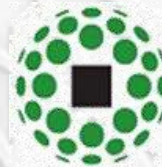


# **Community Service Provided by the Working Together Group (WTG)**

*- a brief review -*

A Presentation by

**Ismail Waja and Mazin Al-Salim**



**WTG** | Working Together Group

The logo consists of a solid blue circle centered on a white background with a repeating geometric pattern of interlocking lines forming stars and polygons. The word "MAZIN" is written in white, bold, serif capital letters across the center of the blue circle.

**MAZIN**

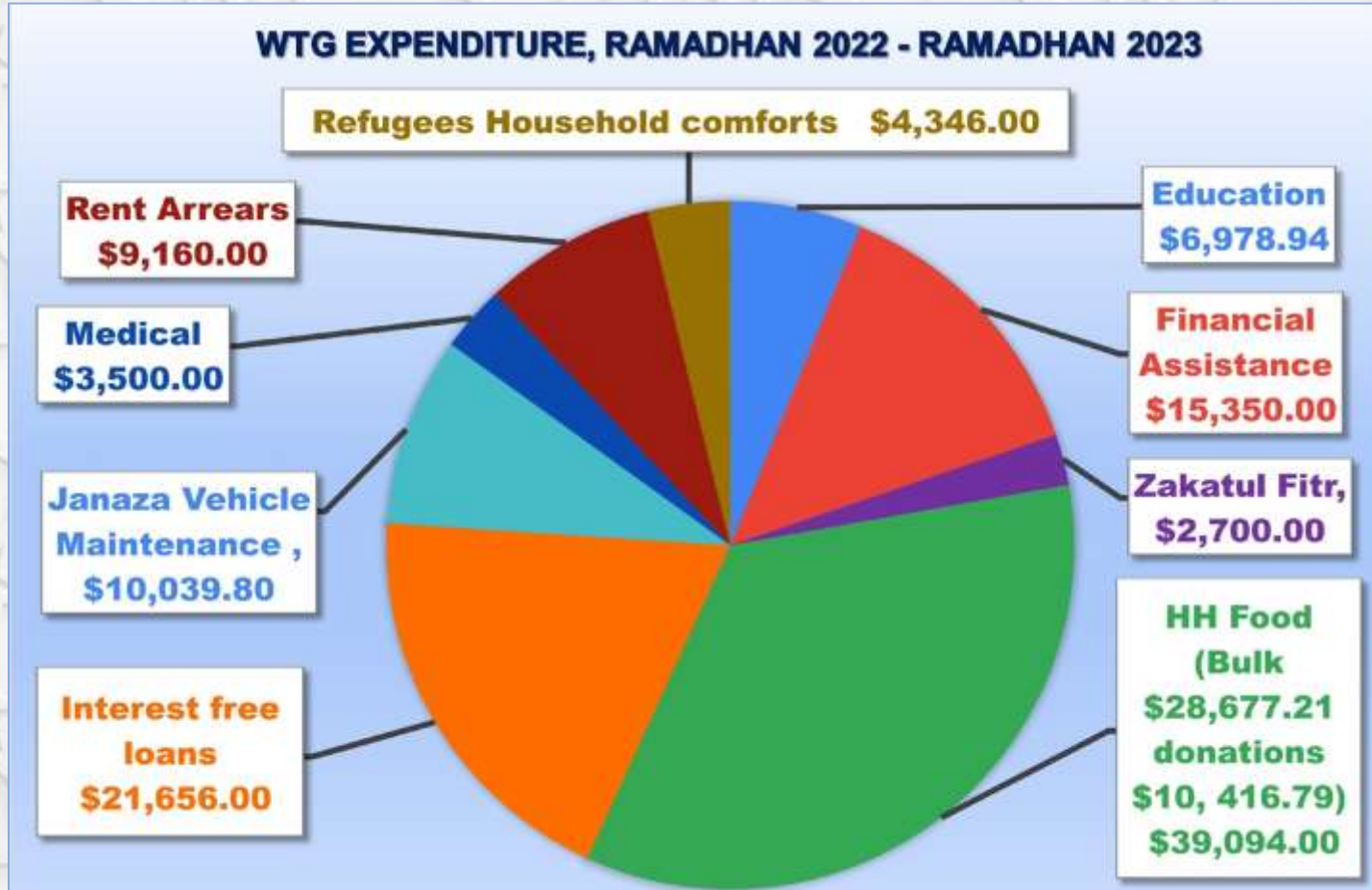
***Kia Ora, Good morning and Assalaamu Alaikum with greeting of peace to all of you.***

**Thank you Dr Carol McAllum, our Guardian, and your team of Compassionate ambassadors.**

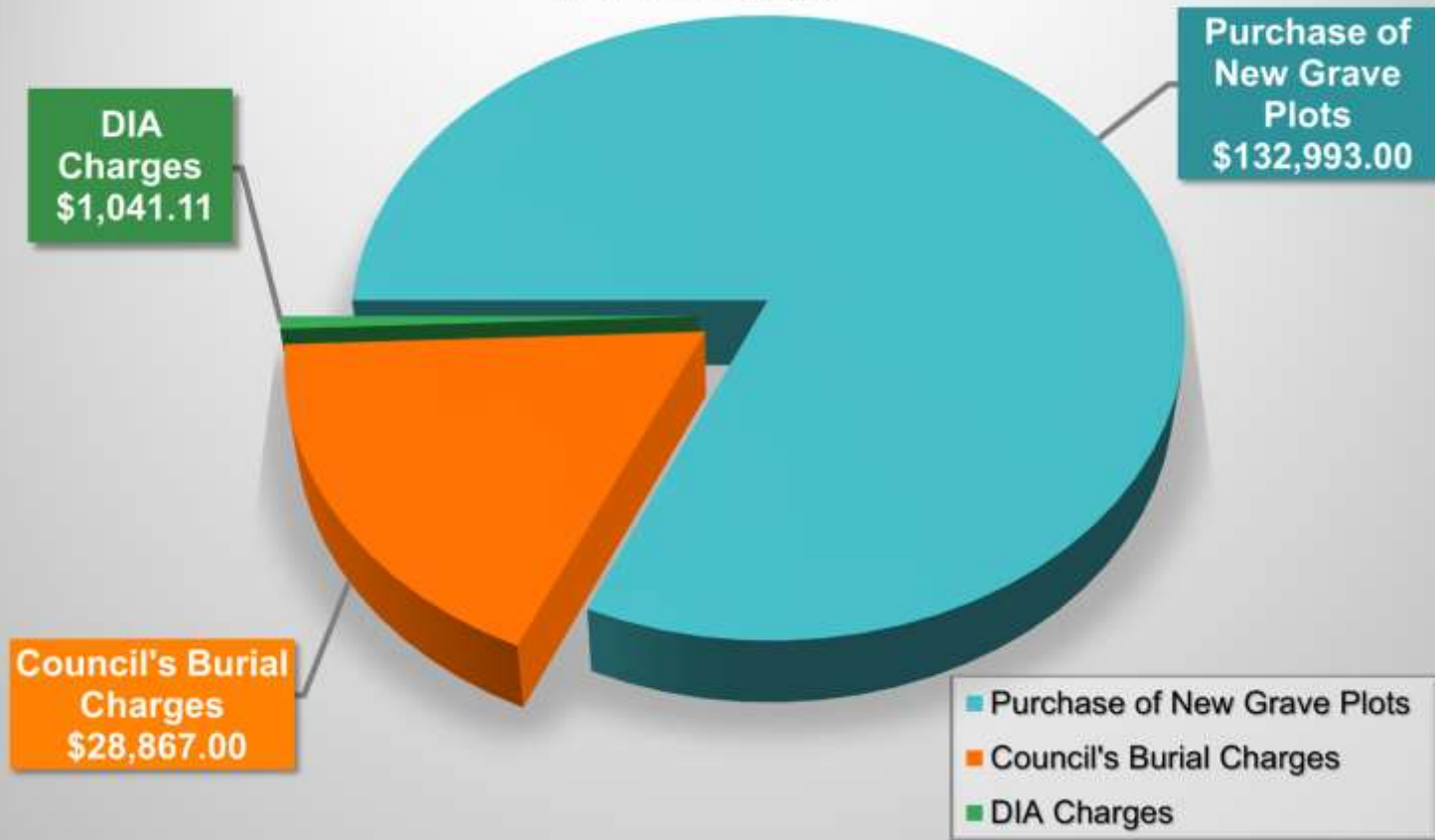
**We are very excited to be here** - part of this beautiful family of Compassionate Communities - professional assistance and guidance.

**Working Together Group (WTG)**. among the grassroots people for the last 18 years - service orientated and engaged in projects .

In Summary, this is what we did from 7 April 2022 to 31 March 2023  
(a total of \$ 112,824.47)



**WTG JANAZA WAQF SPENDING, April 2022 - March 2023**  
(Total of \$162,901.11)



The total WTG Expenditure for this period was **\$ 275,725.85**. No external funding, no fundraising.

All donations are from the **top hand** of our community. **No bottom hand**, in raising funds or soliciting funds.



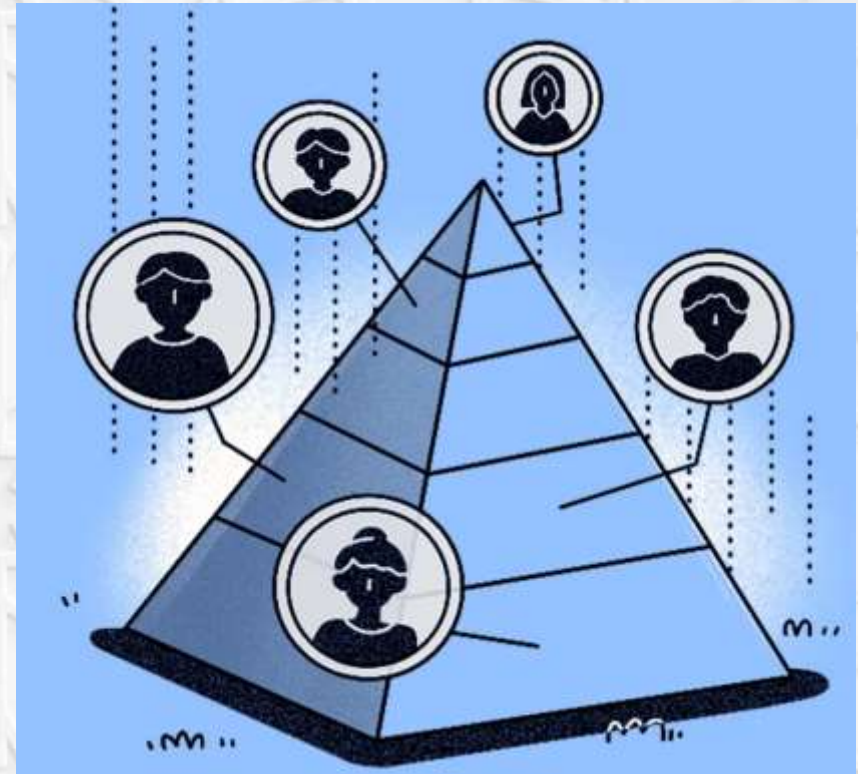
It all started with humble beginnings and once the community saw *consistency, transparency and unconditional* service, they gain **confidence to support** us.



**Since our registration in 2005, we have not run out of funds in any of our 8 projects.**

# THE WTG STRUCTURE

- WTG **doesn't have a hierarchy structure.** No President, no Chairman, no Secretary, only a Treasurer.
- We have **eliminated conflict, seekers of name and fame and competing for the boss's seat.**
- We are **all volunteers giving unconditional service.**



**Consultation** is the pillar of our operation

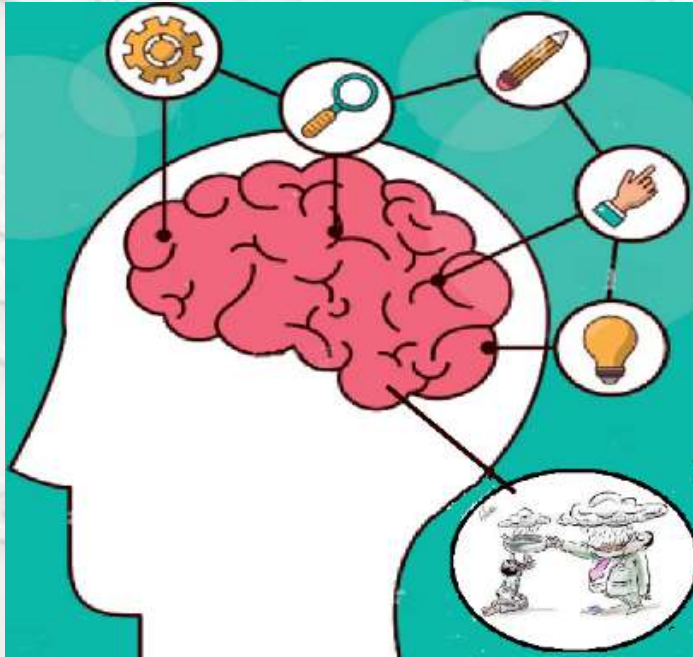




**ISMAIL**

# THE BIRTH OF WTG IN 2003

## Head knowledge



**Six of us met regularly & threw some Head knowledge on the discussion table:**

- **The problems in our community**
- **Life experience we have gathered**
- **The knowledge we pickup.**
- **Skills acquired in our Professions**
- **Useful knowledge retained**
- **Avoiding greed**

# HEAD KNOWLEDGE LANDED ON A TABLECLOTH OF HEART KNOWLEDGE

Heart knowledge is filled with:

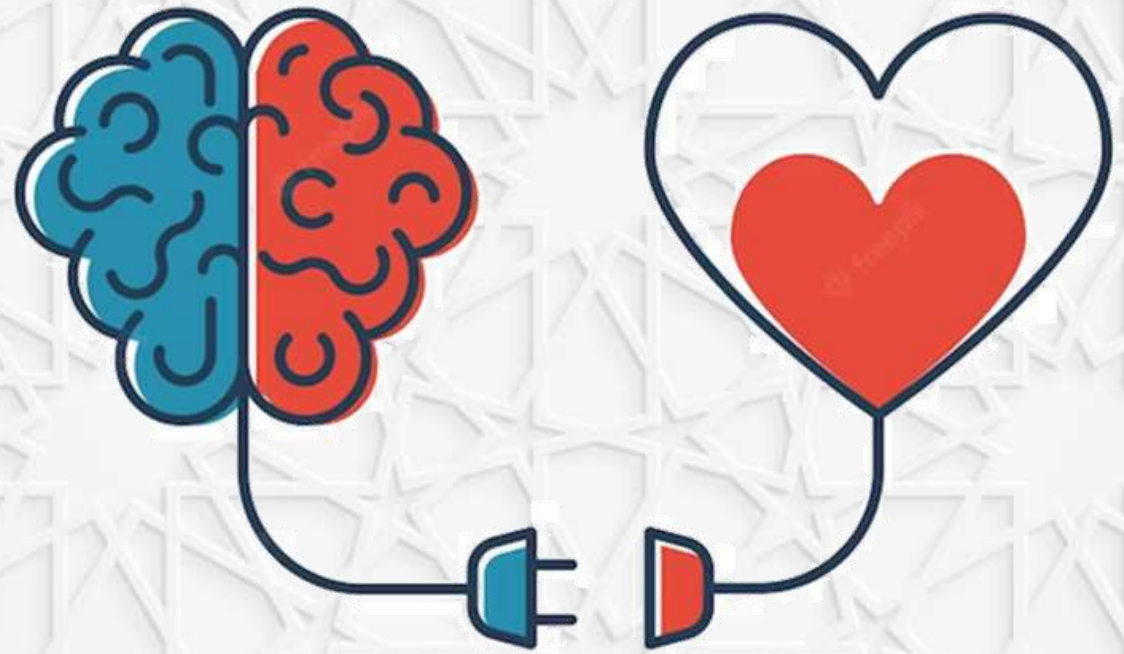
- **Care**
- **Love**
- **Feelings**
- **Emotions**
- **Compassion**
- **Sympathy**
- **Empathy**
- **Kindness**
- **Concern.**

**Heart knowledge**



# OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE WAS

To Connect **Head** knowledge  
to **Heart Knowledge**



# SOLUTION: PROVIDE SERVICE WITH EMPATHY

**HOW?**

**Put yourself in another's shoe**



# SUMMING UP



**WTG**

- In NZ we work with over 30 different Muslim ethnicities from around the World
- Advantage we share the same faith platform
- Traditions, habits, language, customs - level playing field
- Change Mindset
- In Service, with Service, for Service
- Work from grassroots upwards
- All Projects are service based.



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Creating Compassionate Communities

## A few anticipated Challenges:

- **Diverse cultures and belief systems**
- **Different lifestyle patterns - mindset**
- **MASS MEDIA: 911 Media Islam and Media Muslims emerged**
- **Civilised world - human**
- **Backward cultures - inhuman**
- **Create Compassionate Model: strong bond of humanness; overcome obstacles in our Model; provide service with empathy**

*Thank You*

