Mobilizing Communities for a Better Michigan







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Assalamualaikum

Peace to all of you

On behalf of the Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the 28th Annual Unity Banquet, where we bring together Michigan's colorful and vibrant Muslim community with local friends, for a celebration of our accomplishments and our trailblazers.

MMCC has had a busy year fulfilling our core mission of unifying Michigan's Muslim communities. As the local host for the 51st annual Islamic Society of North America Convention in Detroit this past Labor Day, we saw over 15,000 Muslims come to Detroit an experience our hospitality and Detroit culture first hand. In addition, our annual Muslim Capitol Day was among the most



successful yet, with hundreds of participants from across the state coming to Lansing to engage with their elected officials. The Imams Council and the community service projects such as the Oedhiya/Qurbani meat distribution, the Ramadan Fight Against Hunger, the Day of Dignity and more are all part of our effort to use community service and networking as a way to bring the community together and contribute to the betterment of our state.

The work of MMCC would not be possible without your support. We appreciate the many board members and advisers who have given of their time and resources to continue the work of MMCC and help guide it into the future. We are also indebted to the many others who have supported MMCC, whether is has been donating money, volunteering at our activities and events, watching our kids while we were at meetings, or simply "Liking" us on Facebook. God rewards even the smallest of good deeds.

We know there is much more work to be done. We have many great ideas on improving civic engagement, enhancing our service, interfaith and youth activities. All of these and more are possible with the grace of God and with ongoing financial support from our community.

I sincerely thank you for joining us. I hope that you will stay involved today and over the next year. May God bless you all, and may God bless our country.

Muzammil M. Ahmed

Chairperson, Michigan Muslim Community Council



As Salaamu Alaikum – May the Peace that only God can give be with you,

It is my pleasure and honor to personally welcome each and every one of you to the 28th MMCC Unity Banquet. On behalf of the MMCC Board of Directors, Community Advisory Council, Imams Council, MMCC committee members, support volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to make this evening possible, we pray that your life is enriched by this opportunity to spend an evening with family, friends and community members.



All Mighty God has said that He created us "...so that we may come to know one another..." This special evening is the pinnacle of our calendar year. So quickly time has moved us from one event to the next, one challenge to another that seemed even more daunting. And with every opportunity we have worked together, struggled together, triumphed together or determined we would overcome obstacles better the next time around. Through it all we have come to know one another more clearly with more respect and appreciation. This is part of the critical process for growing and strengthening the Muslim Presence in Michigan.

With every event and activity we have celebrated our commitment to the values of Islam that include devotion to the worship of God, cared for the members of our communities, and reached out to our neighbors in service. It also is an opportunity for us to recognize the significant contributions of individuals and organizations in order to appreciate their achievements. The best among us help to set the standard that can inspire all of us to do more.

I would also like to personally thank our staff and leadership team for their dedication. They are drawn from among leading community members and carry many other responsibilities. Their contributions form the core of our work. They are loved, respected, and crucial to the success of our mission.

And finally, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to all those young and older that volunteered this year. Looking towards the coming year we again say, "Please volunteer. You can make a difference in so many ways. Find your passion, your special gift that when added to others' will help transform the future for all that live in Michigan!"

Wa Salaamu Alaikum - May the Peace of God be with you.

Dawood Zwink

MMCC Executive Director



Dear Friends, Assalamu Alaikum

As Outreach Director, it is my pleasure to welcome you to MMCC's 28th Annual Unity Banquet: Mobilizing Communities for a Better Michigan. This year has been a very busy year for MMCC, especially with MMCC being the local host for Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) convention which was held in Detroit for the first time in 51 years! The ISNA conference unified communities through its rich experiences of bringing together various cultures, ethnicities, and faiths coming together to help "Generations Rise." It was an honor for me to serve on the Detroit steering committee as Volunteer Chair and work with a phenomenal group of individuals from across the state.



I also had the privilege of managing MMCC's Civic Engagement activities, including Muslim Capitol Day. This year was the largest attended Muslim Capitol Day in MI with over 200 attendees. Six Islamic Schools from various cities across MI came together and learned about the importance of civic engagement. Four of the schools had cross-school debates and debated on relevant policy issues for the state of MI prior to Capitol Day.

MMCC has also hosted voter registration drives, phone banking, five candidate forums in both Wayne and Oakland County with our local non-profit partners and multiple workshops and educational program for both the youth and youth counselors.

MMCC would like to help educate Muslim communities to realize our civic responsibilities and be proactive in communicating with our elected officials and taking part in community service projects. Being an organization that serves as an umbrella and partners with others, allows people opportunities to select from a wide array of programs including, social service projects, voter mobilization, interfaith activities, and youth development.

MMCC is an organization that is made up of a team of dynamic individuals, each bringing a certain area of expertise but all working towards common goals; unifying diverse communities, pursuing social justice and promoting best American and Islamic values. They are open to innovative ideas and concepts, willing to explore and to take risks, finding ways to make things work despite the hurdles and challenges that may occur. Communicating with these individuals allows me to learn something new each day and keeps me motivated. I am proud to be part of this team and will continue to do my part in building healthy and sustainable relationships across communities and to help Michigan move forward

On behalf of MMCC, we hope you enjoy your evening

Amina Iqbal
Outreach Director

Michigan Muslim Community Council

The Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC) is a representative forum of the Michigan's Muslim community. In the 1980's, metro-Detroit's Muslim community embarked on the critical task of bringing Muslim communities under a single umbrella. The Muslim leadership began work on the creation of a Council, bringing together partners from multiple Muslims sects, ethnicities and races. The Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan was established in 1988, and was formally incorporated in 1993.



CIOM focused on efforts to unite the Muslim community since the 1980s. The very first organized efforts of the developing Council was an annual Eid Unity Banquet in celebration of the end of Ramadan. Since that time, CIOM branched into numerous other important services, including statewide open houses for Michigan's many mosques, extensive outreach effort working with civic and interfaith groups across the state, developing a strong relationship with local print and broadcast media, establishing halal food guidelines on a statewide level, and establishing the Imam's Council.

A parallel council, Islamic Shura Council of Michigan (ISCOM), was established in 2005 to focus on community service projects. ISCOM developed partnerships with many non-profits, including the free healthcare clinic, HUDA, Muslim Family Services, and Islamic Relief, one of America's largest Muslim charitable organizations. The Shura Council helped rehabilitate numerous inner-city mosques and feed thousands through their annual Udhiya/Qurbani (ritual sacrificed meat) program, and Humanitarian Day programs. Their Day of Goodness raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local service projects that benefited the underprivileged in this area.

In 2012,CIOM & ISCOM merged, and formed the Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC). The MMCC is a representative forum of the Michigan's Muslim community. MMCC's Board of Directors come from every major ethnicity, sectarian groups and nonprofit within the Muslim community. An Advisory Council assists the Board of Directors in remaining connected with the community. MMCC is supported by resources from generous community members, partner organizations and grants. Its Executive Director, Dawood Zwink, and Outreach Director, Amina Iqbal both joined in 2013 as full-time staff. They are supported by dozens of volunteers and interns.

MMCC is committed to unifying and coordinating Michigan's Muslim communities, promoting Islamic and American values to help better our state and advocating for social justice. MMCC will work to enhance and develop needed programs in the community that will improve the state of the people of Michigan, In sha Allah (as God wills)

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November 2, 2014



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 28th Annual Unity Banquet at Burton Manor, hosted by the Michigan Muslim Community Council.

As we move forward on our journey to create an environment in Michigan that fosters job opportunities and growth, it is important to recognize those making committed efforts to improve and invest in the future of our state. I am confident that your organization will continue to contribute to our collaborative efforts to reinvent Michigan.

Again, welcome to the 28th Annual Unity Banquet. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder Governor

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STATE OF MICHIGAN RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING

November 2, 2014

Dear friends,

I am honored by the invitation to the 28th Annual Unity Banquet for the Michigan Muslim Community Council. This year's theme and your activities of "Mobilizing Communities for a Better Michigan" is to be applauded and used as an example of the importance of unifying communities to promote the best Islamic and American values toward a better Michigan.

Congratulations for your hard work and efforts this year with many events and activities including interfaith, civic engagement, Muslim Capitol Day, education and social service events, and Detroit hosting the 51st annual ISNA Convention.

Best wishes on a successful event!

Sincerely,

Gutt A. Johnson
Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State



MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN J. WALSH

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Nov. 2, 2014

Dear friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Burton Manor again this year for the 28th annual Michigan Muslim Community Council Unity Banquet.

Through cooperation and collaboration, I am confident that we in the Michigan Legislature have helped improve opportunities for job creation and economic growth, while still recognizing the diverse talents of Michiganders. Organizations like the Michigan Muslim Community Council and the dedicated individuals who support them continue to improve and invest in Michigan's bright future. My colleagues in the Legislature and I thank you for your hard work and talented devotion to the Great Lake State.

Again, welcome to Burton Manor, and thank you for choosing Livonia for the 2014 Unity Banquet. I hope your visit is enjoyable, and please accept my best wishes during today's celebration.

Sincerely,

John Walsh

Speaker Pro-Tempore

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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RASHIDA TLAIB

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

October 23, 2013

Asalaam Alikum Sisters and Brothers,

I want to congratulate and commend the Michigan Muslim Community Council's accomplishments this past year as they bring us together to celebrate their work at their Unity Banquet.

MMCC plays a critical role in unifying our state's diverse Muslim community and engaging all of us in dialogue with other faiths and backgrounds. They have worked hard to bring together Muslims to collaborate on a number of political and civic issues that help ensure that we have a seat at the table on critical debates on education, health, economic development, public safety and many more quality of life issues. In particular, they have been a strong voice to combat stereotypes about the Muslim faith by educating and reaching out to a wide array of government, religious, and educational agencies.

The annual Muslim Day at the Capitol has grown into a great success in Lansing engaging State Senators, Representatives, and the Governor on policy and budgetary issues that impact our community. Throughout my time as State Representative, it has been a pleasure to work with MMCC and to witness firsthand the positive impact MMCC has had in bringing our community together, and truly fostering a sense of unity.

InshAllah the Michigan Muslim Community Council continues to be successful in their work.

Sincerely,

Rashida Tlaib

State Representative

6th District

Keynote Speaker

Dalia Mogahed

The Michigan Muslim Community Council is proud to host prominent scholar Dalia Mogahed as our keynote speaker. She is the new Director of Research at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU). She is the co-author of "Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think". The book is based on 6 years of research and more than 50,000 interviews representing Muslims in more than 35 predominantly Muslim countries. Accounting for more than 90% of the world's Muslim community, this poll is the largest, most comprehensive study of its kind. Dalia later appeared as a commentator in the award-winning, PBS-broadcast documentary *Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think*



(2010), which was based on her and Esposito's book and produced by Unity Productions Foundation. Mogahed's analysis has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy magazine, the Harvard International Review, the Middle East Policy Journal, and many other academic and popular journals. She was a participant in the second edition of Dubai Debates, on the topic "After the Arab Awakening: Opportunities and Challenges for a New Arab World". She has received many awards including Arab World's Social Innovator of the Year in 2010 and recognition as one of the top 500 most influential Muslims in the world.

Emcee

Saeed A. Khan

Saeed A. Khan is currently in the Department of History and Lecturer in the Department of Near East & Asian Studies at Wayne State University- Detroit, Michigan, where he teaches Islamic and Middle East History, Politics and Culture and where he also is a Fellow at the Center for the Study of Citizenship. His primary area of research is the identity politics of Muslim diaspora communities in the US, UK and Europe. He is also Adjunct Professor in Islamic Studies at the University of Detroit-Mercy and at Rochester College, co-teaching a course on Muslim-Christian Diversity, and at the University of Detroit-Mercy. In addition, he is a founding member and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Social



Policy & Understanding: a Michigan-based think tank promoting the study and analysis of US social and domestic policy. Mr. Khan has been a contributor to several media agencies, such as C-Span, NPR, Voice of America and Time, as well as newspapers and other outlets, and is also a consultant on Islamic and Middle East affairs for the BBC. Most recently, Mr. Khan has founded the Center for the Study of Trans-Atlantic Diasporas, a think tank and policy center examining and comparing the condition of ethnic immigrant groups in North America and Europe, consulting the US and UK governments on their respective Muslim communities. He is also a Managing Editor for the Journal of Islamic Law and Culture.

Management and Event Planning Coordinator

Erum Mohiuddin is a community activist who has worked for many years with youth, community development and planning. An Teacher and Administrator by education and experience. She has a decades worth of educational experience. She served as the Vice-Chair of the ISNA Detroit Conference and is currently working with MMCC in its Industrial and Organizational development. She is the Co-Founder of Innovative Events of Michigan, a full service Event Planning business that plans and coordinates all kinds of events from weddings, fundraisers, Profit and Non-Profit events.



Awards

Victor and Shahina Begg Interfaith Partner Award

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Buttry is the Global Consultant for Peace and Justice with International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches. He helps Christians around the world as well as people of other faiths to be more effective peacemakers, including in inter-religious conflicts. He has conducted conflict transformation trainings in many countries, and in a few situations has been part of mediation teams between armed groups. He has written a number of books, including *Interfaith Heroes*, and *Interfaith Heroes 2*, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* and *Peace Warrior: A Memoir from the Front*. Dan is one of the founding members of the InterFaith Leadership Council, as well as its predecessor organization, Interfaith Partners.

Rev. Sharon Buttry is an urban minister with International Hope Center in Hamtramck and part-time Global Consultant for Community Transformation with International Ministries. She served as part-time staff for Interfaith Partners, doing community organizing for interfaith events. She was the spokesperson for the call to prayer campaign in Hamtramck. She has been active in WISDOM, the Detroit area women's interfaith network, and is a frequent speaker on the "Five Women,



Five Journeys" program. Sharon serves as a Chaplain with the Hamtramck Police Department where she helped recruit and organize an interfaith team of chaplains.

The Buttrys live in Hamtramck and were co-founding members of Hamtramck's interfaith group, The Common Word Alliance. Dan and Sharon have 3 adult children.

Fairness in Media Award

"Do what you love, and love what you do."

Joe Grimm teaches MSU journalism students how to cover local communities by helping them run local news sites in and around East Lansing. This site, Entirely East Lansing, links to more. Grimm also teaches student how to edit for print and digital news outlets. In the spring of 2012, one of his classes wrote and produced "The New Bullying," a website, paperback and ebook available for sale on Nooks, Kindles, iPads and phones. The students did it in 101 days.

In the 2013-2014 academic year, Grimm is part of a Communication Arts and Sciences team working with professionals at Saudi Aramco, satisfying his passion for working with global communities. Grimm is campus advisor for the student chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists. He is also co-director of The Living Textbook, an Asian American Journalists Association project in a Dearborn middle school, he



writes a column for the Freedom Forum's Diversity Institute, he hosts bi-weekly chats for the Poynter Institute and he has run workshops on professional branding for the American Press Institute. Grimm teaches in the National High School Institute's five-week journalism intensive at Northwestern University and he coached the high school journalism team that worked with the Time, Inc., project in Detroit in 2009-2010. He was also news editor for reznetnews.org, a national Native American news site. Grimm was newsroom recruiter and staff development editor at the Detroit Free Press from 1990 until August 2008. During those years he also worked with corporate recruiting teams at Gannett and Knight Ridder. He has interviewed hundreds of people, reviewed thousands of job candidates on paper and recruited at hundreds of job fairs and college campus career days. In 1993, he established an annual jobs fair in Detroit. In 1997, he launched the JobsPage, a journalism careers site and spun off a blog in 2003. In 2006, that blog became "Ask the Recruiter," a daily feature with the Poynter Institute's Career Center. He has been a regular contributor to Editor & Publisher magazine, the Newspaper Association of America's Fusion magazine and UNITY: Journalists of Color. Grimm created "100 Questions and Answers About Arab Americans" in 2000. He posted that guide the day after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and it became a timely and heavily trafficked publication. That guide is a partial inspiration for the J-School's new series of guides to cultural competence. Grimm joined the Free Press in 1983 and has been a copy editor, news editor, front-page designer, weekend editor and ombudsman. He began his newspaper career at The Oakland Press where he was a copy editor, wire editor, copy desk chief, page-one designer, regional editor and associate editor. He started teaching college as an adjunct professor at Oakland University around 1980. Grimm has taught media editing, copyediting, reporting, editorial writing and photojournalism. He also is a member of the advisory board for the Great Lakes Books series at Wayne State University Press. Grimm earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism and a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan.

Awards

Syed Salman Community Service Award

Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST)



MIST (the Muslim InterScholastic Tournament) is a series of competitions for Muslim high school students all held over one weekend. There are over 40 competitions, including fashion design, debate, tajweed, and science fair. Competitors attend MIST as part of a team representing their high school. When they're not competing, they're attending a specially-designed workshop or rooting for their teammates.

MIST's mission is to bring together students from across Michigan, and across the nation, under one roof to promote communication, inspire community leadership, and foster

creativity, all while gaining a deeper understanding of Islam and Muslims. They are dedicated to empowering high school students to excel in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

MIST is a nationwide organization founded in 2001 in Houston by Shazia Siddiqi. The first regional tournament took place in February 2002 with over 100 participants from around Texas. Since then, MIST has expanded dramatically with over a dozen chapters in the United States and Canada, including one here in Detroit. More than 5,000 participants attended a tournament in 2014, and since 2009, there have been 20,000 unique registrations.

MIST Detroit was founded in 2007, with the first tournament taking place in April 2008 at Oakland University with 88 students. In 2010, MIST moved



to Wayne State University. MIST Detroit was selected to host the National MIST tournament in 2012, an honor only four other MIST regions have held. In 2014, over 450 students attended MIST from 30 high schools from Detroit and Dearborn to Flint, Grand Blanc and Lansing. They hope to grow to 600 students in 2015, with plans to expand into Ann Arbor, Windsor, and Kalamazoo inshaAllah.





THIS YEAR'S SYED SALMAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The 2014 Syed Salman Community Service Award goes to the Detroit chapter of MIST, **the Muslim**InterScholastic Tournament. MIST is a nationwide organization which organizes fun & interactive competitions for Muslim high school students. Annual tournaments are held in over a dozen cities with 40 competitions including tajweed, debate, fashion design, and science fair.

MIST's mission is to **bring together students** from across Michigan and the nation under one roof to promote communication, inspire community leadership, and foster creativity, all while **gaining a deeper understanding of Islam** and Muslims. They are dedicated to empowering high school students to excel in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

Here in Detroit, MIST is held yearly in March at Wayne State University, and has grown exponentially with 2015 attendance expected to be **600 students** inshaAllah. This makes MIST Detroit the **largest** Muslim American youth movement in the region. It gathers students from over 30 high schools, **unifying communities** from Detroit and Dearborn to Lansing and Flint.

TO LEARN MORE OR VOLUNTEER AS A JUDGE, VISIT **MISTDETROIT.COM**

MMCC Mission

- 1. Promote **unity and cooperation** among the diverse Muslim communities, cultures, ethnic backgrounds and races by convening and mobilizing the Muslim community
- 2. To promote the **best Islamic and American values** through advocacy, and organizing service, education and partnerships and coalitions with ethnic racial, religious, education and civic organizations, government and the media others
- 3. Pursue social justice, improve human relations and uphold human rights in America







MMCC 2014 Programs and Events

- Annual Capitol Day May 13, 2014
- Candidate forums and Voter Push
- Voter Education and Civic Engagement Workshops
- Imam's Council Media Training
- ISNA/MMCC Mosque Forum
- ISNA Convention August 29-September 1st
- Service Projects including the 2014 Ramadan Fight Against Hunger and the Oudhiya / Qurbani (Meat donation) Program
- Youth Development Programs
- Pre-Michigan Muslim Capitol Day Debates
- I Want to Be President







MMCC 2013-14 Programs & Activities

Unifying Programs

The Islamic Society of North America's (ISNA) 51st Annual Convention – Over 15,000 people visited Detroit for ISNA's annual convention, held in Detroit for the first time during the Labor Day weekend in 2014. Over 500 vendors, artists, scholars, imams and activists, provided opportunities for networking, personal growth and great ideas for helping Michigan grow. As the local host, MMCC helped ISNA with logistics, programs, and managed over 300 volunteers!

Michigan Charities and Mosque Seminar – MMCC partnered with Muslim Advocates in February 2014 to host a seminar for our region's non profits, bringing individuals from the IRS, from the non profit legal community and other specialists to provide best practice guidelines and recommendations to over 200 community leaders

Masjid Development Forum – MMCC partnered with ISNA in May 2014 to host a series of experts on making the mosque open and vibrant for all community members. Special sessions on conflict resolution, women in the mosque, and youth programming provided critical information to attendees.

Imams' Council – Co-chaired by Imam Mustapha Elturk and Imam Mohammed Elahi. This council has brought together Shia and Sunni Imams who meet regularly to address religious challenges affecting the community. In collaboration with CAIR-MI and the ACLU, the Imam's Council worked with the Department of Corrections to secure religious accommodations of inmates for halal food, Ramadan and Friday prayer services. The Imam's Council has organized sermons about themes such as Earth Day, racism within our own community, and more. Imams are trained in pastoral care, mental health screening, drug use among teens, utilizing social media, and interacting with the media.

Intrafaith Summit – CIOM originally brought the Shia and Sunni communities together as they signed the Code of Honor over a decade ago. The Code of Honor that calls on Muslims to respect each other's traditions and maintain dialogue with each other in the spirit of our love for God and His Prophet. MMCC organized a major summit of **Shia and Sunni community leaders** and Imams in June of 2013. MMCC is currently leading small working groups to make sure tensions between very sectors of the community are minimal.

Central Events Calendar - This comprehensive calendar tracks all of the community's major activities and allows improved coordination of events.





2013-14 Program and Activities...

Civic Engagement

Annual Muslim Capitol Day in Lansing – Hundreds of Michigan Muslims from across the state came to Lansing last May for this annual event. Sr. Najah Bazzy and Imam Mustapha Elturk gave the opening invocations to begin the legislative session for the Michigan State House and the Senate respectively in 2014. We continued the engagement with follow up meetings in Lansing and in the local districts of the elected officials.

Candidates Forum: MMCC helped arrange and cosponsor events at local Mosques and community spaces with their elected officials with APIAVote-MI and ACCESS.

Voter Registration Drive – MMCC has an active voter registration drive for the 2014 election cycle. MMCC partners with existing organizations to help improve the relatively poor registration rates. MMCC worked with SAAVI to host a new citizen workshop to help legal immigrants become US citizens in Canton in April 2014.

Government Relations

MMCC participates in **BRIDGES meetings**, a coalition of federal agencies including Homeland Security, Justice Department, INS, FBI, TSA as well as Border Patrol and local law-enforcement. This ongoing dialogue allows concerns about civil rights, harassment and discrimination to be given the highest priority while contributing to our country's security.



Interfaith Relations

MMCC is working with the **Interfaith Leadership Council of Metro-Detroit** bringing area religious and lay faith leaders together to collaborate, raising a collective moral voice, standing up together for peace, harmony, justice and inter-religious cooperation. The Council participated in multiple interfaith forums, including the Diversity Summit sponsored by the Metropolitan Christian Council. MMCC has partnered with the **American Jewish Council** to conduct a survey of Michigan Muslims and Jews regarding the current levels of understanding. This project will allow us to identify effective areas of collaboration in the future.

Media Relations and Outreach

MMCC has had **dozens of media touch points** including: Detroit News and Free Press, NPR, WWJ, Fox TV, CBS, WDET, WXYZ, the local Observer chain, the Muslim Observer, Oakland Community Press and more.

- Facebook has thousands of visits a week, The MMCC family of websites has over 15,000 individuals who "like" our pages., The Website averages about 200 visits daily
 - Electronic Newsletter every few weeks has circulation of over 2000 readers



Community, Family and Youth Services

Service Projects

The Day of Goodness - This annual event raises funds for a variety of community services. MMCC grants funds for food banks, renovation of computer labs for a school, repair of utilities in local mosques, purchasing a freezer to store meat for Zaman International, funding a Drug Counselor for Muslim Family Services, helping HUDA clinic expand its free health care services and more.

The **Oudihya/Qurbani** (Meat Donations) project has been occurring annually for years. The meat is collected after the ritual sacrifice of animals at the conclusion of the festival of Eid al-Adha. This year, in partnership with Islamic Relief USA, Gleaners, Zaman International and Mercy USA, 484 lambs donated about 23000 pounds. It was distributed to 20 Islamic centers and organizations in southeast Michigan.

Ramadan Fight Against Hunger works with local masajids during Ramadan to collect food for local pantries. This is coordinated by local youth groups and mosques in partnership with the Tawheed Center, Zaman international and Gleaners Food Bank. Tons of food was distributed in Ramadan by the Muslim community this year.

December 25th Muslim Service Day – The Council annually partners with the local Jewish community to serve our fellow Christian neighbors who are in need during the Christmas season. One group we have partnered with for the past 4 years is Jimmy's Kids led by the Jim Tuman for over 25 years, who provides gifts to at need kids around southwest Detroit. Although Muslims do not celebrate Christmas, we welcome this opportunity to provide vital services to help Christians enjoy their holiday season. Many faith communities have individually organized great service activities for some of the economically depressed areas around Michigan. By working together on some of these projects, we hope we can deepen the understanding and respect for each

• Muslim Mental Health Seminar: MMCC cosponsored a seminar for local community workers and imams in 4/2014. They were instructed in recognizing mental illnesses and stress amongst their congregants and understanding effective management options.

Muslim Kids in Foster Care Initiative: MMCC partnered with Zaman to make Eid gift baskets for Muslim children and their families who are in foster care. We are committed to making sure the children know they are not forgotten.

MMCC made Muslim friendly care packages for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners- Dozens of volunteers have been gathering periodically at these food pantries to help pack and distribute food. MMCC facilitates individual mosque or community groups volunteering at these and other community service locations. MMCC has a monthly food pantry program where individuals can donate money to purchase food items.

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MMCC is working with the **Institute for Social Policy and Understanding** on its **Muslim Divorce Study**. This study identified factors leading to marital problems and interventions that may prevent divorce and strengthen families.

MMCC Youth Support - MMCC is a major sponsor of the Michigan Muslim Youth Council's annual conference which brought hundreds of high school students to Dearborn for spiritual and character building training in April of 2014.

The Council has supported the large **Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST**) and various Muslim Student Association activities across the many college campuses in Michigan.

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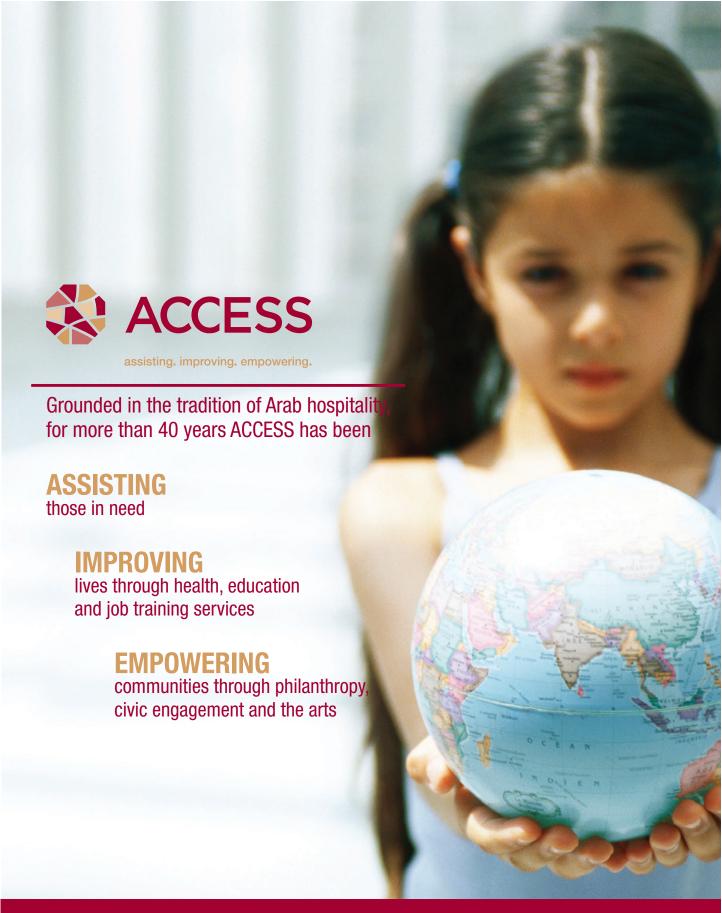
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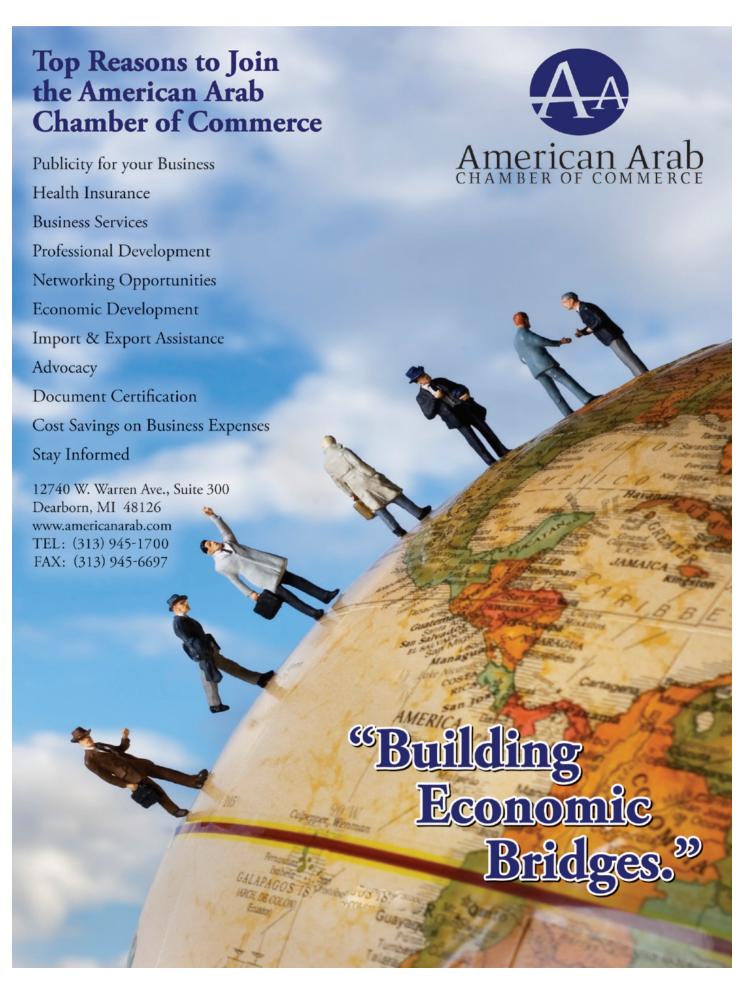
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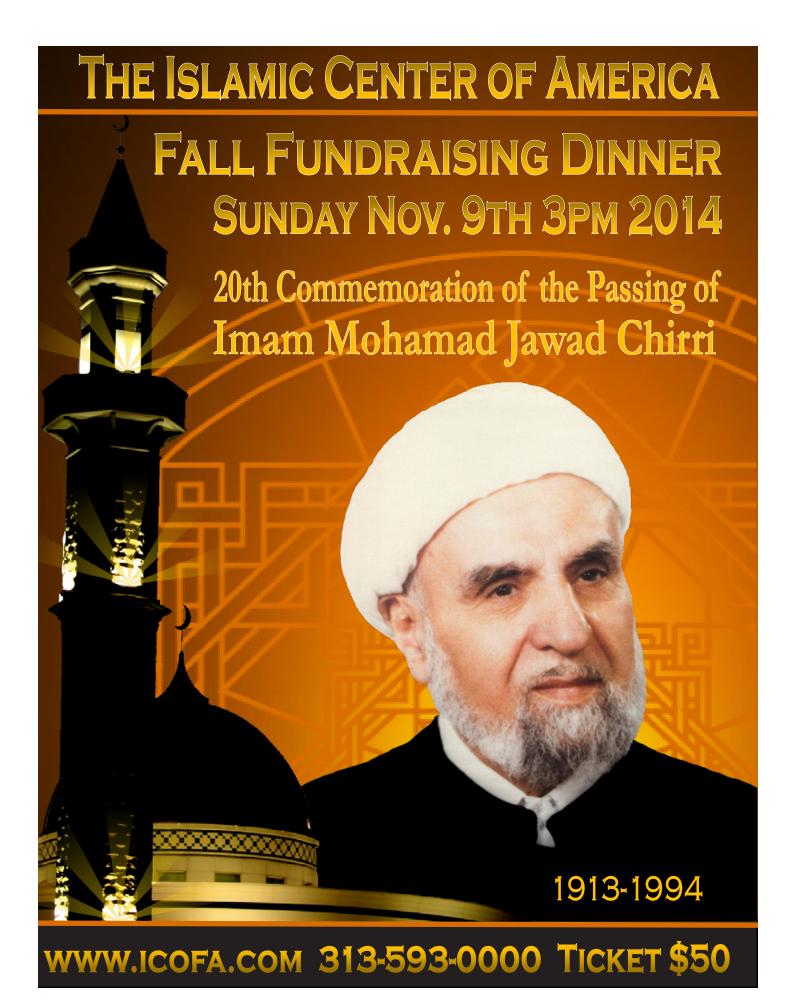
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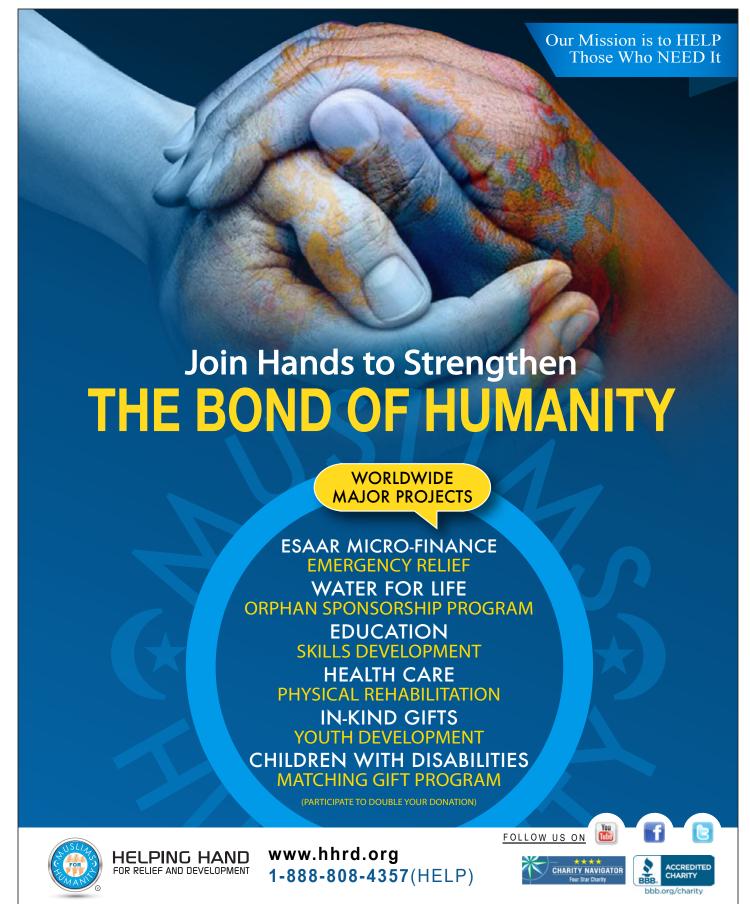
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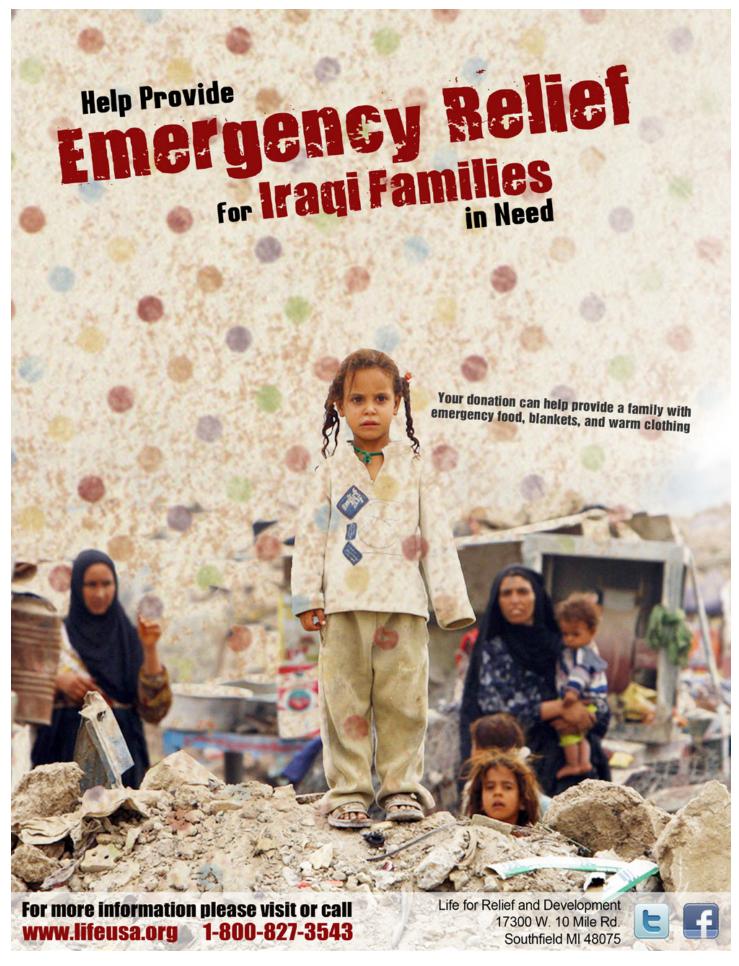
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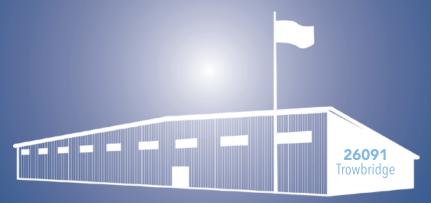
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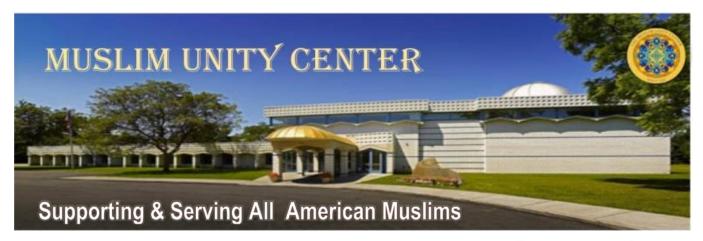
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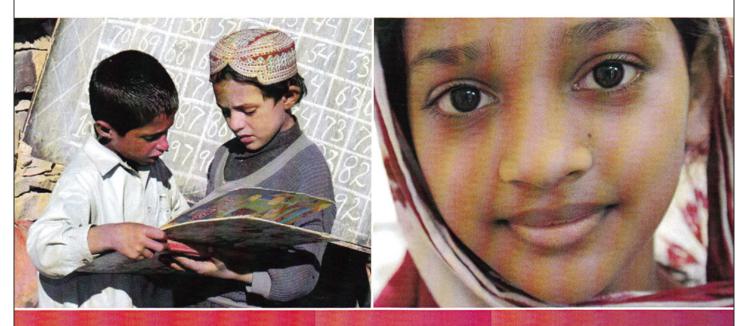
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