
2025

ANNUAL REPORT



**Iranian
Cultural
Foundation
Houston**

ABOUT US

Founded in 2007, the Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston is a registered non-profit organization without political or religious affiliations.

The Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston is devoted to preserving and passing on Iranian heritage and language to the next generation of Iranian Americans in Houston.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a home for Iranians and a hub for the preservation and promotion of Iranian heritage in Houston. We aspire to build a vibrant, connected community of Iranian Americans who embrace their heritage, language, and cultural roots. The Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston is dedicated to fostering a legacy of cultural preservation, education, and celebration for generations to come.

OUR MISSION

Committed to advancing the educational, social, and charitable pursuits of the Iranian American community, ICF Houston actively promotes the appreciation of Persian culture and language.

01.

Preserving and promoting Iranian heritage and language to the next generation of Iranian Americans in Houston

02.

Fostering positive Persian cultural traditions within the Iranian American community

03.

Fostering mutual understanding and connection between the Iranian and American communities



Mike Majid Jameson
President

OUR TEAM

The Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston is governed by the **Board of Directors**.

Elections are held every September, where ICF members vote to elect the board. Each board member serves a two-year term.



Fereshteh Pahlavan
Inspector



Mahmoud Miremadi
Vice President



Ramtin Barzin
Treasurer



Shermin Hassanpour
Secretary



Abdi Rezaei
Board Member



Ario Fahimi
Board Member



Atousa Safa
Board Member

OUR TEAM

Board Members are not compensated.

They serve as volunteer stewards of the organization, and devote their time to planning, organizing and managing ICF's affairs.



Darya Shavandi
Board Member



Eliza Vajdi
Board Member



Farshid Emami
Board Member



Kamelia Namazi
Board Member



Mana Anderson
Board Member



Pouya Alijanipour
Board Member

BECOME A MEMBER



Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston's member dues help to fund our mission of preserving and promoting Iranian heritage, language, arts, and cultural education. To join, all that is required is a love for Iranian culture.

Everyone is welcomed warmly at ICF, regardless of language, religion, political views, or social status.

Our shared Iranian heritage is the bond that unites us all.

JOIN THE BOARD

Iranian Cultural
Foundation Houston
invites YOU to join the
Board of Directors.

For more information:
icfhouston.com/people

We operate within a
structured framework
comprised of five
essential committees:

01.
Education
02.
Business & Partners Relations
03.
Public Relations and Marketing
04.
Membership Services
05.
Event Planning

VOLUNTEER

Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston is proud to be an official Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

This award is a Presidential honor, initiated by President Bush in 2003, to recognize the valuable contributions of volunteers across the nation that serve others through their volunteer activities.

As a certifying organization, Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston identifies eligible volunteers, verifies their service hours, and recognizes outstanding volunteers with an award annually.

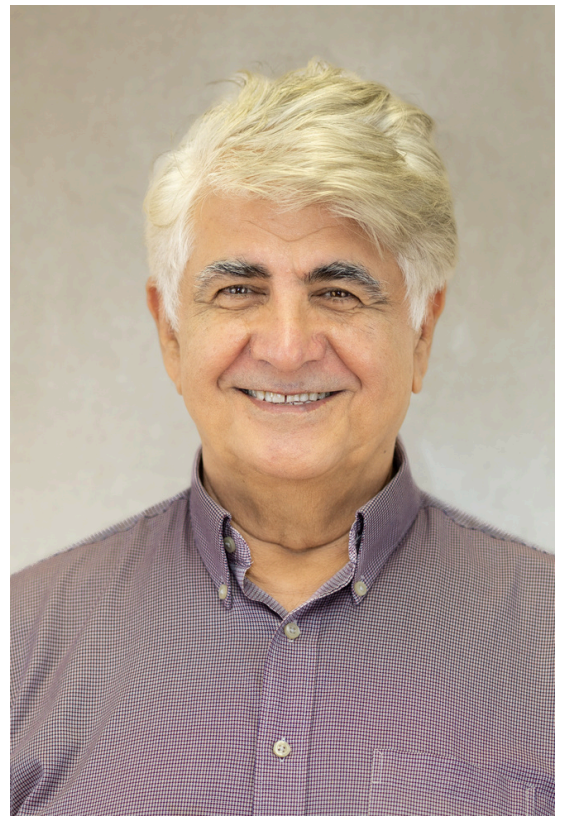


VOLUNTEER

This year, Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston proudly recognized Mr. Mahmoud Miremadi, who for the past six years has been the heart and soul of ICF's School. Every Sunday, without fail, he dedicates his time to the community he loves deeply. His passion for our mission and love for the children is unparalleled, and his steadfast presence inspires everyone around him.

As a board member, mentor, and tireless volunteer, Mr. Miremadi has worked quietly behind the scenes, never taking any credit, to ensure that the next generation of Iranian Americans in Houston remains connected to their roots.

His devotion to ICF school is a true reflection of the love he has for his community and culture. We are honored to have recognized Mr. Miremadi with the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award, a testament to his extraordinary impact on our community. We thank Mr. Miremadi for his selfless spirit, and for being a shining example of dedication and love.



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I am incredibly proud of the work we've accomplished this year at the Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston. Our commitment to preserving and promoting our heritage has truly made an impact. I look forward to another successful year of growth and cultural celebration ahead.

Mike Jameson

NOWRUZ FESTIVAL

The Iranian Cultural Foundation hosts the Nowruz festival in Houston every year, and 2025 marked our 16th annual event. As our biggest fundraising effort of the year, the proceeds from this festival play a crucial role in funding ICF's activities and supporting our mission throughout the year. Nowruz 2025 was a tremendous success, making history as our most profitable festival to date, with sponsorships being the top source of revenue.

We had over 2,500 attendees at the Nowruz Festival. Additionally, the City of Houston issued a Nowruz Day proclamation, presented by the Harris County Sheriff's department on behalf of Mayor John Whitmire.



DIDARE DOUSTAN

Didare Doustan, or Meeting of Friends, is a warm and welcoming gathering held on the last Friday of each month. Members come together to sing and play music, discuss a wide range of topics such as ancient Iranian religions, scientific and medical news, and recite the poetry of Hafez and Molavi. Mrs. Nahid Sabeti, the group's director, offers practical insights in psychology and occasionally leads the group in a brief meditation.

The program concludes with participants sharing a homemade potluck lunch, fostering a sense of community. This gathering has a positive and profound effect on the spirit of the participants, who eagerly look forward to reuniting the following month.



SHABE SHER

The Iranian Cultural Foundation's Monthly Poetry Night, or Shabe Sher, takes place on the last Friday of each month. Dedicated to celebrating Persian culture and literature, this event provides a welcoming space for poetry lovers and literary enthusiasts to gather.

Participants are encouraged to share and perform their own poetry in a supportive environment. With its beautiful verses and uplifting atmosphere, Shabe Sher fosters a sense of unity, inspiring creativity and bringing hearts closer together.



SHAHNAME KHANI

Shahnameh Reading, or Shahnameh Khani, is a monthly program held on the third Tuesday of each month. This gathering offers participants the chance to delve deeper into Ferdowsi's epic masterpiece, the Book of Kings (Shahnameh), exploring its timeless and instructive stories as well as the profound messages woven throughout.

More than just a literary treasure, the Shahnameh is a symbol of Persian identity, history, and culture. We hope this evening will open a window into the vast and enduring world of Ferdowsi, inspiring all who are passionate about Iranian literature and heritage.



دوشنبه ۱۱ آگوست، ساعت ۷-۹ شب | Monday, August 11, at 7-9 pm

ورود برای همگان آزاد و رایگان است. | Free Entry for All

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YALDA CELEBRATION

The Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston hosted a vibrant Yalda celebration at University of St. Thomas, featuring a stunning Yalda sofreh and live performances by our talented students.



Our school proudly showcased beautifully choreographed dance performances, live music by local talent, and a wonderful Yalda theatrical play.



This was the first time ever that ICF had an event where the performers were all students, and it was a huge success!



ICF SCHOOL

At the Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston, our Sunday School is our pride and joy. We offer Persian (Farsi) classes from Kindergarten through 5th grade, along with a variety of other enriching programs such as conversational Persian, conversational English, Persian dance, art, storytelling, calligraphy, theater and more.

Our students have the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing songs and dances on stage at our annual Nowruz festival. Through our Sunday School, we are dedicated to nurturing a love for Iranian culture, language, and the arts in the next generation.

We're proud to report that the school saw a 31% increase in net revenue and a 39% increase in total student enrollment year over year.



FILM FESTIVAL

The Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston proudly collaborates with The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on the annual Festival of Films from Iran – the Museum’s longest-running film festival.

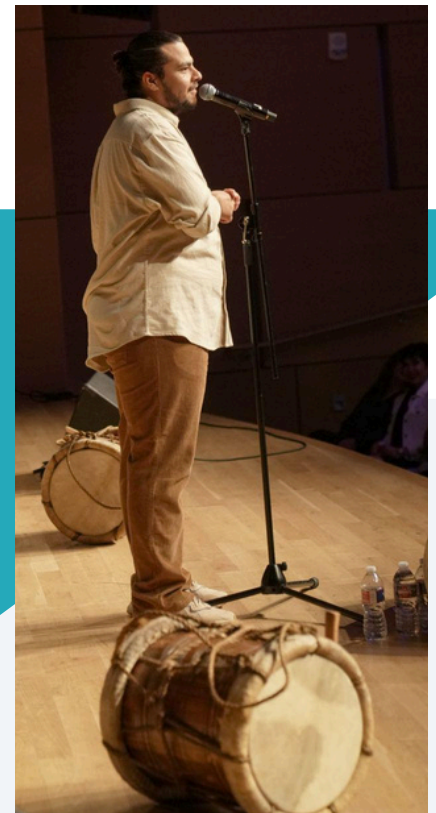
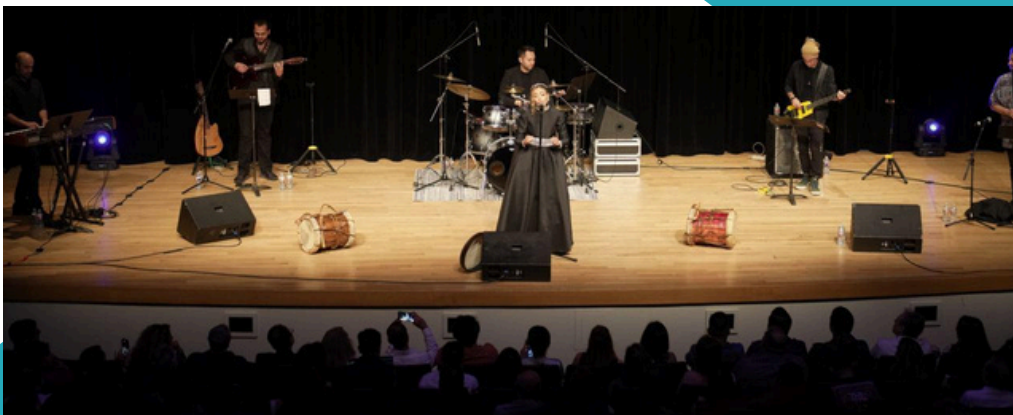
In its 32nd year, the festival took place from January 24–31, 2025, showcasing a remarkable lineup of films celebrating Iranian cinema.

- *The Stranger and the Fog* (Gharibeh va Meh) – dir. Bahram Beyzaie
- *The Seed of the Sacred Fig* (Danaye anjir-e moabad) – dir. Mohammad Rasoulof
- *6 A.M.* (Sa’ate 6 Sobh) – dir. Mehran Modiri
- *Universal Language* (Une langue universelle) – dir. Matthew Rankin
- *My Stolen Planet* (Sayyareye dozdide shodeye man) – dir. Farahnaz Sharifi.



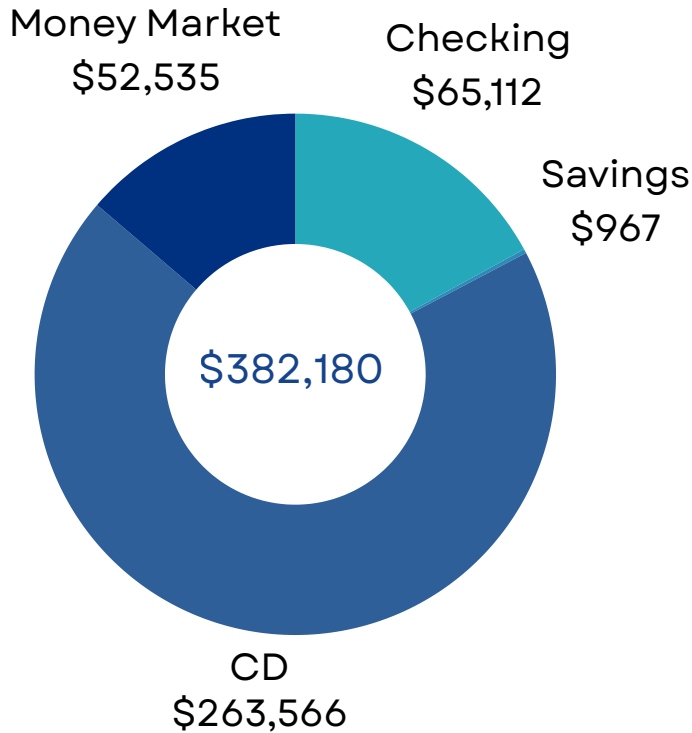
SIRIYA ENSEMBLE

ICF Houston hosted the Siriya Ensemble on Saturday, Feb 8, 2025. This spirited group from Bushehr brings southern Iranian music to life with a contemporary twist. Led by front man Mohammad Laryan and vocalist Sheenubb, they reimagine Iranian folk traditions— weaving in local lyrics and classical Persian poetry (Rumi, Hafez, Saadi)—to keep our cultural roots strong while making the music feel fresh and welcoming to everyone.



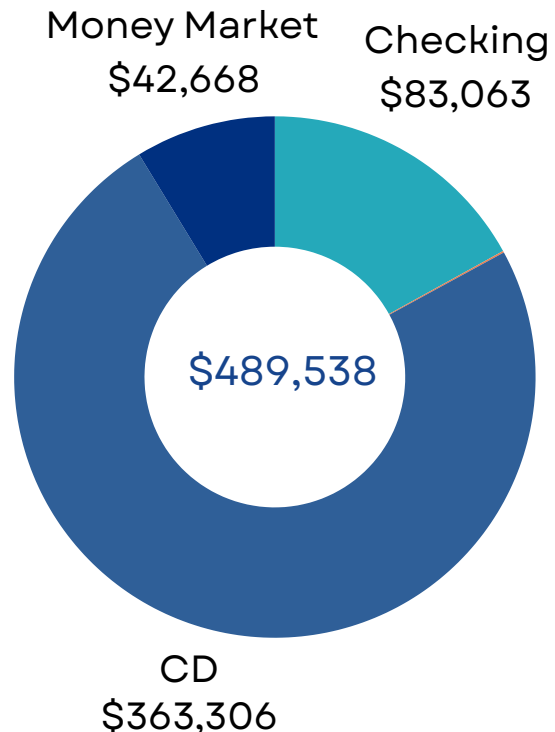
ASSETS AT A GLANCE

September 2024



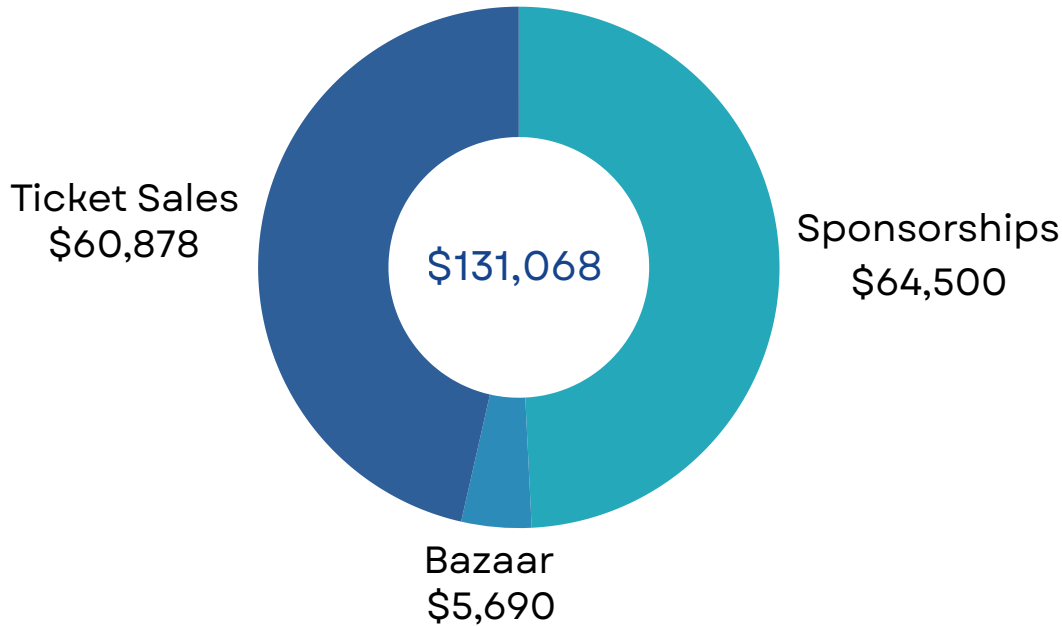
We grew total assets by \$107,358, or 28.1% year over year.

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2025 NOWRUZ FESTIVAL

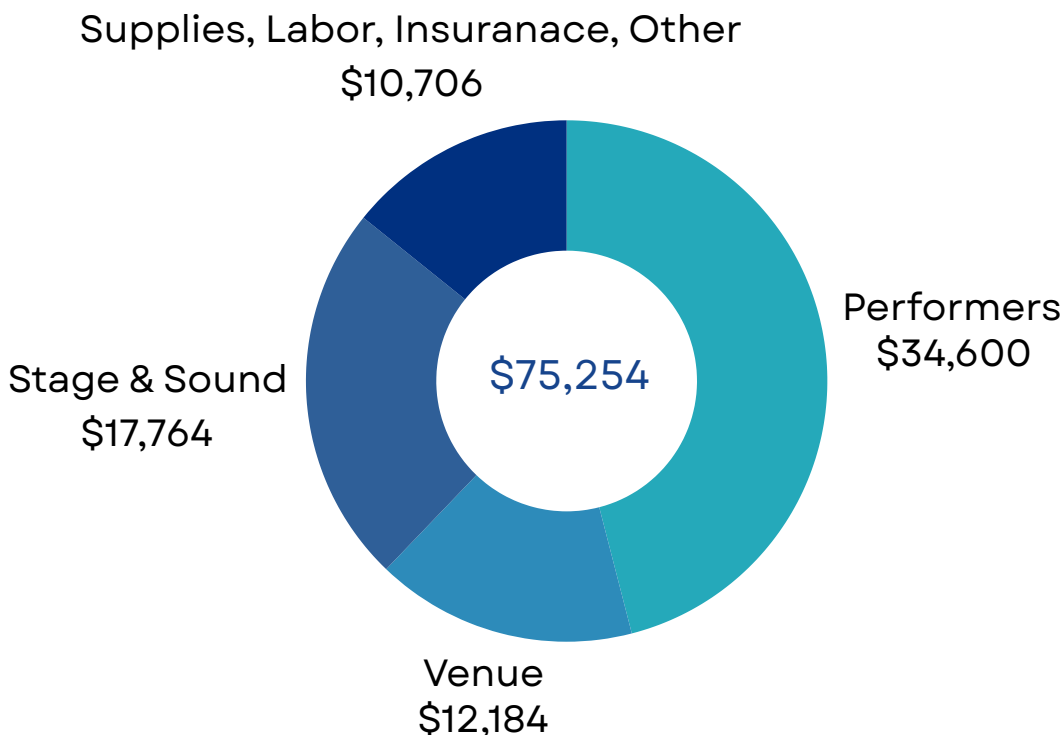
Revenues



The 2025 Nowruz Festival brought in a total of \$131,068 in revenue, and cost \$75,254.

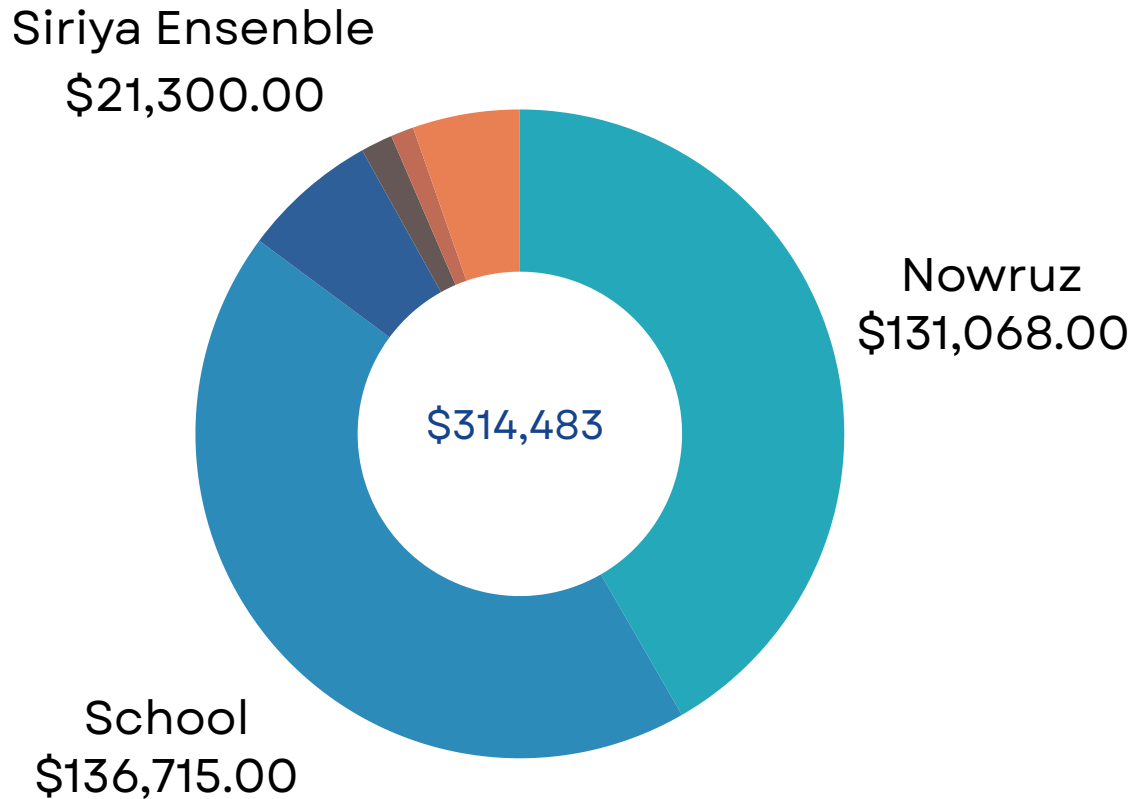
This resulted in a net income of \$55,814.

Expenses



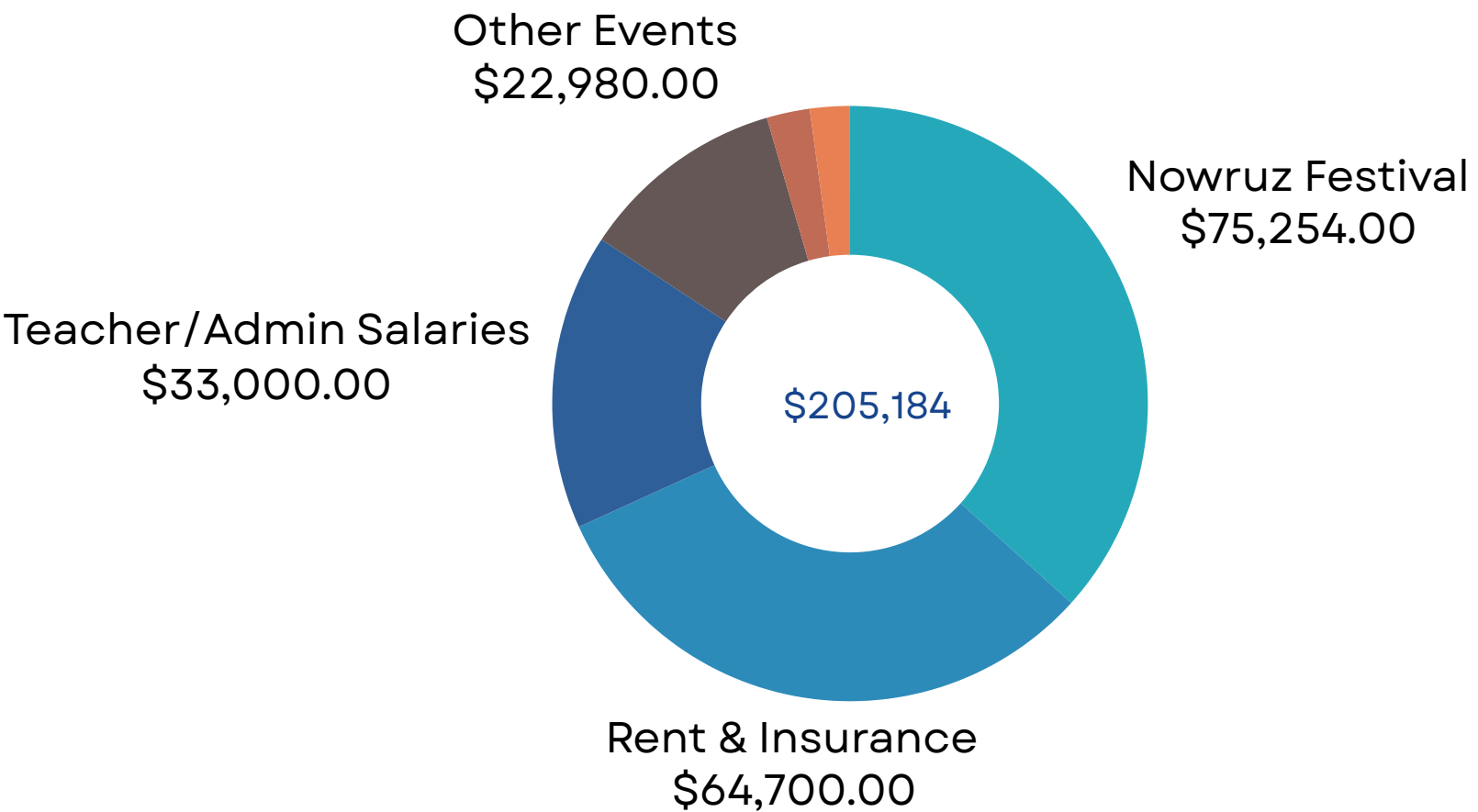
More than half of the Nowruz Festival revenues come directly from our valued sponsors and bazaar vendors, proving that the Nowruz Festival would not be possible without their generous support.

REVENUE AT A GLANCE



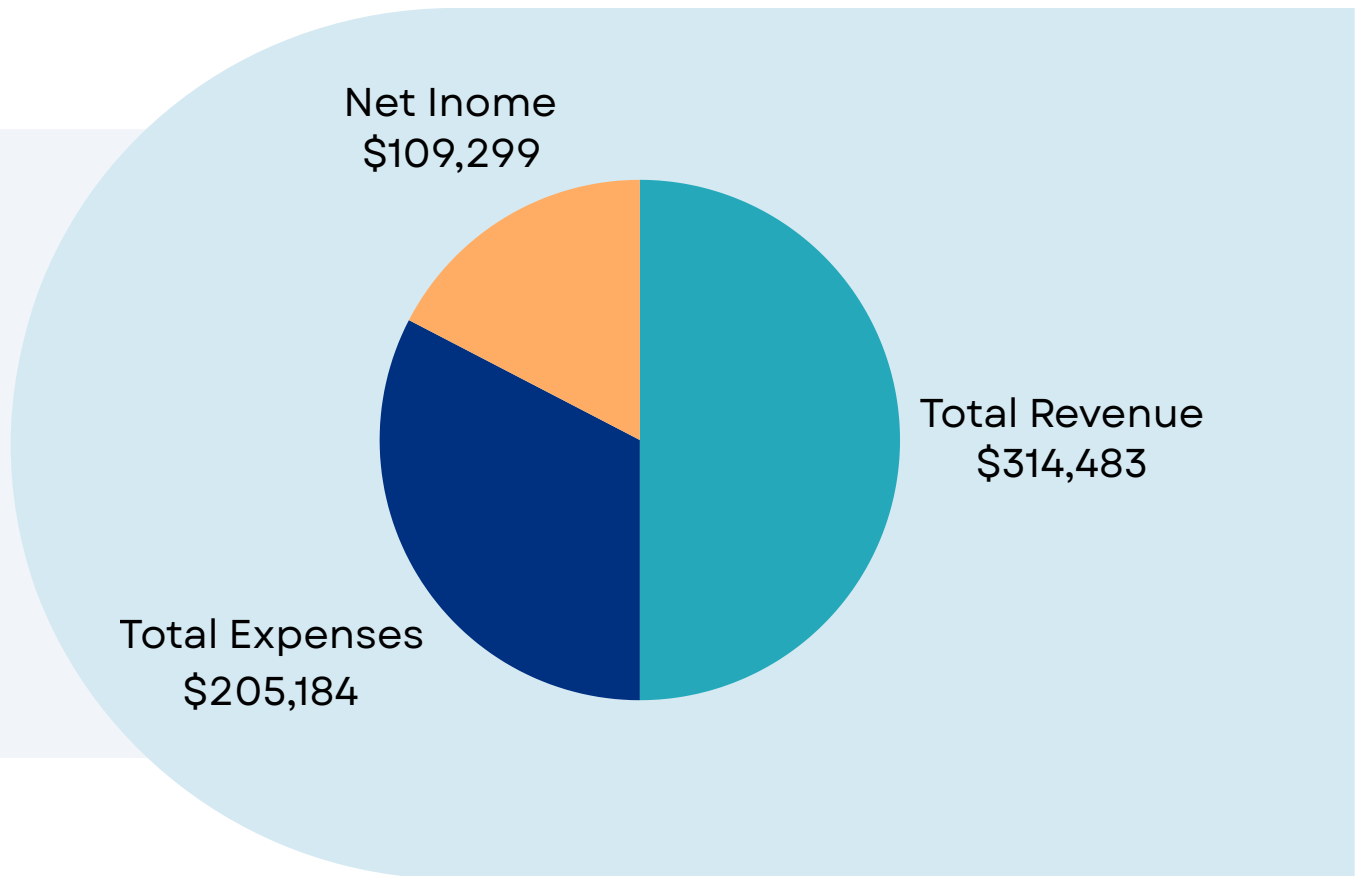
In 2025, our two largest revenue sources were the ICF School (43%) and the Nowruz Festival (42%), together making up 85% of total revenue.

EXPENSES AT A GLANCE



In 2025, our two largest expense categories remain the Nowruz Festival (37%) and monthly rent & insurance (32%), together making up 69% of total expenses.

NET INCOME AT A GLANCE



The growth and success of our school, our financial investments, the generous support of our sponsor and donor community, as well as the success of the 2025 Nowruz Festival all contributed to over \$100,000 in net income for ICF from September 2024 - August 2025.

LOOKING AHEAD

For years, ICF Houston has rented space to host our school, share our arts, and celebrate in our traditions.

Our goal for our next chapter is to purchase a building in order to create a welcoming, permanent home where Iranian culture in Houston can thrive for generations.

This is more than a building—it's a promise that our language, traditions, and heritage will always have a home in Houston.



SPECIAL THANKS

Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston extends our heartfelt gratitude to the following for their generous support

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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By supporting our mission to preserve and promote Iranian heritage, Persian language, Iranian arts, and cultural education, donor contributions leave a significant and lasting impact on the Iranian community in Houston. Donations allow us to continue to host educational programs and cultural events that celebrate the richness and diversity of Iranian heritage and have a meaningful and lasting impact on the Iranian community in Houston. Iranian Cultural Foundation Houston extends our heartfelt gratitude to our donors for their generous support.



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