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Background

Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) was established in 1978 as a non-profit organization in the State of Texas and was granted the Internal Revenue Service Tax exempted 501(c)(3) status in May of 1985. This non-profit organization is managed and operated by an elected, but volunteer Board of Directors. The Bangladesh American Center (BAC) is a project of BAH, which is located at 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083.

Bangladesh American Center (BAC) is designed to be a multipurpose community center. The vision of BAC is to unite people of Bangladeshi origin in North America by providing a permanent physical location to display, demonstrate, share, and represent Bangladeshi culture and heritage. This will be a place where ideas can be shared and exchanged to promote and increase understanding of diversity and peaceful integration, pursue and achieve common goals, within the framework of Bangladesh Association of Houston (BAH) constitution. Currently BAH contributes to the community enrichment by providing Bangla language education, hosting cultural festivals, and by providing medical services for the needy. The Center is an aspiration of the community to enrich the cultural experience for the Bangladeshi-American, but more so for future generations of Americans with or without Bangladeshi heritage.

The mission of Bangladesh-American Center is to facilitate social, cultural, intellectual, and educational activities of the Bangladesh-American Community, involving the Bangladeshi Americans or any other groups generally interested in promoting BAC vision and core values.

BAC would host local and national community leaders to promote public causes and broaden awareness on various issues impacting the local, national, and international communities. It could also be a venue for many to volunteer and provide paralegal assistance in immigration and other legal matters, social security and government services, as well as host many traditional community gatherings for various occasions.

The Center will be the first of its kind in many ways: the first community center to be erected by Bangladeshis in America, in a city synonymous with venturing towards the future, and built by the people and for the people of all backgrounds.

Bangladesh American Center Complex is truly a symbol of unity and community pride.

Mission Statement

The mission of BAC is to facilitate social, cultural, intellectual, and educational activities of the Bangladeshi-American Community, involving the Bangladeshi Americans or any other groups generally interested in promoting BAC vision and core values, as well as to preserve, stimulate and promote respect for cultural diversity and intercultural values.

Vision Statement

The vision of BAC is to unite the people of Bangladeshi origin in North America by providing a permanent physical location to display, demonstrate and represent Bangladeshi culture and heritage. BAC will also provide physical facilities where ideas can be shared and exchanged to promote and increase understanding of diversity and peaceful integration; pursue and achieve common goals within the framework of BAH constitution.

Core Values

- BAC shall be open to all freedom loving people
- BAC shall promote and uphold the culture, heritage, and values of Bangladesh in North America
- BAC shall to preserve, stimulate and promote respect for cultural diversity and intercultural values
- BAC shall uphold the values stated in the BAH constitution
- BAC shall maintain true transparency in all of its financial accounts
- BAC shall be governed by a democratic process; where the majority shall rule but the difference of opinions will be respected
- BAC shall remain non-political and secular
- BAC shall not allow any fundamentalism, cult, or fanaticism of any kind.

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Multicultural Gala

Jan 23, 2015 @ Sugar Land Marriott Town Square
Program Sequence (Subject to change without notice)
5:30 PM Social and Photo Session
6:30 PM Door Prize Drawings
6:45 Doors Open
7:00 PM Opening Ceremony
Introduction of program Emcee Mrs. Cynthia Cisneors by Mr. Khaled Khan
Color Guards and National Anthem joint presentation by Houston Police Department and Harris County Sheriff Department Honor Guards
Bangladesh National Anthem
Gala Opening Ceremony by Elsik Award Winning Choir Team
Invocation dance
Video Welcome Message by Mayor Annise Parker
Welcome Speech by BAH Chairperson Mr. Shah Haleem
Intro of Gala Chair by Mr. Shahid Ullah
Welcome Speech by Gala Chair Mr. Qasim Sharif
Keynote Speech delivered by the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the US H.E. Mr. Mohammad Zialuddin
Award Ceremonies
8:00 PM Dinner
Multi-Cultural Gala performances
Video Message by Sheriff Garcia
Bangladesh Association Naming Rights Presentation and Fundraising by Mr. Arun Roy
Speech by Congressman Al Green
Speech by Tukish Consul General Ferhat Alkan
Speech by Korean Consul General Suk B. Park
Speech by BAC Chief Adviser Mr. Hasan Rahman
Speech by Dr. Selina Ahmed
Presentations by other state and national leaders
9:30 pm Performances by Kaderi Kibria

Congratulations! BAH Wins \$10,000, Corporate Grant!

Out of 30,000 qualified charities, Bangladesh Association became Top 196 charities to receive \$10,000 grant, sponsored by the JP. Morgan Chase & Co. In the Chase Community Giving 2012 program, our volunteers and social network friends, from around the globe worked around the clock to ensure Bangladesh Association gets enough votes to share in the \$5 million dollars grant and it did! They really made us feel proud. As a result of this massive social media campaign, Bangladesh Association is now a brand name around the world.

Letter from Chase Community Giving Program.

Congratulations on your charity being one of the Top 196 organizations in the Chase Community Giving Fall 2012 program!
This year we decided to change things up and allowed Chase customers and employees to nominate their favorite charities. Each participating organization had the chance to share how their cause impacts the communities they serve. Some shared their organization's mission, while others shared stories, video and images to make the most compelling case for their organization. Out of nearly 30,000 charity nominations, your organization's enthusiasm and creativity paid off!
Thank you for your participation in the Chase Community Giving program and congratulations again for motivating so many participants to vote for your cause. We will be in touch over the next couple of weeks with further details and next steps on how to receive your grant from Chase. We applaud the important work your organization is doing and look forward to hearing how these funds will help further your cause.
Chase Community Giving grew out of our firm's belief in giving individuals and communities a voice in corporate philanthropy, opening the doors for small charities across the country. We thank you for joining us in our efforts to inspire this new way of giving and hope that the global visibility provided to your organizations will help advance your missions and attract new supporters for years to come.

Warm Regards,
The Chase Community Giving Team

Shah Haleem
Chairperson
Bangladesh Association



The simple answer to “Why Association” is...because in this distant land we individually and collectively have an utmost obligation to the future of our culture and to the well-being of everyone who’s DNA is imprinted with it.

Yes, the reasons are both emotional as well as practical. It’s emotional as in erecting a monument with a meaning. The essence of our dream BAC is to be the center of honor for our culture. It’s practical as in building a civic institution for common good. The Center will provide a much-needed, critical infrastructure that would foster the continuation and growth of our cultural heritage. It’ll pave the way for so many services to meet current and future needs of the community. Make no mistake, the benefits of the Center will be directly enjoyed by or indirectly shower upon all community members, plus their kids and grandkids, whether they actively participate or simply watch from the sideline.

Today we have the options to support so many worthy causes with our limited resources. We need to wisely balance between curing short-term crisis versus making long-term impact. Let’s be forward-looking and carry out our Bangladeshi conscience and obligations, instead of being distracted by any bump that might hinder progress.

To be or not to be involved is the big question. How you answer it is a matter of personal choice. While direct financial contribution is most needed at this stage, there are many ways to help. We can only hope that you come forward with whatever warmth of the heart and fire in the belly that you might possess. Let’s take our community to new heights, let’s write a new chapter of history as responsible stewards of a place where social services of a community can be provided.

Let’s focus on top 5 things that we can achieve together

1. Help the needy families and perform other social services
2. Build Bangladesh-American Center
3. Uphold of our values and cultural heritage including running Bangla Patshala
4. Promote sports and games for healthy lifestyles
5. Establish permanent free social BAC Clinic for uninsured

We hope we can count on your support. Please join my team as together we can make this a progressive community.



Bangladesh-American Center

WHEREAS, Houston is a richly diverse city, greatly enhanced by the cultural, social and economic contributions of its Bangladeshi community; and,

WHEREAS, the Bangladesh Association, Houston was established to cherish, promote and share the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh; and,

WHEREAS, the Bangladesh Association, Houston endeavors to build a multipurpose facility to empower people to promote culture, education, healthcare and outreach programs, and thus the project of **Bangladesh-American Center** was born; and,

WHEREAS, the vision of the **Bangladesh-American Center** is to unite the people of Bangladeshi origin in North America by providing a permanent physical location to display, demonstrate and represent Bangladeshi culture and heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the Bangladesh Association, Houston has organized the 2015 Multicultural Gala to raise funds for the erection of **Bangladesh-American Center**,

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim January 23, 2015, as

Bangladesh-American Center Day

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 8th day of January, 2015.

Annise D. Parker

Annise D. Parker
Mayor of the City of Houston



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Presented to

Bangladesh Association of Houston

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 2ND ANNUAL MULTI-CULTURAL GALA

On Behalf of the Constituents of the Ninth Congressional District of Texas,
I Salute Your Commitment to Celebrating the Rich Diversity of Greater Houston as well as
Promoting Friendship Between the United States and Bangladesh

January 23, 2015

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Al Green", enclosed within a circular flourish.

Al Green, Member of Congress

JOHN CORNYN
TEXAS



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 23, 2015

Multicultural Gala
Bangladesh Association of Houston



Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send my greetings as you gather for the second annual Multicultural Gala for the Bangladesh Association of Houston. I commend those whose dedication and hard work have made this evening possible.

I applaud your organization's commitment to promote culture, education, and healthcare in the Bangladesh-American community. Your efforts serve as a positive example to your fellow citizens.

I send my best wishes for a successful event, and encourage you all to continue pursuing excellence in the years to come.

Sincerely,

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

TED CRUZ
TEXAS

United States Senate

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Bangladesh Association, Houston
13415 Renn Road
Houston, Texas 77083

January 23, 2015



Dear Bangladesh Association Houston:

Thank you for your service to the Houston community, and congratulations on your 2nd annual Multicultural Gala.

Your commitment to promoting culture and education in the community is commendable. Bangladesh Association Houston is a strong example of an organization that is making a significant impact on our community.

Thank you again for your dedicated service to Houston and the state of Texas.

Sincerely,

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AL GREEN
5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
HOUSTON, TEXAS

January 23, 2015



Dear Friends:

I would like to extend greetings to the Bangladesh Association of Houston on its 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Gala. On behalf of the constituents of the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, I salute all organizers and participants on their dedication to making this a memorable event.

With great enthusiasm, I applaud the Bangladesh Association of Houston Multi-Cultural Gala attendees and supporters for their commitment to promoting the culture of the Bangladesh community, providing outreach programs, celebrating the rich diversity of the Greater Houston area as well as promoting friendship between the United States and Bangladesh. Congratulations on this momentous occasion.

I look forward to continue working with the Bangladesh Association of Houston on future endeavors as well as serving you well as a Member of Congress. Best wishes to all for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Al Green
Member of Congress

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Mr. Shah Haleem
Chairperson, Bangladesh-Association
13415 Renn Road
Houston, TX 77083

Dear Shah Haleem and Fellow Community Members:

Last year, I had the distinct privilege of being the keynote speaker for the 2014 Multi-Cultural Gala hosted by the Bangladesh-American Center. Truly, it is a wonderful event that celebrates Bangladeshi culture and promotes the very ideals that we hold near and dear to our hearts; empowering individuals through education and outreach programs.

As the Bangladesh-American Center hosts the 2015 Multi-Cultural Gala, I send my warmest personal greetings to those in attendance that the discussions you have will not only generate solutions but also that those solutions will be implemented within the Bangladesh-American community.

Warmest Wishes,

STEVE STOCKMAN
Member of Congress

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Greetings from Pete Olson

Congressman from Texas



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PETE OLSON
22ND DISTRICT
TEXAS



January 23, 2015

Multicultural Gala
Bangladesh Association of Houston

Dear Friends,

It's a privilege to celebrate the rich culture that exists in the greater Houston area and especially Fort Bend County. We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse communities in the country.

I want to thank the Bangladesh Association of Houston for their commitment to promoting and preserving the cultural heritage of Bangladesh in the Greater Houston area. Their work goes beyond promoting cultural awareness; it's a philanthropic promise to make a difference in our community. Whether helping those affected by a natural disaster, providing free medical services to community members, fund-raising to provide clean drinking water in Bangladesh or supporting educational seminars, the Bangladesh Association of Houston is an important part of the Houston community.

I'm proud to work with organizations like the Bangladesh Association of Houston. Together, we will continue to build strong communities here in Houston.

Very respectfully,

Pete Olson
Member of Congress

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MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the Bangladesh Association of Houston (BAH) is holding a Multi-Cultural Gala in collaboration with similar association of other countries and nationalities on 23 January 2015. I believe this colorful gala will be held in celebration of another glorious year of the Association's journey since its inception about 37 years ago. It bears wonderful tidings, and I have great pleasure in extending to the BAH and to all its associates a very warm congratulations for yet another year of laudable success.

Ever since BAH was conceived and established in 1978 as a non-profit association, it has been evolving into a productive one in terms of infusing the rich culture, ideals and heritage of Bangladesh into the mainstream of American life. Moreover, BAH has graduated through the years and have matured in contributing to community development and social welfare activities through various praiseworthy initiatives, including the well acclaimed "Mayor's International and Development Council".

The BAH has been particularly commendable in providing medical services to all in dire need, supporting education programs meant for all, and organizing cultural events with the various nationalities and coalescing the diverse social fabric of Houston. The BAH's all-encompassing socio-cultural activities have endeared the association to all and enhanced its role as a respected liaison between the Bangladesh Diaspora and the representatives of the State to the Capitol, and important state and federal agencies.

It is my understanding that on the occasion of this year's Multi-Cultural Gala, the BAH, true to its traditions, would be taking out its annual magazine called the "The Connection." The name of the magazine clearly reflects the ethos that lies in the heart of the Bangladesh Association of Houston. I am impressed with this excellent piece of work and felicitate the publication committee members for their hard work and outstanding contributions that has led to the realization of their sincere endeavor.

Mohammad Ziauddin

Greetings from the 2014 Gala Chair

Jan 23, 2015



Congratulations to Bangladesh Association of Houston for organizing the multicultural gala 2015. This benefit event has been well planned and organized with care and a high degree of professionalism. It is a testament to the tremendous dedication and untiring efforts expended by Shah Haleem, the board and the many volunteers to keep the flame of public service shining brightly in our community.

Volunteerism has a long tradition in American history. While my specific knowledge of such efforts across the American landscape is greatly inadequate, I can say without reservation that I take great pride and consider it my utmost privilege to be associated with the selfless, unpaid and under-appreciated volunteers that do so much day in and day out to serve our community. My hats off to the women and men of the Bangladesh Association of Houston. Bangladeshi immigration to America is a relatively recent phenomenon. A significant portion of us came here to go to college or graduate school. We marveled at the opportunities we received: our views counted, we could speak our mind, our votes mattered, and we were able to work in world class institutions and acquired skills that have served us well. However, our journey in this great American melting pot has in-fact just begun. This is why it is so important that we leave our mark in the hearts and minds of Houstonians in general and the next generation of Bangladeshi Americans in particular. The Bangladesh American Center will be the first purpose built venue in America to show case Bengali culture and the age old traditions that are imbedded in our genes. It will be a place where our children will play, learn, hang out, and in some cases fall in love. I am looking forward to all of us coming together and building a great center.

Sincerely,
Qasim Sharif
CEO/President
STRATUM

Greetings from the 2013 Gala Chair

Jan 23, 2015

Dear Members of Bangladesh Association Houston :

Congratulations for hosting second annual Multi-Cultural Gala.

It was my distinct honor to be the first Multi-Cultural Gala Chair hosted by Bangladesh Association, Houston to benefit Bangladesh-American Center . We all are very excited and proud to see the recent progress of Bangladesh-American Center made by you and its leaders. A dream of building Bangladesh-American Center was born years ago which is finally becoming a reality because of people like you had the vision to draw a road map where we can build an symbol of Bangladesh in North American. It's been my honor to be involved to contribute a little to see its successful completion.

Bangladesh Association has become an exemplary organization within the City of Houston and setting new organizational standards among all Bangladeshi organizations in North America. It takes courage, dedication and love – and you do have them all. Your actions to lift our community through empowerment of people is the true testaments that you are on the right track to assimilate into our new home as Bangladeshi-American to make this country a better place for us and our children.

Please allow me and my wife Sharon to congratulate the 2015 Multi-Cultural Gala host Committee for reaching another milestone. You can count on our support to complete Bangladesh-American Center. Our sincerest gratitude to Shah Haleem and his entire team of volunteers to make Bangladesh Association, Houston one of the best Bangladeshi organizations in North America.

Sincerely Yours,

Shahid Ullah
2013 Multi-Culltural Gala Chair





Dear Members of the Bangladesh Association,
Dearest Bengali Sisters and Brothers,

Relations between Turkish and Bengali nations have strong historical and cultural roots dating back before the foundation of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The Muslims of South Asia including the Bengalis, had supported the Turkish War of Independence, hence helped Turkish people lay the foundation of the Republic of Turkey. In this regard, the respect and admiration for Mustafa Kemal Atatürk is reflected in the epic poem "Kamal Pasha", written by Kazi Nazrul Islam, National Poet of Bangladesh, in 1921.

Turkey recognized Bangladesh on 22 February 1974 on the occasion of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (formerly Organization of the Islamic Conference) Summit which was held in Lahore. The Turkish Embassy in Dhakka was opened in 1976 and the Embassy of Bangladesh in Ankara in 1981.

The mutual trust and support that we enjoy constitute a strong foundation on which we can further develop our relations. In the global community of nations, Bangladesh and Turkey have full confidence in each other. I believe that our countries, and communities in every part of the world, based on this strong foundation, will continue to explore ways to further enrich and expand our cooperation. As the Consul General of the Republic of Turkey in Houston, I would like to salute my Bengali brothers and sisters, and look forward to further develop the relations between our communities.

Best regards,
Ferhat Alkan

Ferhat Alkan
Consul General

Greetings from Suk-Bum Park

Consul General of the Republic of Korea



Greetings,

It is my great honor and privilege to send a message of greeting to Bangladesh Community in Houston on the occasion of the publication of the "The Connection", timed with the Second Annual Multi-Cultural Gala 2015!

I also applaud Mr. Shah Haleem and other members of the host committee of Bangladesh Association Houston for organizing this exclusive event at the dawn of the New Year.

Bangladesh community in Houston-Sugar Land area has grown to become one of the most dynamic and prosperous ethnic communities in the region, living side by side with other ethnic groups. At the center of this development lies the BAH, serving as a catharsis promoting cultural, business and people to people exchange between Bangladesh and America. It also has served as a liaison between Bangladeshis communities and local authorities in the area, safeguarding the best interest of Bengali communities in Houston.

Based upon my personal experience serving as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, which was a great honor for me and my family, I know how warm and hospitable Bangladeshis are. But I also know that given their exceptional resourcefulness and hard-working, they deserve to become the forerunner achieving the American Dream here in Houston and by doing so, will make the valuable contribution for the greater prosperity of the region.

As a Consul General of the one of Bangladesh's most friendly nations and as a personal friend of Bangladesh, I would like to salute my Bengali brothers and sisters and wish you all the best in the year of sheep!

Suk-Bum Park
Consul General of the Republic of Korea.

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GENE WU
DISTRICT 137

December 30, 2014

Greetings:

On behalf of Texas House District 137, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Bangladesh-American Center, Board of Directors, Gala Chair, Host Committee, members, family and friends of the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) on the occasion of your second annual Multicultural Gala. Your commitment to build a multipurpose facility to empower people to promote culture education, healthcare and outreach programs is to be commended.

Since 1978, BAH has demonstrated a longstanding tradition of support in the Houston communities where over 20,000 men and women of Bangladeshi ancestry live and work. Your countless community initiatives have provided resources for those in need, enhanced and diversified our economy, and improved our quality of life. By sharing the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh with fellow Houstonians, BAH has contributed to the vibrant and multicultural character of our great city.

With great enthusiasm, I thank you for your 36 years of progress, and extend sincere best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Gene Wu
State Representative



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RICHARD A. NGUYEN
Houston City Council Member, District F

Greetings to the Bangladesh Association Houston,

It is my honor to join you for your second annual Multicultural Gala, and my pleasure to congratulate you on the construction of your multi-purpose center for the BAH community. I thank you for allowing me to share in this exciting time.

Houston is a diverse city, and organizations like Bangladesh Association Houston add greatly to the cultural landscape. District F and Southwest Houston is home to many different peoples, from Asia, Africa, Central and South America, and around the world. The strength of the area lies in its diversity. I appreciate what BAH does for the Bangladesh population, and I thank you for work in the community to make Houston better for everyone.

Good luck in 2015 and beyond. Together, we will work to keep Houston the greatest place to live in the world.

Sincerely,

Richard Nguyen
Houston City Council



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

OFFICE OF MAYOR
JAMES A. THOMPSON



December 31, 2014

Attn: Shah Haleem, Chairperson
Bangladesh-American Center
13415 Renn Road
Houston, Texas 77083

Dear Mr. Haleem:

On behalf of the City of Sugar Land, I would ask that you offer my warmest regards to those gathering for the Multicultural Gala hosted by the Bangladesh Association of Houston on January 23, 2015. A great deal of planning and hard work is required to make this celebration a successful event.

It is people like you that make Sugar Land and the Greater Houston area a great community for its citizens. The community is extremely fortunate that this group plays an active role and we appreciate the significant influence you have had with our citizens. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

James A. Thompson
Mayor

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January 6, 2015

Bangladesh Association, Houston
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There is nothing more satisfying than attaining your goals. The Bangladesh Association, Houston has been at the forefront of this movement and continues to push the promotion of sharing rich culture heritage of Bangladesh with fellow Houstonians.

The Bangladesh Association, Houston is celebrating its 2nd Annual Multicultural Gala to honor and to empower people to promote culture, education, healthcare and outreach programs on Friday, January 23, 2015 at the Sugar Land Marriott Town Square. The City is delighted to celebrate your 2nd Annual Multicultural Gala this year along with Consul Generals of many nations, city, state and national leaders.

I would also like to add that on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of City of Missouri City, we are pleased and honored for the important contributions the Bangladesh Association, Houston has made to our City and the metropolitan Houston area.

Allen Owen
Mayor

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY

Greetings from Glenn Hegar

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



Jan 23, 2015

Dear Members of Bangladesh Association and Bangladeshi-American:

Welcome to the Second Annual Multicultural Gala. It's so wonderful to see that you've created – and are continuing – what has already become a tradition and a yearly celebration of culture and diversity for the Bangladesh Association, Houston.

The Houston region is diverse and thriving, and Fort Bend County is the most ethnically diverse county not only in Texas, but our nation. All of you are a part of what makes this area of Texas such an exciting and interesting place to live, work and create a future. Our strength – as a nation and a state – is built upon the rich and varied contributions of those who are drawn here. It's always been that way. And, today, Texas is not just “cowboy,” we're also cosmopolitan. This gala is both a celebration of cultures and a testament to the value of global perspectives in our ever-increasing worldwide marketplace.

Our Texas economy benefits every single day from the countless international business and cultural opportunities Bangladesh Association, Houston has helped foster over the years.

So thank you for all you've done and all you will continue to do in 2015 and the years to come.

Sincerely,

Glenn Hegar
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



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Harris County District Clerk

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Bangladesh Association
Houston, TX

Greetings to the Bangladesh Association, Houston,

I want to congratulate the Bangladesh Association, Houston for its 42 years of stellar work in Harris County!

It is my understanding that as a non-profit, you have done much during that time to increase understanding of the Bangladesh's rich cultural heritage, an effort that I applaud.

And the association also has carried out much laudable work in the areas of education and healthcare. Hats off to you!

With 23,000 Houstonians of Bangladeshi heritage, Bangladeshi-Americans are just one of the groups that makes Houston the most multi-cultural of America's great cities.

I oversee jury service in Harris County, and I want to encourage all Bangladeshi-Americans who are citizens to honor requests for jury service. When everybody shows up for jury service, we get true juries of peers.

May your community prosper in the coming months and years!

Sincerely,

Chris Daniel
Harris County District Clerk



A message from David Meale, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the United States of America, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dear Chairperson Shah M. Haleem and Members of the Bangladesh Association, Houston:

Congratulations on the occasion of your Association marking 35 years of success in promoting culture, education, healthcare and outreach programs in the greater Houston area. Sharing the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh with Americans is a laudable and worthy undertaking that builds ties, benefits our countries, and enriches lives.

As Americans working at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, we are fortunate to experience firsthand the rich cultural heritage of your homeland. We seek to strengthen our bilateral relationship, and in this regard, call for your help. We encourage you as Bangladeshi-Americans to explore ways to share your many talents, expertise, and business acumen back in Bangladesh, as investors, teachers, advisors, healthcare providers, and mentors. We know that you are uniquely qualified to expand bonds between our countries and deepen the enduring U.S.-Bangladesh partnership. There has never been a better time than now, to contribute to Bangladesh's fast-paced development progress and economic growth.

Best wishes for a successful 2015!

David Meale

Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

Meet our Chief Guest

Life Sketch of Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin



Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin, eldest child of late Prof. Dr. Mohammad Asiruddin and Mrs. Shamsun Nahar Asiruddin, Matriculated from Saint Gregory's High School; completed Intermediate of Arts from Notre Dame College; obtained BA Honors and MA in English Literature from the Dhaka University.

Ambassador Ziauddin joined the BCS (Foreign Affairs) with seniority from 13 July 1974. He served as Third and Second Secretary in Bangladesh High Commission in London; First Secretary in Bangladesh High Commission in Nairobi; Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. Prior joining as Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy, he was Director General (International Organization) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chief of Protocol to the Government of Bangladesh.

Ambassador Ziauddin joined as Ambassador to Italy on 15 May 2000 and assumed concurrent charge as Bangladesh Ambassador to the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was also the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to FAO, WFP, and IFAD.

Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin obtained Diploma on Commercial Policy in 1977 at GATT/UNCTAD, Geneva; completed Foreign Service Training in 1980, Canberra; and the United States Congressional Fellowship in 1989-90 under of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington DC.

Prior joining as Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA, he held the post of Ambassador-at-Large of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with the rank and status of State Minister to the Government of Bangladesh.

Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin is married to Yasmeen Ziauddin. They have a son and a daughter.

“ Message from Gala Emcee -Cynthia Cisneros”



Greetings Friends,

It is with great pleasure ABC-13 extends a hearty congratulations to the Bangladesh Association Houston. We were fortunate to be at the first Multicultural Gala last year and are delighted the tradition continues. The Bangladesh Association is at the forefront of community involvement and fostering community relationships. The tireless work and commitment by Bangladesh Association Houston is an inspiration to us all to embrace our cultural differences and build positive relationships based on education, respect and dedication to building a better future for our children. A recent example is the Bangladesh Association Houston involvement in ABC-13's historic Share Your Holidays food drive benefiting the Houston Food Bank. The excitement and energy was contagious and the generosity of Bangladesh Association Houston inspired us all.

Thank you again for friendship and we look forward to building our partnership

Cynthia Cisneros / VP, Community Affairs



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Greetings from BAC Clinic Director



Mohammed Amirul Islam, MD, FACC

Consultant Cardiologist
Board Certified in Adult Cardiology,
Board Certified in Echocardiography,
Board Certified in Nuclear Cardiology,
Board Certified in Adult Internal Medicine

Practicing in Texas over 10 years.
Graduated with Scholarly position in Rajshahi Board, BD

Why BAC clinic:

As Salamu Alaikum. A community like ours, has people of all aspects. Some of us just not have the privilege to access medical care promptly. Some afraid of language barrier. This is true as well for cross culture in the locality of our BAC center. A free clinic is an excellent tool to reach those people and to cross the barrier. I am very thrilled that, our BAC entrepreneurship with assistance and support of personnel and sponsors have accomplished this social role in past years. We are optimistic that, this effort will continue in full effect in future, that is where we come as community together.

We Bangladeshi Americans, are a good crowd in Houston. Helping a person in need, is not an one way act. It always gives return multifold. I am proud of all our community leaders to arrange this mighty effort. May Allah bless America, and good evening to all.

Thanks.

Major Activities of Bangladesh Association throughout the year

- Fund raising for Bangladesh-American Center
- International Mother Language Day (IMLD) celebration
- Youth activities and educational seminars
- Free Medical Clinic
- Bangla School and literature activities
- Bangladesh Mobile Consular Services
- Emergency Fund for those in need during unforeseen emergency
- Bangladesh Independence Day Program and Festivities
- Bangladesh Victory Day Program and Festivities
- Picnics and outdoor activities
- Bangla New Year Celebration (Boishakhi Mela, Rabindra/NazrulJayanti)
- Magazine Publication
- Sports activities and competition (Tennis, Basketball, Bridge, Table Tennis)
- Children Sports Activities
- Graduate Reception

Achievements of Bangladesh Association, Houston

Year	Major Initiatives and Achievements
1978	Established Bangladesh Association, Houston
1984	Bangladesh head of state visited Houston and inaugurated a trade show with trade delegates lead Hossain Md. Ershad. City of Houston provided a stately protocol
1989	Received 501 c (3) statuses from IRS
1989	Held Seminar on Flood Prevention in Bangladesh
1990	BAH started a very successful weekend Bangla school
1990	Co-hosted 1990 FOBANA Convention in Dallas
1991	Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$120,000.00
1996	Bangladesh-American Center formation dialogue initiated
1998	Launched Bangladesh Association website www.bangladesh-association.com
1998	Bangladesh-American Center formation dialogue formally launched
1998	Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$50,000.00
1999	Established emergency fund "Zee Memorial Fund" for helping needy families
1999	Celebration of 100th Birthday of Kazi Nazrul Islam
2000	Amendments to the BAH constitution
2000	Celebrated the first International Mother Language Day (IMLD) in Houston and continued the event every year. Since then representative from over 20

countries

	joined in the celebration. Houston Mayor proclaimed the Day as International Mother Language Day (IMLD)
2001	Held prayer vigil, raised fund for victims of 9/11 tragedy. Worked with federal, state and local officials to raise awareness for peace and harmony
2001	BAH organized 27 community meetings for Bangladesh Center strategy and fundraising
2002	Bought 3.99 acres land for \$137,000 to build Bangladesh-American Center
2002	His Excellency Syed Hasan Ahmad, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to USA visited Houston
2002	The Coalition for Peace in South Asia - a Rally in front of the Houston City Hall to stop the imminent war between India & Pakistan
2002	BAH organized 14 events during the fiscal year 2002
2003	His Excellency Syed Hasan Ahmad, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to USA visited Houston
2003	Sent proposal to Bangladesh Embassy to offer Mobile Consulate Services in North America. Bangladesh Embassy started this service in 2004
2003	Bangladesh Association By-Laws reviewed and approved
2003	Raised \$5,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped Musa family. Also worked with the parties involved to have Late Musa's house completely paid off and helped secure the families future housing needs
2003	Bangladesh-American Center established 1150 sq ft office with nice patio to accommodate BAH activities while the center project is underway. This facility is used regularly for BAH meetings, rehearsals, tournaments, etc. and also rented to other Bangladeshis for various events
2003	Bangladesh Association joined the Houston Mayor's International Affairs and Development Council (MIADC) and continued the membership since then
2003	BAH organized 23 events during the fiscal year 2003
2004	Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$35,000
2004	Raised \$2,050 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped Mustafizur Rahman and Lamiya fund
2004	Sent a proposal to the Government of Bangladesh to recognize foreign citizens who had contributed as Freedom Fighters for our Liberation War.
2004	BAH organized 22 events during the fiscal year 2004
2005	Started a campaign "Bring the honorable remains of Late Bir Shrestho Flight Lieutenant Matiur Rahman"
2005	Successfully hosted North America Bangla Literature and Cultural Convention. Texas Governor Rick Perry, and Houston Mayor Bill White proclaimed the Convention
2005	Organized fundraising for Victims of Hurricane Katrina and raised \$4,500, donated computers, procured medical attention and supply, housing to house the displaced, providing rides and other services as needed.
2005	Worked with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee to raise funds and other necessities for the Tsunami victims.

2005	BAH organized 24 events during the fiscal year 2005	2010	Minar with deck and stage on the Bangladesh-American Center land
2006	Since 2006, Bangladesh Association is serving as a liaison between our community and the U.S. Justice Department, and various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, like FBI, HPD, Airport Security, etc. and discusses issues and concerns to find solutions that relates to our community. These interactions provide us a forum to discuss community concerns and work towards greater understanding.	2010	Bangladesh Association, Houston's history and achievements published
2006	Raised \$1,400 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped the Russell Family	2010	BAH organized 26 events during the fiscal year 2010
2006	BAH organized 25 events during the fiscal year 2006	2011	BAH membership reached 3000
2007	Organized Arsenic problem awareness and fundraising. Developed web site and raised \$3,500	2011	First BAC Donor Conference: Raised over \$250,000
2007	Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$100,000	2011	Received the best organization in North America award given by FOBANA
2007	Raised \$18,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped three families in crisis	2011	Raised \$10,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped families in crisis
2007	BAH organized 28 events during the fiscal year 2007	2011	BAC Fundraising event -Raised over \$28k in pledges and collections.
2008	Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$41,000	2011	Partnered with Houston Food Bank for Winter Food Drive
2008	Nobel laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus visited Houston and met community members	2011	BAC Fundraising team hosted 12 house parties (no cost to BAC) to promote BAC
2008	BAH/ BAC was listed as North American Bangladeshi organization under dissemination list about Diabetes. National Diabetes Education Program and CDC together produced and translated the Following Book let into Bengali. "4 Steps to Control Your Diabetes for Life". BAH distributed the booklet in 2009 during FOBANA convention	2011	BAH organized 30 events during the fiscal year 2011
2008	BAH organized 24 events during the fiscal year 2008	2012	Established fee Clinic at BAC Campus
2009	BAH built a partnership with M.D. Anderson under Minority Cancer Research with health disparity program to start South Asian protocol for various cancers	2012	BAC Groundbreaking Ceremony inaugurated by Ambassador Akramul Qader
2009	Raised \$2300 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped families in crisis	2012	BAH lost it's one of the longest serving Volunteer MR Chowdhury Nantu
2009	Successfully hosted first major Bangladeshi Convention in Houston - FOBANA	2012	Plea to unify the community honoring late MR Chowdhury Nantu's vision
2009	Houston Mayor Bill White proclaimed July 2, 3, and 4 as the FOBANA Day Honored Freedom Fighters	2012	Historic Achievement of BAC Construction Contract Signed with TRZ Company.
	Displayed Mobile Bangladesh Liberation War Museum in coordination with Bangladesh Liberation War Museum	2012	Bangladesh Center construction began on Monday, July 2nd 2012: "Our journey continues"
	Declared 'Houston Declaration against Genocide'	2012	BAH was among top 196 charities and Received \$10,000 from Chase Community Giving Program
2009	BAH organized 22 events during the fiscal year 2009	2012	2nd BAC Annual Donor Conference and raised \$35,000
2010	Sent proposal to UN Mission to declare Shaheed Minar to be recognized as a symbol of the International Mother Language Day	2012	Constitution Review Committee was formed
2010	Nobel laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus was formally invited to the ground breaking ceremony of the Bangladesh-American Center during his Houston visit	2012	BAH Board of Directors Election 2012
2010	His Excellency Akramul Qader, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to USA visited Bangladesh-American Center	2012	BAH organized 24 events during the fiscal year 2012
2010	His Excellency Ambassador Akramul Qader unveiled the newly designed Bangladesh Association, Houston web site (http://www.bangladesh-association.com)	2013	BAC Interactive lunch fund raising meeting -raised over \$37,000
2010	His Excellency Ambassador Akramul Qader unveiled the newly designed Shohid	2013	Volunteer Appreciation Day at BAC
		2013	Artist Rajib Siddiqui's First Ever Sculpture "Victory of Bangladesh 1971" to be installed at Bangladeshi-American Center
		2013	FOBANA Leadership from North America visited BAC
		2013	BAH production Bangla Natok "Shubochon Nirbashoney" staged
		2013	Raised \$7,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped families in crisis
		2013	First ever Multi-Cultural Gala to raise fund for Bangladesh-American Center
		2013	Benefit concert for Savar Victims joint by all Houstonian
		2013	Jan 1 - Nov 7 together we raised over \$150,000
		2013	Phase 1 of Bangladesh-American Center has been completed (completion of metal walls and metal roof)
		2013	BAH organized 25 events during the fiscal year 2013
		2014	BAH hosted many cultural program including concert by Sabina Yasmin, Andrew Kishore, Konok Chapa and S I Tutul
		2014	Hosted 3 Affordable Care workshops at Bangladesh-American Center to register members
		2014	Ambassador of the USA to Bangladesh H.E Dan Mozeena visited Bangladesh-

American Center and attended dinner at the Petroleum Club hosted by BAH, sponsored by Qasim Sharif of Stratum Energy

- 2014 Hosted Basketball Summer Classics at the Kipp Academy to promote sports
- 2014 BAH joined international organizations to coordinate Houston Iftar by Mayor Parker
- 2014 BAH hosted many sports events such as tennis, bridge and basketball
- 2014 Bangla Pathshala Team enrolled over 30 students for Bangla, music and interfaith
- 2014 BAC Clinic team treated over 50 patients
- 2014 BAH Chair Shah Haleem appointed to serve on Mayor's MITDC Advisory Brd until Dec 2015
- 2014 Bangladesh Embassy Mobile Consular Services @ BAC serviced over 200 members
- 2014 Zee memorial Fund donated over \$5100 to the needy community members
- 2014 BAC interior framing Phase 2 construction has been completed
- 2014 BAC plumbing and outside RCP drainage pipe was installed between BAC and church
- 2014 Eid-UI Fitr & Eid-UI Adha was hosted at BAC by Eid Namaz cmt over 1500 attended
- 2014 BAH BoD attended FOBANA along with BAH Cultural team in Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 Second floor design to add 3000 sf to add Library, BAC Clinic and Contemplation
- 2014 "Victory of Bangladesh 1971 Sculpture" coming to BAC site selection
- 2014 BAH joined Houston Food Banks and ABC 13 for holiday food drive to help the needy
- 2014 In 2014 total donations received for Bangladesh-American Center is \$72,319.22
- 2014 37 different events or activities & initiatives for BAH for the year of 2014



Tax Deductable Donation:
\$100, \$500, \$1000 or \$10000
Make Check Payable to:
Bangladesh Association
For: BAC Construction

Congratulations!
Bangladesh Association

Ike Chowdhury 713-208-6000



4 Simple Reasons Why We Are Building Our Community Center

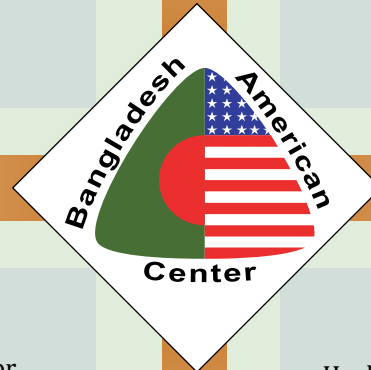
1 CULTURE

We need to provide a permanent facility to showcase the best in our culture and heritage. We need a stage, a platform for our younger generation to perform and compete.



2 HEALTH

We need a facility from where we can provide affordable if not free healthcare services to the needy ones. The facility will also be used for preventive care such as health screening, immunization, seminar, counseling in multiple languages.



3 EDUCATION

We need a facility to hold weekend schools for teaching language, music and arts. There is no better option for our children but to learn from our own teachers in a family oriented safe environment with a sports complex near by. Our community center will provide just that.



4 SPORTS

Healthy lifestyle and sports are tied together. To promote healthy and active lifestyle our community center will provide multitude of services. Kids soccer, tennis, basketball, badminton, jogging and walking trails will be the main features.



Bangladesh American Center Founding Members
 (Donated \$10,000 or more : Time Frame between 2000 & 2012)





As it stands now!!! Needs everyone's support !!!



Approach	Phase Description	Cost*	Fund Needed
Phase I (Q3 2013) Completed	Building Pad, STRIPPING SPREAD OUT, FOUNDATION FIRST FLOOR, Foundation Anchor Bolts, BUILDING STEEL, 2nd floor columns, joists, metal floor decking, stairs and metal sheathing, Stair Hand Rails, Erection – Building steel	\$ 446,836.00	\$ 0.00
Phase II (Q4 of 2013)	Land Improvement, Sanitary, Water and Fire Water Lines, Concrete Parking lot, ADA ramp, Irrigation Sleeves, Second floor deck, Storefront doors, SC doors & windows	\$ 327,300.00	\$ 305,300.00
Phase III (Q2 2014)	Plumbing, Fire Alarm & Sprinkler, Electrical, HVAC, Light Poles	\$ 237,650.00	\$ 237,650.00
Phase IV(Q3 2014)	Interior Paint/Stain, Sheet Rock, FRP Kitchen, Interior Misc. Glazing (sliding glass and Mirrors)	\$ 191,295.00	\$ 191,295.00
Phase V (Q4 2014)	Stucco, Stone Masonry, Gutters & Downspouts, Insulation, Toilet room partitions and doors, Crushed Rock Parking lot	\$ 152,500.00	\$ 152,500.00
Total		\$ 1,355,581.00	\$ 886,745.00

* These costs may vary based on the market price at the time of purchase.

Facts about Bangladesh Association

- Serving the people of Bangladeshi-Americans living in Houston since 1978
- Members vary between 750-3000 families
- Owns a 4 acre land (all paid for) for community center - Bangladesh-American Center
- Successfully held Federation of Bangladeshi Associations in North America (FOBANA) Convention in 2009
- Successfully held North America Bangla Literature and Culture Convention (NABLCC) in 2005
- Celebrates national and international events with other community organizations
- Liaison to the United States Justice Department and FBI and Houston Mayor's International Affairs and International Development
- Closely Work with City, State, and National in variety of community services
- Helps needy family and arrange funeral regardless of membership
- Holds free and fair election every two years
- Secular with respect for all religions
- Received numerous proclamations and citations from city and state
- Email group and website serves as a hub to disseminate information regarding community affairs and emergencies.

The web site <http://www.bangladesh-association.com/>
Is on #1 spot in Yahoo! and Google search for Bangladesh Association



Naming Rights Auction & Starting bid price

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Main Auditorium \$100,000.00
Sold to Syed Amanul and Sandra Syed



Main Lobby Area \$50,000.00
Sold to Shahid and Sharon Ullah



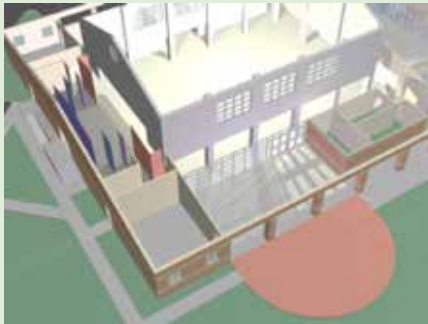
Sports Complex \$75,000.00
Available

Naming Rights Auction & Starting bid price

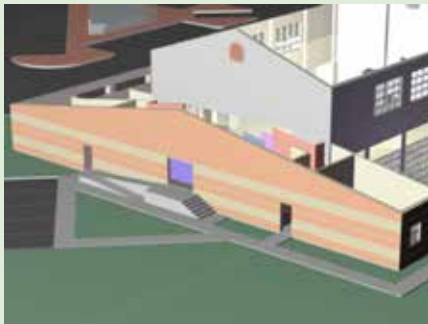
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Contemplation Room \$50,000.00
Available



One Kitchen Area \$40,000.00
Available



One Office Room \$25,000.00
Available

Naming Rights Auction & Starting bid price

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Class Room \$25,000.00
Sold to Gias and Nazma Khan



Stage \$25,000.00
Available



Five Parking Spaces \$10,000.00 each
Available

Naming Rights Auction & Starting bid price

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Clinic Room \$25,000.00
Available



Library \$25,000.00
Available



Two Green Rooms \$20,000.00 each
Available

“Victory of Bangladesh 1971”

*A 17-foot statue copper is coming soon to
Bangladesh-American Center*



HOUSTON – Mr. Rajib Siddique - an internationally renowned sculptor and artist has designed and built a 17-foot statue to signify the friendship and peace in culminating the true spirit of freedom in portraying the “Victory of Bangladesh 1971” statue . He was assisted by another renowned sculptor, Ms. Stephanie Cox along with few other artists. This 17-foot statue is made of “cold copper casting” and was built near Austin, Texas, over the past 2 years. On one side of the statue displays the bravery of a freedom fighter of 1971 and the other side represents the mutual friendship and multi-cultural bridge between Bangladesh and the USA. About 9 months ago, a Texan resident Mr. Manzur Morshed Manzil coordinated to find a permanent location for the “Statue of Victory”. Mr. Morshed worked with the Chairperson of Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH), Mr. Shah Haleem and then Bangladesh American Center (BAC) Director, Mr. Hasan Rahman, to determine the resting place of the statue. It was later decided to be placed near the main entrance of the Bangladesh American Center.

This Statue of Victory of Bangladesh 1971 will be the icon of mutual friendship and multi-cultural bridge between USA and Bangladesh, like the Statue of Liberty in New York represents the friendship of France and USA. This is the first time such a mutual icon be placed in a foreign soil to represent the tradition of Bangladesh. The BAC infrastructure provides the health clinic, continuing education classes, auditorium, museum, library, and multi-cultural activities. Now the Statue of Victory completes the missing elements to our friendship and the bridge. Sitting on a 4-acre land, it will be the first community-owned non-profit venture in the history of all Bangladeshi-Americans living in the United States.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place soon (will be announced) at 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083. Many dignitaries will grace this occasion along with leaders from the Bangladeshi-American Community, International Community, and Houston Business Community.



Board of Directors of Bangladesh Association, Houston

2015-2016

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Shah Haleem (Mithu)	Khaled Zulfqar Khan	Nahida Naser Yasmin	Arzmal A Khan	S.M. Haleem (Mitu)	Syeda Kusum Kali	Maleque Chowdhury
Joint Secretary General	Joint Director of Cultural Affairs	Joint Director of Sports & Games	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs	Coordinator, Soccer & Games		
Shumona Salauddin	Dr. Rafiq Khan	Ashiqul Talukder	MD Chowdhury	Monjur Rahman		

2013-2014

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Shah Haleem (Mithu)	Khaled Zulfqar Khan	Nahida Naser Yasmin	S. M. Zahidul Azad	S.M. Haleem (Mitu)	Syeda Kusum Kali	Maleque Chowdhury
Joint Secretary General	Joint Director of Cultural Affairs	Joint Director of Sports & Games	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs	Coordinator, Soccer & Games		
Shumona Salauddin	Dr. Rafiq Khan	Ashiqul Talukder	Tanvir Shahmohd	Monjur Rahman		

2011-2012

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Arun Roy	Shah Haleem (Mithu)	Shapnik Khan	S. M. Zahidul Azad	S.M. Haleem (Mitu)	Nahida Naser (Yasmin)	Maleque Chowdhury
Joint Secretary General	Joint Director of Sports & Games	Joint Director of Finance & Budget	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs			
Syed Monowar (Beshad)	Ashiqul Talukder	Sharar Latif (Bitan)	Sajeed K Chowdhury (Sawgat)			

2010

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Afzal Ahmed	Ahmad Qasbi	Shamim Ahmed	Atif Islam (Rubel)	Asif Raihan (Pavel)	Nahida Naser (Yasmin)	Syed Atif Chowdhury (Rony)
Joint Director of Organizational Affairs	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs					
Shah Mustahidul Haleem (Mitu)	Emran T. Hasan (Tameem)					

2009

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Afzal Ahmed	Rumana Chowdhury	Shamim Ahmed	Feroza Yasmin (Ety)	Asif Raihan (Pavel)	Nahida Naser (Yasmin)	Syed Atif Chowdhury (Rony)
Joint Secretary General	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs	Joint Director of Sports & Games				
Shahid Islam Apu	Shah Mustahidul Haleem (Mitu)	Emran T. Hasan (Tameem)				



Board of Directors of Bangladesh Association, Houston

2007-2008

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Afzal Ahmed	Naimatun Nahar (Foara)	Tariqul Sena	Nurur Khan (Tara)	Rumana Chowdhury	M. R. Chowdhury (Nanta)	Abu H. Erhad (Asad)
Joint Secretary General	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs	Joint Director of Cultural Affairs	Joint Director of Finance and Budget			
Shamim Ahmed	Asif Raihan (Pavel)	Abeda Smin Chowdhury	Feroza Yasmin			

2005-2006

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games	Joint Director of Organizational Affairs	Director at Large
Selina K. Rahman	Afzal Ahmed	Mohammad Masoom	Mozharul Prodhon	Abdus Sobhan (Moti)	Abu Naser (Tieku)	Atiqul Islam (Rana)	Sayda Kusum Koli	Mahjabeen Kamal

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2003-2004

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games	Joint Secretary General	Director at Large
Selina K. Rahman	Afzal Ahmed	Mohammad Masoom	Mozharul Prodhon	Rewana Muhsin (Ribu)	Naela Haq	Zahidur Rahman (Mizu)	Shamim Ahmed	Shah Prodhon

2001-2002

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Hasan Rahman	Afzal Ahmed	Mohammad Masoom	Kazi Muhsin (Faisal)	Mozharul Prodhon	Amir Hossain	Shapnik Khan

1999-2000

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games	Director at Large
Hasan Rahman	Mohammad Akhtar	Syed Zahid (Zee)	Naela Haq	Nurur Khan (Tara)	Zakera Chowdhury	Abdullah Chowdhury	Afzal Ahmed

1997-1998

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs	Director of Sports & Games
Mohammad Golam	Selina Rahman	Syed Zahid (Zee)	Abul K. Azad	Fazle A. Youssif	M. R. Chowdhury (Danta)	Kawser Ahmed

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1995-1996

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs
Dr. Selina Ahmed	Iqbal Ludhi	Momin Islam	Saiful Karim	Mafidul Hydari	Mohammad Golam

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1993-1994

Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary General	Director of Finance & Budget	Director of Organizational Affairs	Director of Cultural Affairs
Dr. Zaki D. Hussain	Hasan Rahman	Mahmad Farooque	Zakera Chowdhury	Hafiz Rahman	Fatema Ludhi



Board of Directors of Bangladesh Association, Houston

1992

Chairperson  Shahadat Khan	Vice Chairperson  Mohammad Akhtar	Secretary General  Hasan Chowdhury	Director of Finance & Budget  Arun Roy	Director of Organizational Affairs  Mahmud Farooque	Director of Cultural Affairs  Dewan Ahsab Ahmed	Director of Sports & Games  Fazur Khan
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1991

Chairperson  Naz Husain	Vice Chairperson  Shahadat Khan	Secretary General  Munna Ahmed	Director of Finance & Budget  Arun Roy	Director of Organizational Affairs  Mahmud Farooque	Director of Cultural Affairs  Ruma Aziz	Director of Sports & Games  Fazur Khan
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1988-1990

Chairperson  Dr. S. S. Newaz	Vice Chairperson  Mahbubur Rahman	Secretary General  Hasan Rahman (Ratan)	Director of Sports & Games  Wasim Haq	Director of Cultural Affairs  Khaled Khan
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1986-1988

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2011 (Jan) - 2012 (Dec)

Center Director  Hassan Rahman	Assistant Center Director  O.K. Mohammad	Center Chief Engineer  Sabbir Ahmed	Center Accountant  M. Shakhid Islam	Center Operations Director  Mohammad Hossain	Center Secretary  Abdul Qader	Center Fund Raising Chairman  Arun Roy	Communications and Fund Raising Director  Ruh Hossain	Center Personnel Director  Sajjad Khan
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Center Program Director:  S. H. Hossain
Center Staff/Board Director:  Nahida Steve Yasmin
Center Sports Director:  Muniruzzaman Chowdhury

2008 (Oct) - 2010 (Dec)

Center Director  Hassan Rahman	Assistant Center Director  O.K. Mohammad	BAC Secretary  Sabbir Ahmed	Center Treasurer  M. Shakhid Islam	Operations Director  Mohammad Hossain	Public Affairs Secretary  Ruh Hossain	BAC Chairperson  Arun Roy	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sajjad Khan	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sumera Chowdhury
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2007 (Jan) - 2008 (Sept)

Center Director  Rahmatul Ahsan (Ahsan)	Assistant Center Director  O.K. Mohammad	BAC Secretary  Sabbir Ahmed	Center Treasurer  Wasim Haq	Operations Director  Mohammad Hossain	Public Affairs Secretary  Arun Roy	BAC Chairperson  Arun Roy	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sumera Chowdhury
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2006 (April) - 2006 (Dec)

Center Director  Rahmatul Ahsan (Ahsan)	BAC Secretary  Sabbir Ahmed	Center Treasurer  Wasim Haq	Operations Director  O.K. Mohammad	Public Affairs Secretary  Arun Roy	BAC Chairperson  Arun Roy	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sumera Chowdhury
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2005 (Jan) - 2006 (Jan)

Center Director  Qamrul Hossain	Assistant Center Director  Rahmatul Ahsan (Ahsan)	BAC Secretary  Sabbir Ahmed	Center Treasurer  Wasim Haq	Operations Director  O.K. Mohammad	Public Affairs Secretary  Arun Roy	BAC Chairperson  Arun Roy	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sumera Chowdhury
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2004 (Nov) - 2004 (Dec)

Center Director  Qamrul Hossain	Assistant Center Director  Rahmatul Ahsan (Ahsan)	Center Treasurer  Sabbir Ahmed	Operations Director  O.K. Mohammad	BAC Chairperson  Arun Roy	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sumera Chowdhury
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2003 (Jan) - 2004 (Oct)

Center Director  Mahfuz Haq	Assistant Center Director  Qamrul Hossain	BAC Secretary  Ahsan Hossain	Center Treasurer  Sabbir Ahmed	Operations Director  O.K. Mohammad	Public Affairs Secretary  Arun Roy	BAC Chairperson  Arun Roy	BAC Director of Organizational Affairs  Sumera Chowdhury	Center Treasurer  Sumera Chowdhury
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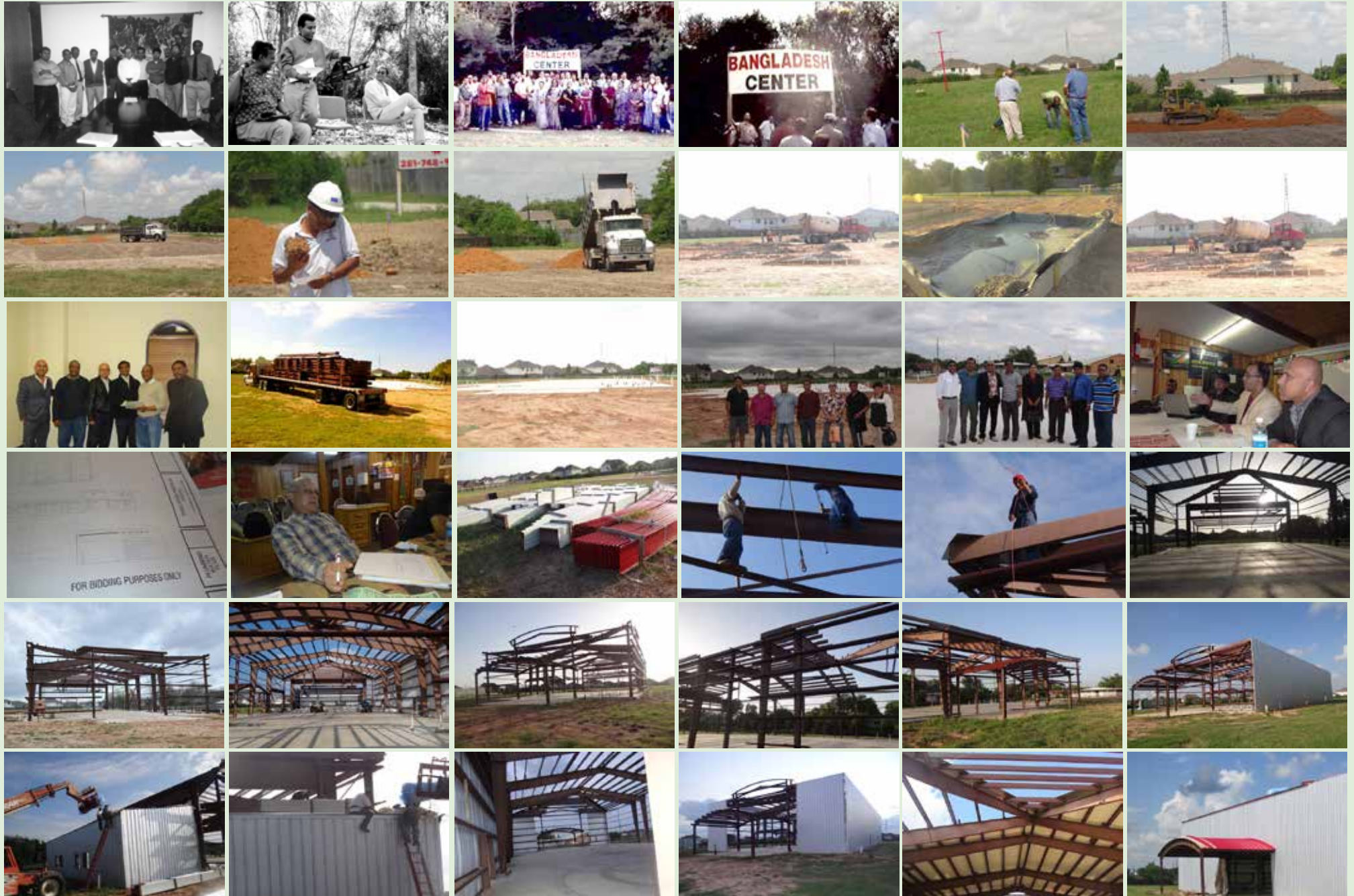
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