

Who Are We?

We're leveraging our beliefs to create sustainable change in the communities around us. And, we're doing it through the Texas two-step: multi-faith and civic engagement.

What Do We Do?

First, we create programming between mosques, synagogues, and churches. Think group dialogues, panel discussions, athletic events, BBQs, and more. Then comes the nagging question: "Now that we know about each other, *what's next?*"

For us, that next step is civic engagement. Together with our faith partners, we advocate for common-sense policies in Texas.

Our mission is to leverage our faith beliefs to change the world around us through multi-faith and civic engagement. Our vision is to see a world where our faith communities seek each other's help to create change as the norm instead of the exception.

At Minaret Foundation, we're building capacity on policies related to food insecurity, child welfare, and religious freedom.

Success Snapshot 2022-2023

- Passed five bills in the 88th Texas Legislature, bringing together 50+ bi-partisan groups, eliminating child restraint, making religious holidays more accessible for students, and mandating family violence training for all judges.
- Collaborated with Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia's office on the 'No Kids in Cuffs' resolution.
- Built a faith coalition to successfully advocate for the creation of a Juvenile Mental Health Court
- Worked with the Houston Chronicle, Texas Tribune, CBS National, and seven other stations in the Houston and Dallas area to highlight our accomplishments.
- Created the Multi-Faith Advisory Council for the Office of the Chief of Police at Houston PD, and launched the Multi-Faith Advisory Council for Fort Bend County.
- Over 45 speaking engagements on topics related to multi-faith work and peacebuilding.
- Launched the largest pilot of Hanlde With Care in the nation, bringing together HISD and HPD.
- Recognition of Eid and other faith holidays by Clear Creek ISD, and a recognition of Eid ul-Fitr by HISD.
- Launched Competing In Goodness, a competition bringing together mosques, synagogues, and churches in a competition to raise food for the Houston Food Bank, raising seven tons of food.
- Launched the Ahmed Al Yasin Public Policy Fellowship and the Juvenile Mental Health Fellowship by the Patoli and Noor Family.
- Collaborated with Sen. Kolkhorst on the formal recognition of Uyghur religious freedom by the State of Texas.
- Conducted multiple health and family violence policy briefings engaging key legislators on both sides of the aisle.

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How did you get started?

In 2010, we started by purely focusing on interfaith programming and building partnerships, and included advocacy in 2019.

Liberal or a conservative organization?

Neither! We are a 501(c)3 and work with all faith communities and organizations. We pride ourselves on being hyper bi-partisan!

Do you focus exclusively on Texas?

Our policy slate is focused on working with Texans for Texas at the local and state levels. This includes scaling successful local policies and collaborating with cities such as Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Austin for implementation.

How do you accomplish your organizational goals?

We have highly passionate staff, qualified interns every semester, driven multi-faith committees, and an engaged board. We focus on achievable goals and drive them to completion.

Do you work on international issues?

Yes, but limited to Texas! We help build policy and highlight issues related to the religious freedom of Uyghurs through our faith partnerships and collaborating with policymakers in Texas.

Why multi-faith partnerships?

Leveraging our faith values to change the world around us is a terrific way of building relationships and understanding one another.

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