

## Zahabia Usmani



Zahabia Ahmed-Usmani was born in Karachi, Pakistan but has lived primarily in the US (Florida, Texas and California) for most of her life. She considers Southern California her home even though she has now lived in Michigan for a longer amount of time. Zahabia is a wife, sister, daughter and mom of 3 kids (17, 15 and 10). She has worked in market research and for non-profits, currently working for Kaufman Interfaith Institute at Grand Valley State University. As Program Coordinator at Kaufman, Zahabia works on leading the Kaufman Youth Interfaith Scholars, Summer Service Day Camps and assists on all of the other flagship programs for the organization. Her passion is the intersection of social justice and interfaith which is also a main theme for the Scholars this year. Active participation in our community drive her to participate on Boards of Directors, such as the LEDA

board, Fair Housing Center of West Michigan, Model Communities Initiative, Diversity Rocks the Books, Women of Color Give and many other social justice initiatives in her community. She has also just started her Masters in Public Administration at GVSU.

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