

# ICSNC ELECTION 2022

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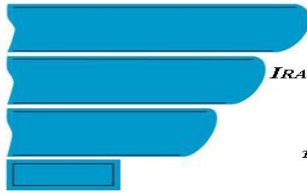
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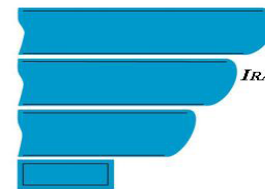
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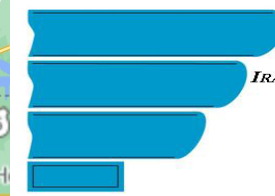


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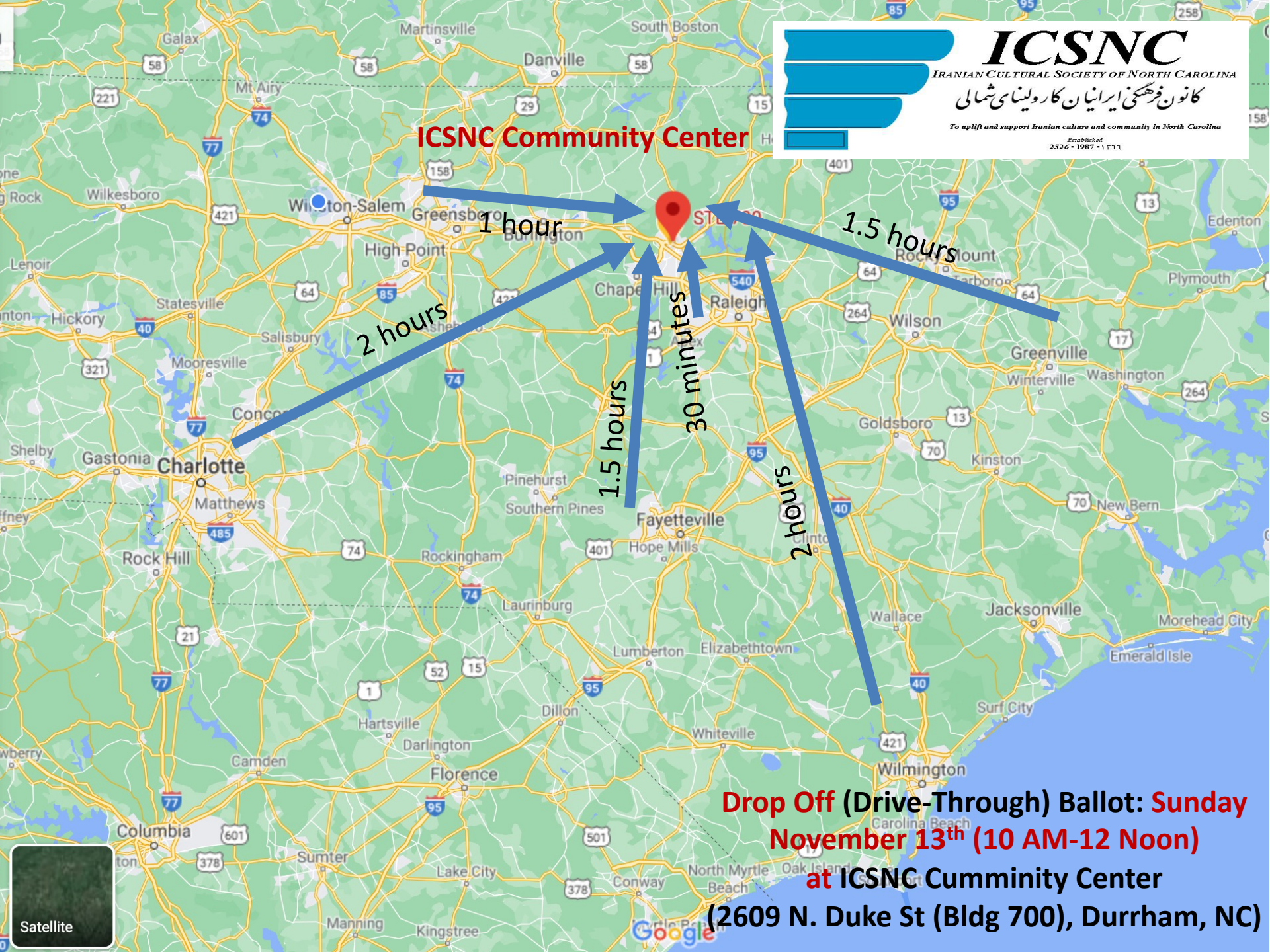
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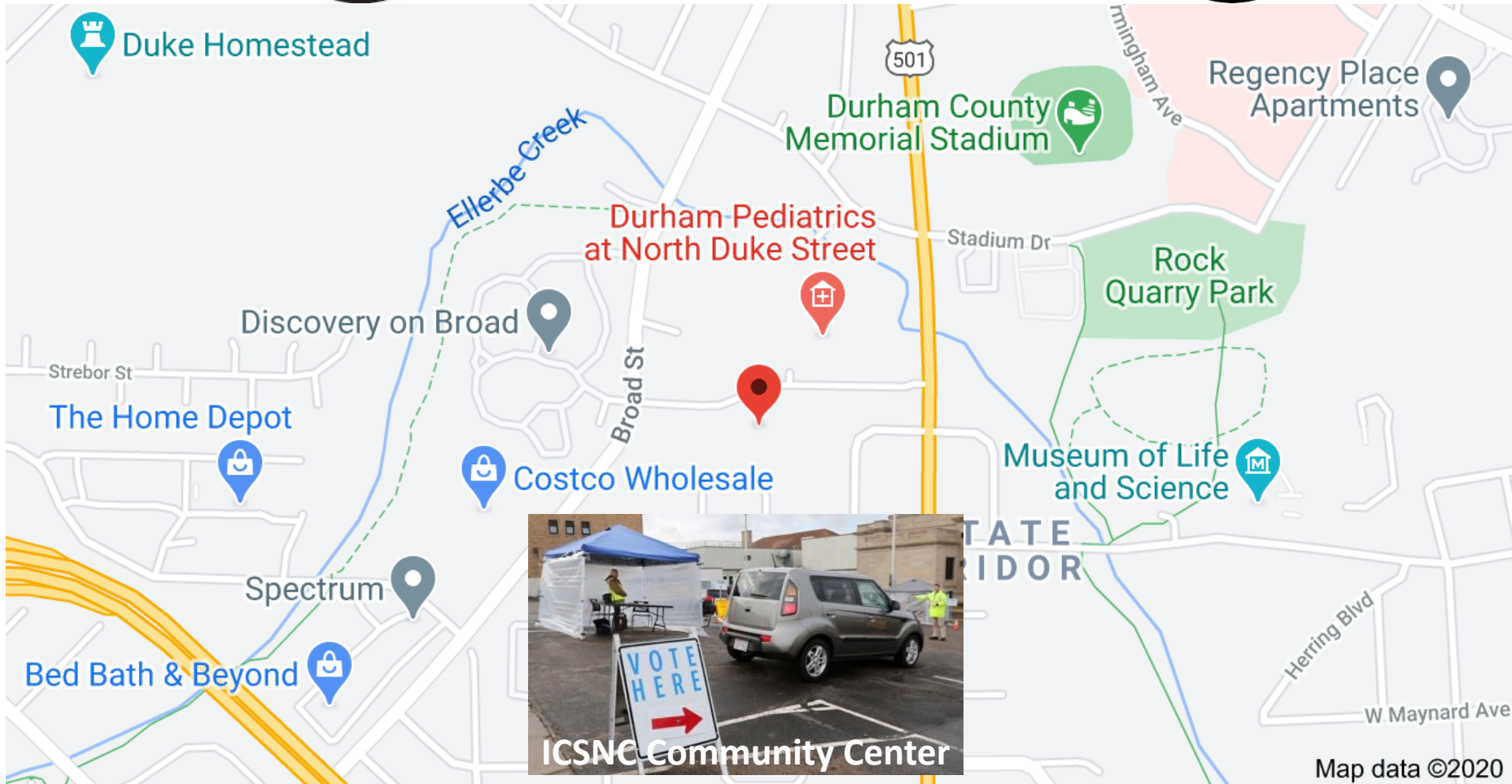


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# Shahla Bagheri

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# Shahla Bagheri

My name is Shahla Bagheri and I have been a resident of North Carolina in the past 12 years. I was born in Iran, raised in Tehran and after completing Tehran Medical School, I arrived in the United States in the mid 1970s to obtain my specialty. After completing the residency program in psychiatry at New York Medical College, I began working at several mental health clinics and psychiatric hospitals, serving different communities while raising my family in New York. Over 12 years ago, after my children were grown and independent, I relocated to North Carolina and began calling Cary home. I was pleased to discover an active Iranian cultural program in the Triangle area and soon became a member of the organization. I served on the ICSNC board of directors for 3 years while working as an adult, adolescent, and child psychiatrist in the Triangle area. I served on different committees and volunteered for Kanoon activities during this period. Recently, about a couple of months ago, I retired from seeing patients after 35 years of service but still carry on my professional activities as a medical director, continuing my supervisory duties. In 2012 with encouragement of Mr. Kazem Yahyapour and the board of directors, I began publishing Peyvand magazine as editor of Peyvand. Peyvand is published biannually with focus on the community activities and events with special concentration on the youth, Persian school and university students as well as promoting Persian culture and language. Family is my main source of happiness and aside from family and meaningful social bonds, I love traveling, art and culture, literature, movies, and music. My desire to see the world, has taken me from the southern arctic circle, to Japan, crossing over the Himalayas and visiting most European countries and the northern American continent. One of my best memories is flying over Iran and seeing the Caspian Sea and “falaate Iran,” from 30,000 feet above. The bonds that connect us to the mother country get even stronger with time. I would like to serve the board of directors of Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina focusing on these issues: **1** - Thanks to the generosity and cooperation of the community members, at ICSNC we have enjoyed our biggest achievement in the form of purchasing “khaneh Iran.” during the global pandemic. But this has not come easy. I have observed how hard the board of directors and khaneh Iran committee members have toiled, spending hours of discussions, meetings, problem solving methods, fundraising, and spending hours and hours of time and energy to make this achievement possible. I am prepared to spend my time, energy, and skills and belief in the spirit of cooperation, help the board to continue to achieve its multiple goals. **2**- I believe by joining the board of directors, as Peyvand’s editor, I will have my finger on the pulse of the community and will be able to address the community needs and wants through Peyvand magazine. **3** - I firmly believe that fellowship has a healing power, and through initiating and inspiring community lectures, classes, promoting artistic activities and social gatherings, we can achieve social wellbeing for all of us. I will be grateful and honored to get your votes.



# Mehdi Emamian

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# Mehdi Emamian

As a longtime resident of North Carolina and an active member of the Iranian Cultural Society of NC (ICSNC), I have served as a President of the ICSNC Executive Board Members from 2016 through 2018 and before that as a vice president and secretary from 2012 through 2015. I'm currently working as a Senior Research and Development Engineer at the Free Electron Laser (FEL) Laboratory at Duke University and currently serve as an advisor to the Graduate Student Association of Iranians at Duke University (GSAID).

My community activities are also include collaborating with a few faculty at Duke, UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University to sponsor cultural programs that connect students who originate from Iran with their communities in North Carolina. It is my belief that community's connections through academics, history, music and art provide a critical foundation for mutual understanding.

# Mahdi Fahim

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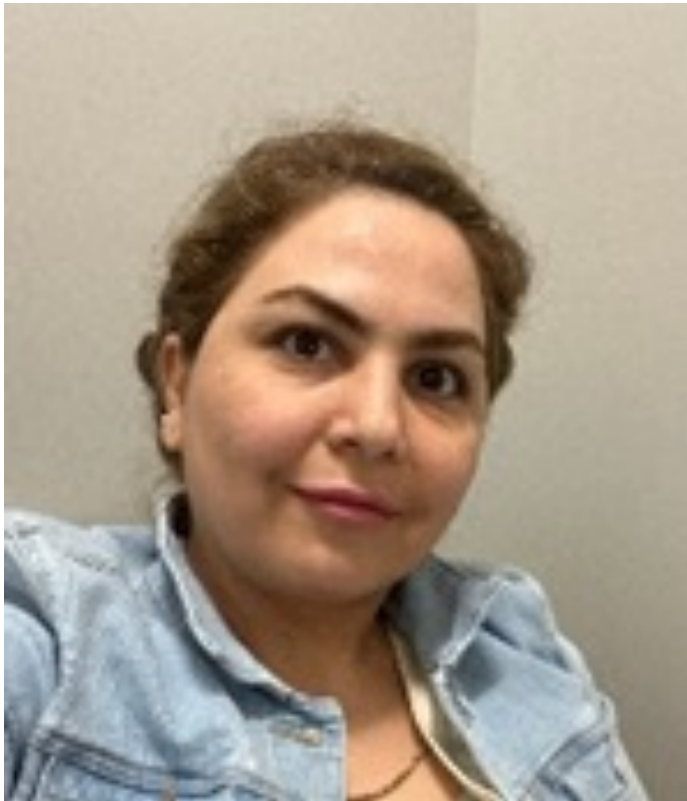
# Mahdi Fahim

My family and I have been living in North Carolina since year 2006. Soon after our move, we learned about the great Iranian-American community in the triangle area, Persian School, and year-around cultural activities. My wife and I volunteered at the Persian school, where our two sons attended the Sunday Persian Classes. I've also served our great Iranian Community through different programs and activities, including serving as the fundraiser for the Persian Festival, volunteering at the Sizdah Debar and Norooz celebrations, and assisting with many other Iranian cultural events. I have been a member of the ICSNC Board of Directors for the past three years, while serving as the "Aria Cultural Center" fundraising coordinator.

**I believe:** That our Iranian culture and heritage is an undetachable part of our life. We owe it to ourselves, our children, our community, and our society to preserve and introduce this rich and peaceful culture. I believe that ICSNC is a great organization and the best platform for fulfilling this duty and has been moving diligently in right direction. I'm confident that we can do more by engaging our young students and helping them to take the lead and become the future leaders of our community. I believe that we can build a home where our elderly, youth, artists, teachers, scientists, and all other community members come together, ---support each other, and share and enjoy their life experience. I believe that we can enhance our public cultural events and activities and use them as an opportunity for introducing the rich and ancient Iranian history and culture. **I would be honored to work with this community for achieving these goals.**

# Mehrnaz Madadi

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# Mehrnaz Madadi

My name is Mehrnaz Madadi. I was born in Shiraz and moved to Raleigh in 2016 with my husband, Hamed. Hamed and I both pursued a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at NCSU. Hamed graduated in 2020, but I am still working on my thesis. We have a son named Daniel that was born in 2019 in Raleigh.

I had the honor of serving on the board of directors of Iranian Student Association (ISA) at NCSU as the vice president last year. I am also a member of the “membership committee” and the “Persian school committee” for ICSNC. In “Membership Committee,” I collaborated with other members to prepare and propose the new ICSNC membership requirements and regulations to the ICSNC BOD. As a member of “Persian school Committee,” I am helping to prepare the upcoming semester program for the ICSNC Persian school. As the VP of ISA, I was involved in organizing Yalda and Nowruz celebration at NCSU last year.

I believe considering my experience and skills, I am ready to serve as an Officer on the BOD of ICSNC to be a representative of young Persian people of our community. I believe there is so much potential for student involvement in ICSNC and I could help in organizing events that could encourage students with even a small amount of Persian heritage to engage in the ICSNC committees and promote Iranian culture in local communities.



# Assadollah Mehrabi

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# Assadollah Mehrabi

My Name is Assadollah Mehrabi. I was born On May/1952 in Nahavand city, Hamadan State, but live in Tehran. I left my dear country 27 Years ago, first 4 years I was in Germany then on 1999 came to USA, North Carolina.

I work as steel fabricator for 45+ years. I was once in university study Chemistry. I was in my 4th year almost finish that revolution war and all university closed for months. Then after opening they don't let me to come back to university and I obtained my Bachelor. No finish, No Bachelor...

I was living in NC until 2009, I was involved with (Kanoon) ICSNC and be board member for few years, was in Emdad Committee and worked with Mrs. Mehry Ebrahimi, also be involved with Sadeh Celebration two times and worked with Dr. Logman and play the role as Mr. Atash Afrooz (funny guy with lots of laugh) at theatre.

Then because of my wife's kids problems we had to move to Ontario, Toronto area that took 10 years. During this time we had our small family business as Architectural Iron Works in Oakville, Ontario for 10 years and fabricated so many many spiral stairs all kind of stairs, fences, gates, all kind of rails and many more.....

Three years ago, we came back to NC and live in Holly Springs.

I am very content, hopeful and positive person. I believed life is going forward in good way and everything will change and grow in better ways always.

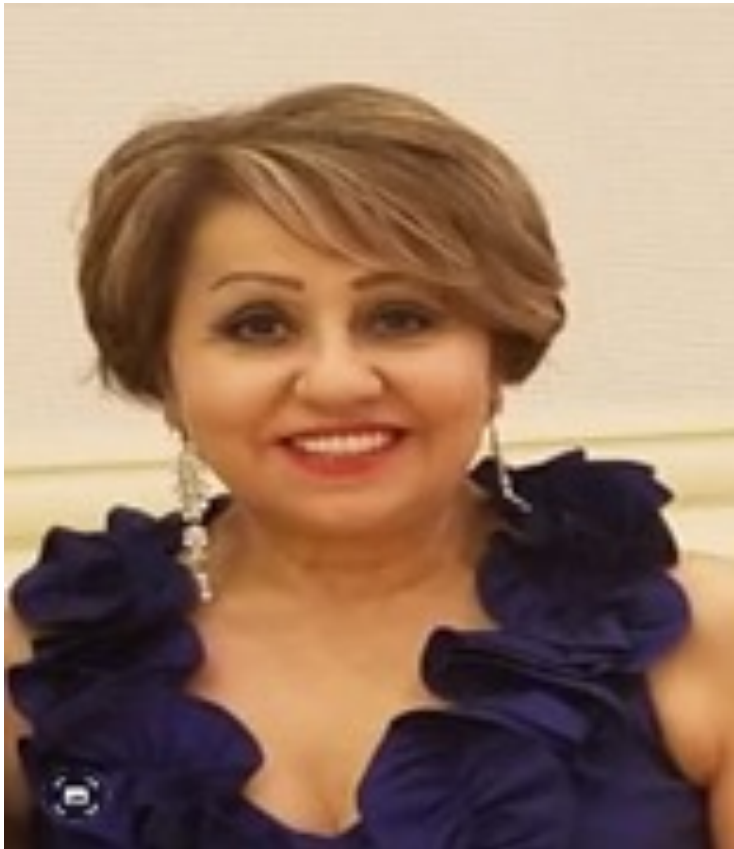
I love travel, reading, watching good action movies and cooking. Cooking is my passion. I like spend time with family and friends and have valuable gathering with food, laugh, joke and entertainment.

My attention to be board member if selected is helping my Iranian community in cultural and socially.

I love to see my Iranian people who live in NC be always hopeful, successful, happy, healthy and also be motivate community for us and for this country we all live in. Thanks.

# Maryam Mirdamadi

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# Maryam Mirdamadi

As an existing member of the ICSNC, I, Maryam Mirdamadi, would like to join the board of directors and help support the mission to grow and celebrate the Iranian culture.

Like many other Iranians who left Iran during the Iraq war, my family and I have taken refuge in other countries since 1987. I raised my children in Belgium for eight years before moving to Canada to be closer to family. I was fortunate to meet my current husband, Assadollah Mehrabi, in North Carolina during a family visit back in 2005. Since then, we have lived together in Ontario and North Carolina, where we have managed a full-time business jointly and grown our families and lives.

My formal education in Iran was in nursing, and I dedicated the first thirty years of my career to health and patient care. The last ten years, my husband and I started and operated a boutique Iron shop in Toronto. It was an extremely satisfying experience and helped me practice my administrative, sales and managerial skills.

Looking back along the way, the journey may sound long and challenging. Still, I'm thankful for the opportunities that each new city provided me, including my understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures.

I now recognize this thirst in my life to help others and contribute to my community and heritage. I wish to take advantage of my spare time to give back to the Iranian community and be an active part of any fitting committee within the organization. There is an opportunity for ICSNC to listen to the members to support and grow the membership. Together we can organize events, participate in city outreach programs, fundraise, educate and take the initiative to keep the Iranian culture alive and relevant in North Carolina. Our efforts today will make the transition of our stories, language and history respectable to the next generation as they continue and lead after us.

# Forooz Salim

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# Forooz Salim

I, Forooz Salim was born in Shahreza and lived there till I got 18 years old. In 1982, I moved to Tehran to attend medical college and graduated in 1986 with Nurse Anesthesiology degree. I got married in 1988 to my husband Ali who lived in Raleigh since 1975 and moved to Raleigh few months later with leaving all my family and friends back home. One year later in 1989, my son Sasan was born, grown up here and graduated the high school. After that, he attended medical college, and he is in his 3rd medical resident year working in a hospital in Tampa Florida. During his teenage years, he attended the Persian school, helped Persian Festival, was a member of ISA and helped the food bank voluntarily.

Since I moved here, I became a member of the ICSNC and started meeting new people and eventually found solace in the Iranian Community and friends that I made, friends that I still have today.

I have watched the Iranian community's growth in North Carolina, and I am happy to say that I was able to be a part of it. I have served as a member of many of the ICSNC committees such as Sadeh, Chaharshanbeh-Soori, Nowruz, Yalda, International Festival and I was a board member twice.

I am also part of Arya Center (khaneh Iran) development since the start helping other members to finish this important project. I have dedicated my time to ICSNC because, it was this Iranian community that made me feel welcomed and helped me assimilate into life in the US and I do not know what I would have done without their support. I want to see the continued growth of our community and I will continue do volunteer help to Iranian community.



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