

# SAMINA ALI, M.Ed

## for IACC Shura



*Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah! I recently moved to Plano with my family just before Covid, my family spending countless hours at IACC amidst amazing teachers and companions, until Covid hit. I look forward to embarking together on a journey to re-strengthen our community and create a more vibrant future for our beloved masjid. Let us make IACC a second home for all, inshaAllah!*

### About Me

- **Experienced Educator:** 20+ years in teaching, administration, and curriculum development across public, private, Islamic, and homeschool settings.
- **Coaching and Counseling:** Organized and led parenting and family workshops collaborating with various scholars and educators.
- **Life-Long Student of Knowledge:** Studied Arabic, Tazkiyah, and Islamic Sciences under multiple scholars, including Shaykh Mokhtar in Turkey. Initiated multiple Adult Quran and Seerah study groups.
- **Youth Mentor and Educator:** Developed and taught Islamic classes for youth, organized events such as Quran Fair, and served as a youth advisor to several Islamic organizations, including the Islamic Association of Collin County (IACC).
- **Community Builder and Activist:** Dedicated to public service and community building in multiple Muslim communities across the U.S., currently North Texas. Formed and managed multiple Muslim sports teams (ages 3 through 18) under the Plano Sports Association to encourage Muslim youth friendship and involvement in basketball and soccer. Spoke at multiple City Councils for Muslim needs. Network with area public schools, homeschool groups, Islamic schools, hifdh programs, and masaajid.
- **Women's Wellness and Homeschooling Advocate:** Founded the Collin County Muslim Homeschool Group, benefitting over 200 families; and initiated the Muslimah Morning Movers fitness group at IACC to promote women's health and wellness.
- **Humanitarian Efforts:** Actively engaged in community service locally and internationally. Most recently, raised \$40,000 for displaced Palestinian refugees and delivered aid abroad to widows and orphans through Human Concern International. Spearheaded local community drives to provide essential supplies to refugees across DFW.
- **Dedicated Mother:** Mother of six children, ranging from elementary school to college, with personal experience navigating the American public school system and universities.

### IACC Goals

- **Faith:**
  - Enhance Islamic Knowledge & Tarbiya initiatives for all ages with impactful & engaging activities
  - Workshops and mentorship to help youth & young professionals pursue their ambitions while remaining true to their faith
- **Family:**
  - Partner with scholars and counselors/educators to conduct workshops aimed at enriching marital relationships and parent-child connections
  - Regularly scheduled, family activities designed to cultivate meaningful bonds while improving wellness
  - Programs that foster collaboration of seniors with youth & young professionals
- **Community:**
  - Consistent, Sunnah prescribed activities for all ages to foster unity and strengthen sisterhood & brotherhood
  - Fortify efforts to assimilate new families moving into the area and new Muslims through initiating a matching program
  - On-going community input solicited in decision-making process
  - Inclusive, warm masjid environment