Islamic education and lifelong learning to nurture spiritual and intellectual growth.

05 Integrity and Accountability:
Upholding transparency, ethical practices, and responsibility in all actions, ensuring alignment with Islamic principles.



A Year of Unwavering Commitment



Community Building

ICNA Chicago's Community Building Program actively brings people together, inspiring unity and nurturing moral values across diverse backgrounds. Through impactful events and initiatives, we strengthen bonds within the community and address pressing needs with tangible action.

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Community events organized

50+

Youth empowered through leadership programs

650+

Attendees at community events

20

Sustainer Circle subscribers

20

New volunteers onboarded

80

Volunteers at Appreciation Dinner

25

Volunteers at Iftar Packaging

1000

Guests at Community Iftar

500

Attendees at Khatam Al-Quran

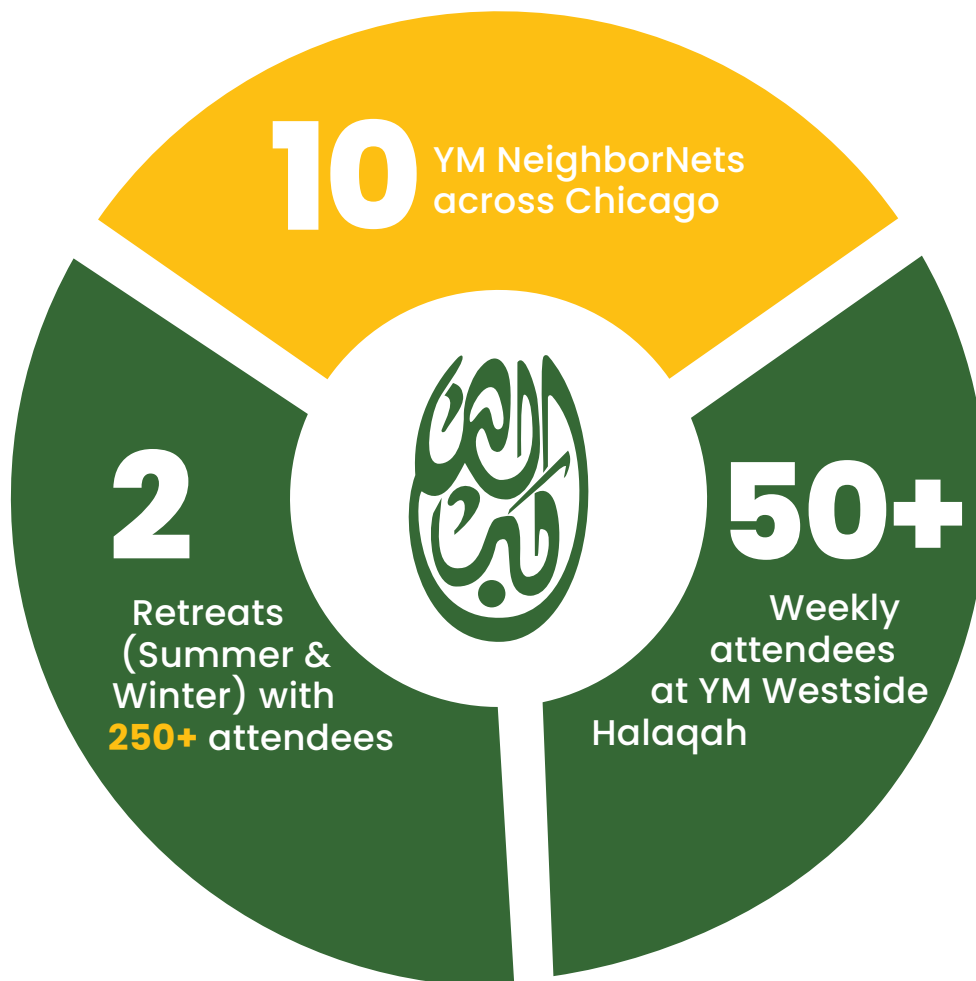
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Participants at YM Qiyam

Young Muslims



Young Muslims Chicago is a key part of the national Young Muslims (YM) organization, a dynamic youth movement established in the early 90s. With a robust network of NeighborNets across the U.S. and Canada, YM Chicago actively promotes faith, leadership, and community engagement.





YM Sisters

The YM Sisters Chicago are an active sisterhood that supports and encourages young women. It provides a safe and welcoming space for sisters to connect, share, and grow, promoting unity and strength inspired by Islamic values.

20

Annual YM Sisters memberships

50+

Sisters reached

50+

Weekly Halaqah attendees

25+

Sisters attended Tarbiyah seminars



ICNA Sisters

The mission of ICNA Sisters, which began in July 1978, is to educate women of all backgrounds in Islam and to help them apply the teachings of Deen to their daily lives so that they can become stronger, more united members of their communities.

Sisters engaged through outreach programs:

1200

Participants in Meet & Greet events:

500

Tarbiyah seminars organized for sisters:

10

Workshops conducted by ICNA Sisters:

5

Active members of ICNA Sisters:

300

Participants in weekly Halaqah programs:

150



GainPeace

ICNA Chicago's GainPeace program plays a vital role in Dawah. It focuses on educating the public and addressing misconceptions about Islam. Through diverse initiatives, it creates opportunities for meaningful dialogue and understanding.

50

Dawah training sessions conducted:

20

In-person open houses hosted:

05

Online open houses organized:

100,00

Postcards sent through direct mail campaigns:

05

Billboards displayed to share the message:

5000

Phone calls answered for inquiries about Islam:



Social Justice

ICNA Chicago drives social justice and equality through impactful initiatives and partnerships, sparking meaningful change and promoting a stronger, more inclusive community.

- **Muslim Prisoners Support Project:**

Reached 32 states, 124 prisons, and distributed 17,251 items to imprisoned individuals.

- **Solidarity with Palestine**

1,500 Letters Sent to the President
Billboards and Ads Launched

- **Digital Marketing Efforts**

23,534 Followers Engaged
Bi-Weekly Newsletters
Effective Ramadan Campaigns

- **Partnerships**

3 Key Collaborations: Religions for Peace USA, IN4WS, and CCF



ICNA Education



ICNA education programs are all about empowering our youth with inspiring Islamic knowledge! By enriching their understanding of Islam, we aim to nurture confident and capable leaders who not only live by their faith but also make a positive difference in their communities.





Jummah & Café Revive

ICNA Chicago's Jummah prayers create a wonderful space where community members can come together, deepen their connection with Allah (SWT), and foster a spirit of unity. After the prayers, Cafe Revive invites everyone to unwind, savor delightful coffee, treat themselves to delicious snacks, and engage in warm conversations that strengthen our bonds and sense of community.

Weekly attendees for
Jummah prayers

200+

Post-Jummah discussions
fostering community
connections

1300+

Refreshments served
post-Jummah

2000+

Volunteers supporting
Jummah and Café Revive

10

Total Jummah attendees
in 2024

10,000+





Eid Fest

ICNA Chicago's Eid Fest is a vibrant and joyful celebration that unites thousands of community members to mark Eid together for three days. The festival features delightful cultural events, exciting entertainment, a wonderful array of food, and a lively marketplace, all helping to strengthen our community bonds while supporting local businesses. Unfortunately, in 2024, we were unable to hold Eid Fest due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine, which made ICNA Chicago feel it wasn't right to celebrate this year. Below are some numbers from previous years, so you know what to look forward to at future Eid Fests!

Total number of attendees over the three days:

25,000

Local businesses showcasing their products and services:

100

Youth volunteers involved in organizing and coordinating activities:

175

Number of food vendors contributing to the festive experience:

10-12





Highlights of 2024: Important Events and Their Influence

At ICNA Chicago, 2024 has been a year filled with growth, wonderful connections, and dedicated service. We're proud to offer programs that meet our community's spiritual, educational, and social needs. Our passionate efforts aim to empower individuals, nurture family bonds, and create a supportive environment for everyone's unity.



Halaqa Program

The Halaqa program has blossomed into a cherished hub for spiritual growth and community bonding, gathering people from all walks of life every Friday and Saturday. Together, we dive deeper into our understanding of Islam and strengthen the ties that connect us all.



Empowerment and Advocacy Workshop

This workshop, dedicated to empowering young Muslim activists, offers vital tools for civic engagement and political advocacy. It inspires a new generation of leaders eager to positively impact their communities.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

We dedicated a special night to honor the heart of ICNA Chicago—our incredible volunteers. With heartfelt recognition, we celebrated their tireless commitment to our shared mission and the invaluable contributions they make to our success.





Qualities of Ibad Ur Rahman Series

During Ramadan, our weekly series, led by Sheikh Tariq Musleh, delved into the wonderful qualities of Allah's devoted servants. It provided meaningful insights that deepened the faith of everyone involved.

Community Iftar & Iftar Packaging Event

At our Iftar events, community members came together for a delightful break of fast, strengthening our bonds. The Taraweeh prayers that followed fostered a profound sense of spiritual unity. Our Iftar Packaging Event also supported those in need, providing essential meals to the homeless.





Khatam Al Quran

We gathered for a beautiful celebration of completing the Quran, during which community members rejoiced in the blessings of Ramadan and reflected on Allah's sacred words.

YM Qiyam

On the final night of Ramadan, our YM Qiyam unfolded as a powerful experience, where attendees sought mercy and forgiveness, concluding the blessed month with sincere worship and heartfelt reflection.





Summer Quran Program

Our young participants flourished in the Summer Quran Program, eagerly engaging in Quran recitation, memorization, and Islamic studies. Their dedication was celebrated with special gifts, nurturing the next generation of Quranic scholars.

Girdad Event

This heartwarming celebration of fathers and daughters fostered meaningful connections among family members, highlighting the importance of father-daughter relationships in Islam.





ICNA Picnic

The ICNA Picnic became filled with relaxation, fun, and connection. It brought everyone together for games, delicious BBQ, and the chance to unwind in a supportive, family-friendly atmosphere.

Tanzil Program

The launch of the Tanzil Program opened unique opportunities for both full-time and part-time Quran memorization classes, warmly welcoming participants of all ages to embark on a journey of spiritual growth.



Reflecting on 2024:



2024 has blossomed into a wonderful year of growth, connection, and meaningful service for ICNA Chicago! Thanks to our diverse range of programs and community-focused initiatives, we've nurtured stronger bonds within the Muslim community and beyond. Whether through our engaging educational workshops, lively community events, or our dedicated efforts to empower youth and provide essential services, we've truly made great progress in fulfilling our mission.





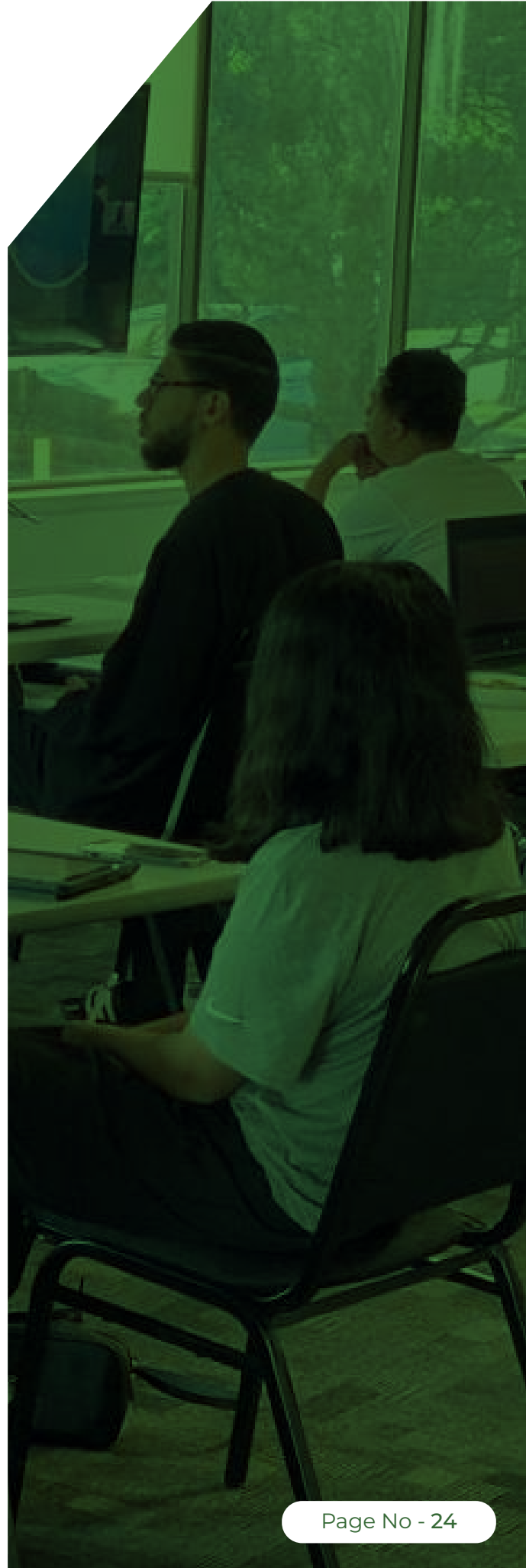
Looking Ahead to 2025:

In 2025, ICNA Chicago is thrilled to build on the wonderful successes of 2024 by introducing new programs and initiatives that cater to our community's ever-changing needs.

- Expanding educational and leadership opportunities for our youth.
- Boosting community engagement with inclusive events and partnerships.
- Strengthening our commitment to social justice and equality.
- Offering sustainable giving opportunities to ensure our programs continue to thrive.

We're excited to take this next step in our journey, working together to create a stronger, more connected community.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



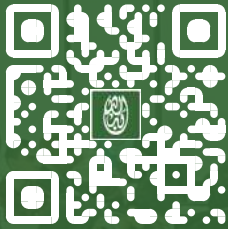


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Why is Giving Monthly So Important?

Your continuous support makes a world of difference for our community, enabling us to meet both ongoing and new challenges as they arise. By becoming a member of our Sustainer Circle, you're not just contributing; you're helping ICNA Chicago flourish and serve in meaningful ways for years to come!



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