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As a BAC donor, you will receive public recognition, such as having your name on buildings or rooms, and invitations to special events to see the impact of your support. Donations are also tax-deductible.

We promise transparency and accountability, with regular updates on how your contributions are making a difference.

This center stands as a unique symbol outside of Bangladesh, and together, we are on a journey to realize our dream within the next two years. Join us in creating more than just a building—help us build hope, opportunity, and a brighter future at the Bangladesh American Center. Together, we can make a lasting legacy that inspires generations.

What have we completed?

Our journey thus far has been marked by significant milestones: land acquisition, temporary infrastructure setup, foundational groundwork, roofing, metal framing studs and erection, internal plumbing lines, windows, metal doors, external stucco. Yet, our vision is far from complete. We stand at the threshold of a grand endeavor, poised to transform dreams into reality.

BAC Financial Status

From acquiring the 4-acre land to completing the first phase of our center's construction, we have been fueled by an incredible sense of community from a diverse array of supporters. We are immensely thankful to the over eight hundred families who have generously contributed to this project. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment.

We promise transparency and accountability, with regular updates on how your contributions are making a difference. The total funds collected, and expenses, including center construction, operations, and fundraising, have been recorded and periodically audited.

Available Fund: \$73,109.83 as of 9/30/2024

For a detailed breakdown or further information, please reach out to Afzal Ahmed at 281-224-0361, Lucky Islam at 832-466-5363 or via email at afzalaahmed@yahoo.com.

Purpose of BAC - What's in it for Me

The Bangladesh American Center (BAC), a home away from home, is an ambitious community hub with a mission to enrich lives and uplift spirits. Here are some of the programs and services that BAH and BAC will facilitate for the community:

- ◆ **Cultural Expression:** Celebrate and preserve Bangladesh's heritage through art exhibitions, performances, and workshops.
- ◆ **Social Gatherings:** Host events and networking sessions to foster community and lasting relationships.
- ◆ **Exchange of Ideas:** Promote intellectual engagement through workshops, seminars, and discussions.
- ◆ **Sports and Recreation:** Encourage an active lifestyle with various sports and recreational activities.
- ◆ **Weekend Free Clinic:** Provide essential healthcare services through a weekend clinic.
- ◆ **Educational Advancement:** Offer programs like Bangla Pathshala and Adult ESL Classes to support lifelong learning.
- ◆ **Youth Programs:** Create activities for young adults to connect and engage with their heritage.
- ◆ **Senior Programs:** Host programs for seniors, honoring their contributions to the community.
- ◆ **Educational Fund:** Excess funds from BAC rental income will support families in financial hardship.

Donation options: Check, Zelle, and PayPal.

PayPal: <https://bangladesh-association.com/donate/>

Zelle: 346-203-1228

Zelle QR Code



**Unite for Heritage, Empower
Our Future – Support the
Bangladeshi Community Center!**



**Building Tomorrow Together
Bangladesh-American Center**

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Background

Embark on a journey with us to create something truly extraordinary: The Bangladesh American Center (BAC), a symbol of unity, culture, and community vibrancy in Houston. Imagine a space where cultures converge, traditions flourish, friendships blossom, and opportunities abound—a home away from home for all. BAC is not just a building; it is a complex that truly represents Bangladesh. It promises to uplift, inspire, and empower.

Since its inception in 1978, the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) has been a guardian of cultural heritage, fostering bonds among Bangladeshi communities. Now, our vision extends to creating BAC, a multipurpose haven at 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083.



BAC Mission

BAC's mission resonates with inclusivity, cultural preservation, and intellectual growth. It stands as a beacon for all who value freedom and diversity, embodying democratic principles, financial transparency, and an unwavering stance against extremism.

BAC is committed to fostering a community that celebrates freedom, cultural heritage, and democratic values. Open to all who cherish liberty, BAC works to preserve and promote Bangladesh's rich cultural traditions within North America in accordance with BAH by-laws. As a non-political and secular organization, BAC stands firmly against extremism and fanaticism in all forms.

***Many Minds, Many Hands, One Goal
The Bangladesh-American Center***

The Concept

The Bangladesh American Center (BAC) was envisioned as a cultural hub for the Bangladeshi community to connect with their heritage. Its central area supports various activities like sports, festivals, and performances, with surrounding facilities strategically placed for seamless integration. Despite architectural challenges, careful planning and innovative design have created a master plan that meets all functional needs while staying true to the initial vision.

River of Knowledge

The BAC will feature the "River of Knowledge," an educational trail inspired by the Padma River, promoting appreciation for the shared history of Bangladesh and Texas.



Visitors will explore significant events and figures along the "Trail of Knowledge," ending at the Shaheed Minar amphitheater. Nearby, the BAC Office will include recreational facilities, such as a sports field and playground. A multifunction hall for cultural, business, and

personal events will be surrounded by sculptures and monuments celebrating historical milestones. The journey concludes at the "Court of Contemplation," honoring influential individuals from both cultures, deepening the understanding of their intertwined histories.

BAC Shaheed Minar Complex



The Shaheed Minar, the Monuments of Martyrs, is not merely a monument; it's a beacon of bravery and sacrifice, embodying the profound affection for language and heritage. As the centerpiece of the BAC, the Shaheed Minar Complex stands out with its creative landscaping and amenities, aiming to become a vibrant and cherished community hub.

What's next?

The upcoming phase of BAC development is indeed a complex yet crucial endeavor. Civil development of the land, installation of vital utilities, and the creation of functional spaces beckon our attention. With an estimated construction cost between \$1 million and \$1.3 million, we seek partners in our quest for progress.

The summary outlines a comprehensive development plan aimed at creating a fully functional and aesthetically pleasing facility.

- ◆ Civil land development of 4 acres involves constructing a parking lot, and underground work, piping, drainage, water and fire, water retention, irrigation sleeves \$600k
- ◆ Interior and facility work includes HVAC, electrical, flooring, fixtures, walls, doors, audio/video, stage setup, painting, plumbing, lighting, seating areas, office setup, conference rooms, lobby, and auditorium. \$500k
- ◆ Shaheed Minar Complex. \$200k

Fundraising Ideas:

Your support is crucial to BAC's future. Becoming a grand patron or founding member, participating in our Naming Rights Auction, joining the FOBAC Program (monthly contribution for 15 months), or contributing any amount will bring us closer to our goals. Together, we can create a lasting legacy that inspires generations.

BAC Sustainability

Facility rental income shall make BAC sustainable. The Bangladesh American Center is a 13,000 sq. ft. auditorium. Once completed, it can sustain itself. In Houston, the current cost of renting 10,000 sq. ft. of space with a Seating Capacity of 400+ is between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00/event.

BAC Governance

The Bangladesh American Center (BAC) operates under a structured governance model. The BAC Executive Committee administers the center's activities, ensuring that all initiatives align with the organization's mission and objectives. This includes monitoring the allocation and utilization of funds, maintaining transparency, and ensuring financial integrity. Additionally, BAC trustee oversees the fund.