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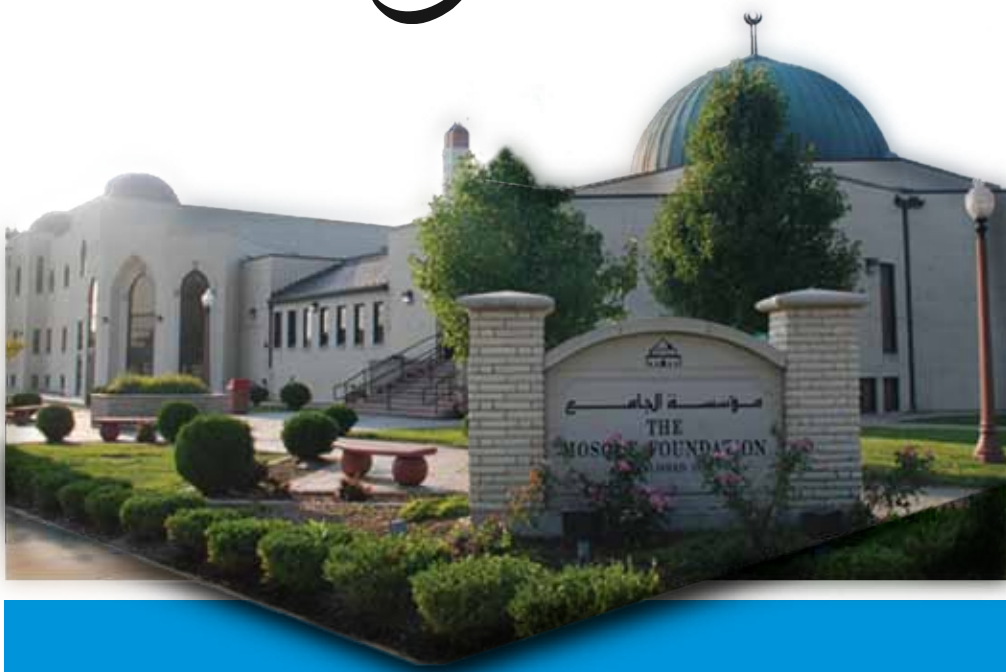
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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the leading Mosque in the United States in providing Islamic guidance and services to the community

Mission Statement

The Mosque Foundation serves the spiritual, religious, and communal needs of area Muslims by means of nurturing their faith, upholding their values, and fostering the wellbeing of the community around us through worship, charity, education, outreach, and civic engagement



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assalamu Alaikum,

We would like to thank you greatly for your continuous involvement and generous support of your second home: the Mosque Foundation. The year 2009 was a remarkable year when we enjoyed the blessing of larger facilities after expansion and more programs and activities.

As one of the most prominent mosques in Illinois, the Mosque Foundation has established itself as a forerunner of progress and development in the American Muslim landscape, consistently focusing on innovation and improvement. It continues to radiate its services to all, addressing the spiritual, religious, and communal needs of its constituents, and it has proven itself as an indisputable and indispensable advocate for Islam in America.

After celebrating the completion of its long awaited Expansion Project during a Grand Opening Ceremony in August on the eve of the first Taraweeh prayers of Ramadan 1430, now more than ever, the mosque provides a welcoming, spacious and polished environment where all pray with peace of mind and a sense of belonging.

The essence of the Mosque Foundation lies in its religious services—the core that allows it to flourish and develop. One consistently witnesses the parking lots overflowing with cars, and the rows upon rows of worshippers prostrating to their Lord daily.

By attempting to address every facet of an American Muslim's life, the Mosque also takes a proactive, comprehensive approach to community service. Serving as the hub for numerous forms of outreach, the Mosque has initiated programs through the Community Center, a sanctuary for more than 200 teens to play sports, gain spiritual and emotional support, and the Community Food Pantry, where lines of people, regardless of creed, congregate every Monday, awaiting sustenance.

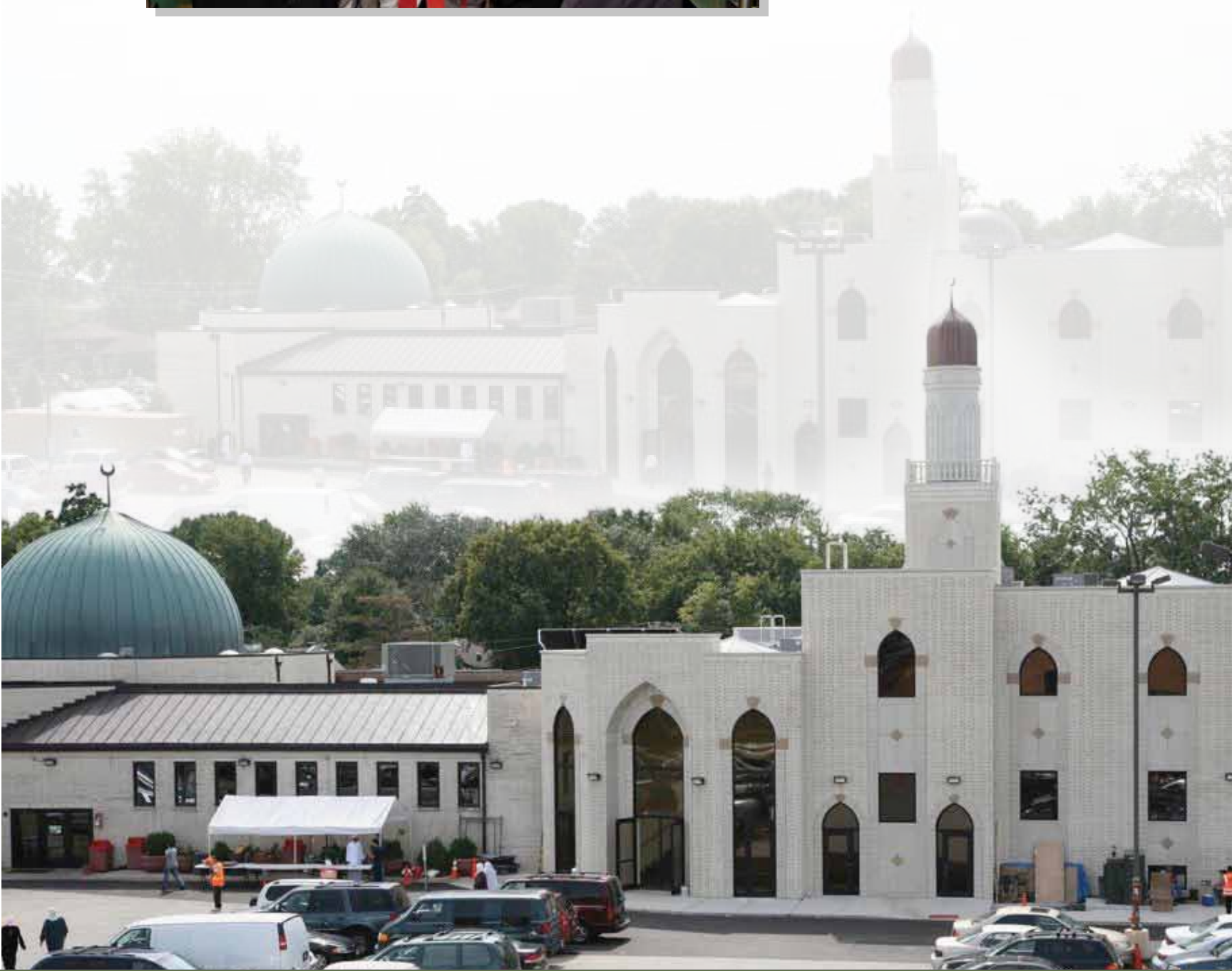
The Mosque Foundation has garnered local and national attention for its civic involvement and activism on multiple levels. It has initiated and led endeavors toward the realization of tangible goals in the arenas of politics, the environment, and social justice. It plays a pivotal role in encouraging community members to exercise their civic duty as American citizens by voting and taking a dynamic role in the political process.

Please examine the details of the report that follows, and witness the fruits of your active participation and financial support. We owe our financial health and stability to you, our members and generous supporters. Finally, we pray to Allah (SWT) to reward you for your trust in our leadership and for making the Mosque Foundation your second home.

Wassalamu Alaikum.

Dr. Zaher Sahloul,
President & Chairman of the Board

Sh. Jamal Said,
Imam & Director





HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Mosque Foundation provides a welcoming, spiritual environment where both men and women pray with peace of mind and a sense of belonging. In its sacred space, thousands of people learn the morals and ethics of Islam, the needy come to a tangible refuge, and the troubled find personal help.

Religious Services

The essence of the Mosque Foundation lies in its religious services—the core that allows it to flourish and develop. One might witness the parking lots overflowing with cars, as nearly 750 worshippers attend daily prayers, and 3,500 attend the two jumu'a congregational prayers.

Last year, Mosque Foundation held its Eid al-Fitr Prayer Service at Toyota Park for an astounding 12,000 Muslims from our community and the surrounding suburbs. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Bridgeview Mayor Steven Landek, and Cook County Board President Todd Stroger addressed the sea of worshippers, a testament to the prominence of Muslims in the Illinois community.

Educational Programs

Building a stable foundation for generations to come has been integral to the Mosque's mission. Through consistent educational programs, including Study circles on various subjects for men and women, of different age groups, in Arabic, English and Spanish, the Mosque continues to cultivate Muslims well versed in their faith.

- Approximately 950 men and 525 women attend weekly educational programs.
- Nearly 250 men and women attend the Monthly Meeting Programs on topics ranging from Islamic Financing to the rise of drug use among the youth.
- More than 650 students attend Al-Siddiq weekend school.
- Various knowledge and Quran competitions held by the Community Center.

- Islamic arbitration and mediation services
- Parental & teen counseling
- Services at hospitals, funerals, in the mosque and at graveside (90 funerals performed in 2009).

Annually, we hold our Board Retreat to tackle important issues facing our community, and this year's retreat was on Youth Programs: Vision and Reality. ISNA Youth Programming and Services Director Iyad Alnachef conducting hours of interviews and over 300 surveys with our youth and our youth leaders to have a clearer understanding of our community's specific challenges and needs. The full day retreat presented a customized array of short term and long term goals to optimize the Mosque Foundation's current and future youth oriented programs

Outreach

In an effort to remain connected to a broad base of community members, and to keep the members updated and informed, the Mosque continues to:

- Publish the *Community Pulse*—a comprehensive, bilingual publication with an annual circulation of 85,000 copies, with 38,000 direct-mailed in 2009.
- Maintain a state-of-the-art website www.mosquefoundation.org, with updated and enriched new content and a new look; it had 184,000 visits in 2009.
- Organize visitors' orientations for hundreds of students, church-goers, reporters, dignitaries and politicians.
- Cultivate a Media Outreach program through press releases & meetings with reporters and editorial boards.
- Update our community on pivotal events through mail, email, text messages and robot-call



Various other events took place over the course of the year, tending to the social, cultural and even physical needs of Mosque-goers. These include:

- Father and Son Program with special guest Safaa Zarzour. Fathers flocked to the session, hoping for some tips about the best ways to bridge the generation gap.
- Mosque Foundation Annual Family Picnic held in June at Swallow Cliff Woods. Scores of families enjoyed good food and entertainment, which included face painting, pony rides, jumpers and slides, as well as a boys 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.
- 1,700 Muslim women and children enjoyed the annual trip to Deep River Water Park in Indiana organized by Al-Siddiq Weekend School.
- Public Health presentation on the H1N1 Influenza and vaccination.





- Convert Support Group Afternoon Tea for women. Around 40 women from various backgrounds attended the tea party to enjoy herbal teas, light refreshments and meeting new friends. Also, the group held its first Eid Gathering on the 1st day of Eid al-Fitr. Nearly 80 men, women and children attended the potluck dinner, which included games, crafts, and prizes for the children.
- Annual Congratulations Graduates event recognized college, high school and middle school graduates.
- Multiple Community BBQ Days throughout the summer.
- MFCC- High School Forum tackled the disturbing issue of the dangers of drugs and gangs with special guest Kevin Smith, a former drug dealer who converted to Islam in prison.
- MFCC Summer Camp had an enrollment of almost 100 boys & girls, ages 5-12 years old. The camp provided daily Islamic education in Quran, Hadith, and Du'a memorization, as well as fun activities such as debka, nasheed, arts & crafts, field trips, and a family barbeque.

This year the FBI chose the Mosque foundation to present the Community Relations Executive Seminar Training (CREST), which gives business and media executives, religious, civic, and community leaders a chance to get an inside look into various topics such as cyber-crime, civil rights, and counter-terrorism. At the end of the training, participants received graduation certificates from Chicago Special Agent in Charge Robert Grant.

Activism

The Mosque Foundation has proven itself as a forerunner of progress on the American Muslim landscape, through its civic involvement and activism on multiple levels. It has initiated and led various endeavors toward the realization of tangible goals in the arenas of politics, the environment, and social justice. The following include of some the Mosque's accomplishments in these areas:

- Member of United Power for Action and Justice.
 - Participant in the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.
 - Organized efforts to establish an Arabic language program in local public schools.
 - Held Annual Neighborhood Clean-up Day, on August 8th, 2009.
 - Recipient of the "Faith in Place Award" for environmental conservation efforts, as the nation's first mosque to install solar heating panels.
 - Among 26 recipients of the *Environmental Hero Award* presented by Lt. Governor Pat Quinn.

- Hosted its first Candidate Forum in April in an unprecedented effort to both educate community members about the platforms of municipal candidates, and voice concerns to candidates regarding issues that affect our community. The event gathered more than 40 elected officials and candidates, and approximately 500 community members.
- Participated in the CIOGC-sponsored «*Muslim Action Day*» in Springfield to advocate the introduction of Arabic language into public schools, public education funding reforms, to rally against online gambling, and to support state “cap & trade” environmental legislation.
- Hosted Said Nafaa, a Palestinian member of Knesset representing the Balad Party, and exiled Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hilarion Capucci. Both shared their insight into the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, far from the political spin of the western media.
- Outspoken British Parliament member George Galloway addressed the worshippers at Mosque Foundation before the Friday prayer service asking for support for a convoy he was organizing through *Viva Palestine* to take food, medical supplies and other needed items into war-ravaged Gaza.



Interfaith Initiatives

Interfaith activities are not new to the Mosque Foundation; community members have been consistently participating in such endeavors for more than 20 years. The Mosque has partnered in interfaith initiatives with local and statewide organizations that promote social justice, equality and peace.

- Active participant in Catholic Theological Union programs.
- Represented on the board of Cardinal Bernadine International Center.
- Member of the Council of Arab Religious Leaders of Chicago.
- Held the 8th annual Women’s Interfaith Potluck Dinner to build bridges among different ethnicities and faiths.
- In conjunction with CIOGC, held its Annual Community Iftar for local Muslim and non-Muslim elected officials, activists, teachers, police officers and community leaders during Ramadan.
- Arab Christian Leaders of Chicago visited the Mosque Foundation to extend best wishes for Eid al-Fitr.





AL-SIDDIQ SCHOOL 2009-2010 REPORT

STUDENTS

This school year started on September 6, 2009, with the enrollment of 732 students. Alhamdulillah, the school now caters to students in 15 curriculum levels.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The school faculty and staff for the year 2009-2010 are as follows:

- 1 Principal
- 1 Vice Principal
- 1 Treasurer/Registration officer
- 5 Office Staff
- 30 Teachers
- 22 Teachers' Aides
- 5 Activities Committee members
- 6 Lunch Staff
- 3 Library Staff
- 1 Babysitter

A total of 75 dedicated and experienced faculty and staff members serve the school.

The monthly payroll contains 57 employees. Substitute teachers are added to the payroll list as needed.

- The school has 312 families.
- 50 families have children who attend the school without tuition, or pay partially.
- 262 families pay full tuition.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

- The Activities Committee plans four different events every year, including the annual fundraising event. The school usually utilizes any income generated to cover the expenses of school parties, such as the two annual Eid parties, or in-school competitions.
- Published our first book on teaching Arabic “ بحر الحروف ” and we are currently in the process of publishing the second book.
- Held more than 10 training events for teachers and staff.
- Organized an Eid party for more than 2,000 attendees.
- Facilitated the Deep River Water Park outing for more than 1,800 women and children.
- Will host a Quran competition next month.

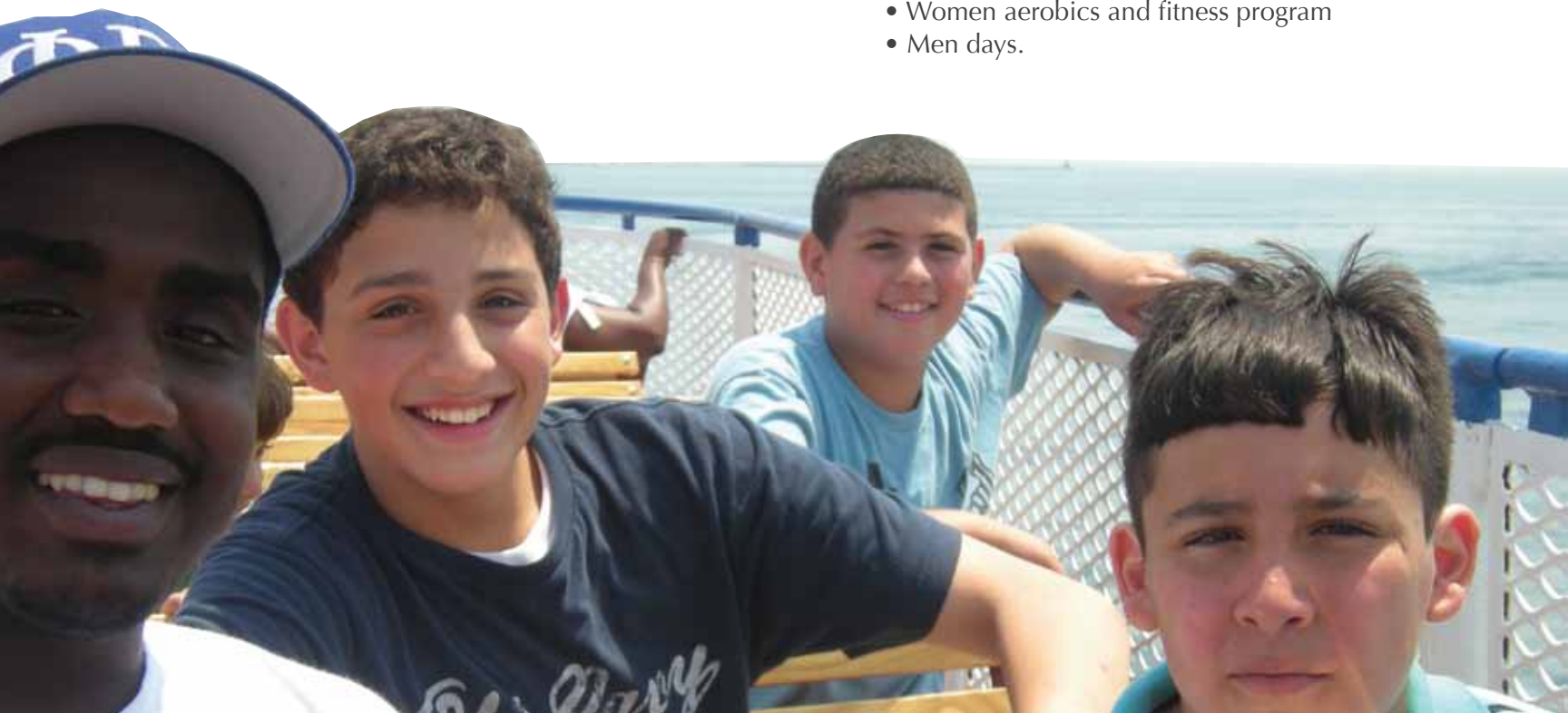


▶▶ MFCC FEATURED PROGRAMS & EVENTS 2009 / 2010



- Daily open activities: basketball, billiard, ping pong, treadmills, X-box, video games, daily prayers and khatiras,
- Daily tutoring and homework assistance
- Yoga class for girls
- Debate class, held through Nov. 2009
- Dabka class for girls
- Martial Arts and Tae Kwon Do class for boys
- UFC/MMA class for male youth
- Islam 101 for boys
- Lives of the Prophets (AA) for girls
- Cooking class for girls
- One Nation One Message for teen boys and girls, through March 2009
- Girls weekly Halaqa with Banan Said, through June 2009

- History of Al Khulafaa Al Rashideen with Sh. Kifah,
- Weekly movie nights
- Monthly field trip
- Monthly girls' iftar
- Fiqh class with Sh. Kifah, for teenage boys, through Sept. 09
- Monthly "Meet your Imam" with Sh. Jamal and Um Al Bara
- Quarterly high school students forum,
- Saturday Quran School
- Quran contests
- Sport tournaments
- Monthly community breakfast
- Quarterly free health screening
- H1N1 free vaccination
- Sewing Class for women
- "Go make a difference" class for women
- Women aerobics and fitness program
- Men days.



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Monthly Workshop/Seminar Topics

- Coping with adolescence
- Surviving the teen years
- Mother-daughter meeting
- Drugs: Are we immune?
- FAFSA applications,
- Preparing for collage life
- Job hunting
- Project management
- Time management
- Get insured
- Loan modification
- Census testing and recruitment



summer programs

- Summer camp for 7-12 year-olds
- Busy bees for 4-6 year-olds
- (YMC) Outdoor summer camps for teenage boys
- Swimming for boys and girls
- Basketball club
- Volley ball club
- Wrestling class
- Cleanup day
- Community BBQ days

MFCC Summer Camp



RAMADAN PROGRAM

Each year we have special programs during the month of Ramadan as follows:

- Daily dars after Asr
- Quran hour
- Weekly iftars
- Qiyams
- Quran competition
- Islamic Knowledge Contest
- Representing the US in Dubai International Quran Award with one contestant.
- Eid gift drive
- Umra trip



MOSQUE FOUNDATION FOOD PANTRY REPORT OF 2009

The Mosque Foundation Food pantry services the community at large, both Muslim and non-Muslim, with approximately 60 percent of clients being non-Muslim. Our beneficiaries range from senior citizens, to single parents, to needy families. On average, we serve 200 families per week.



Our hours of operation are Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm, every week. Our clients may receive food every other week, and if necessary, they may be served weekly. Although the pantry only opens 3 hours a week, a team of approximately 20 volunteers spends many more hours weekly in preparation for Mondays. We have recently qualified to receive U.S.D.A. food products due to the number of people we feed. U.S.D.A. food products are subsidized by the government, at no cost to us.

The food distributed ranges from meats, chicken and fish, to dairy products and canned goods, to bakery items as well. Produce is

picked up early Monday mornings to accommodate our clientele. Recently we have begun servicing the Iraqi refugees who have relocated to the area.



WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE MOSQUE FOUNDATION

2009 REPORT

The Mosque Foundation flourishes through the work implemented day in and day out by committed volunteers and employees. Women play a major role in assisting with different events throughout the year to save time and money, and most importantly, to give dawah and build close relationships with the worshippers. One example is a group of women who consistently visit the sick or families of deceased community members to show their support and give their condolences on behalf of the Mosque Foundation. Also, the women take part in volunteering for events of the Mosque Foundation and the neighboring Muslim organizations.



MAIN EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Monthly Programs (Arabic & English)
- Ramadan (Taraweeh)
- Salat Al-Eid
- Trainings & Workshops
- Annual Fundraising Dinner
- Friday prayer sandwich preparation and sales

Alhamdulillah, the sisters also have a comprehensive program of lectures and halaqas that appeals to a diverse group of women of various ethnicities:

- Fiqh Class 1 hour before Jummah Prayer
- Friday Evening Lecture at 7:00pm in Arabic
- Friday Halaqa after Isha for girls 16- 30 years old in English
- Sunday Lecture at 11:00am in English
- Sunday Lecture at 12:00pm in Spanish
- Sunday Lecture at 10:00am in Urdu
- Tuesday Tajweed Class at 10:00am
- Tuesday Lecture at 12:00pm in Arabic



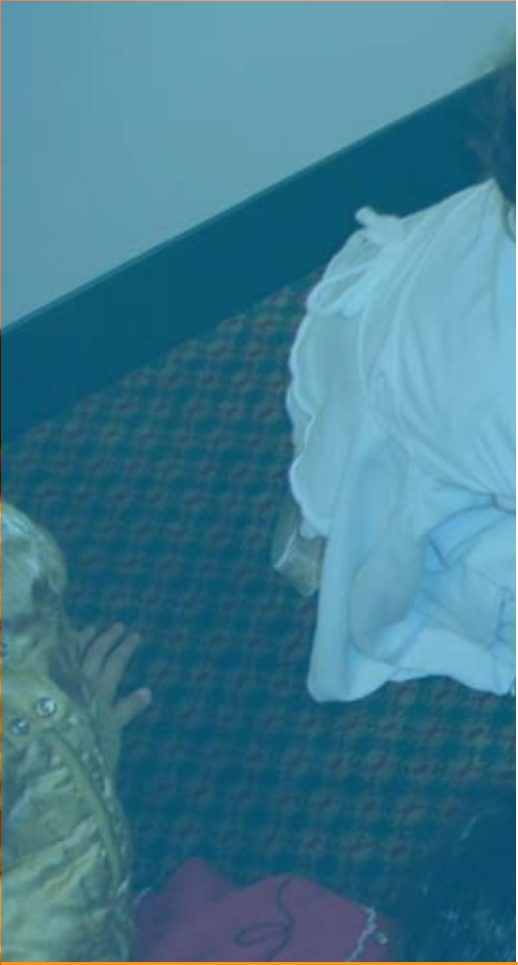
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- Wednesday Lecture at 5:00pm in Arabic
- The First Saturday of every month, "Meet Your Imam," event for teenage girls

The sisters' contributions are vital to the efficiency and success of the Mosque Foundation. They work tirelessly and constantly perfect their work, seeking nothing but the pleasure from their Lord. May Allah (SWT) reward them for their donated time, money and energy. Ameen.





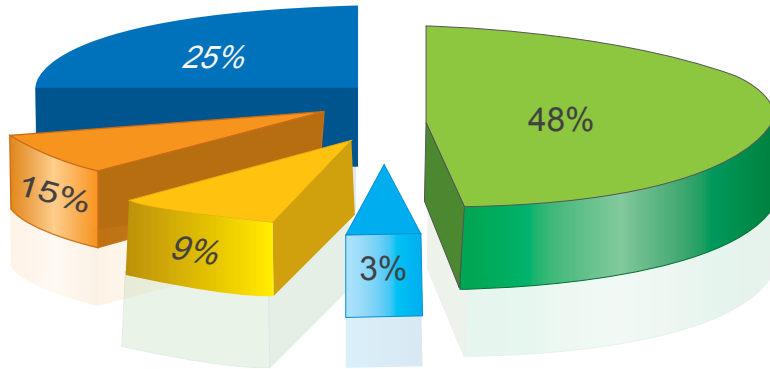
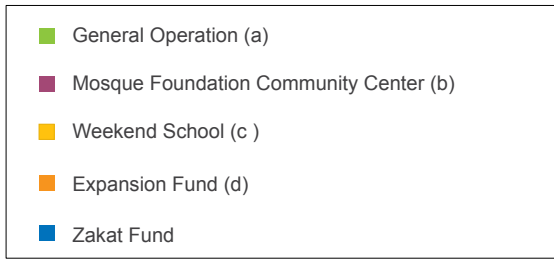


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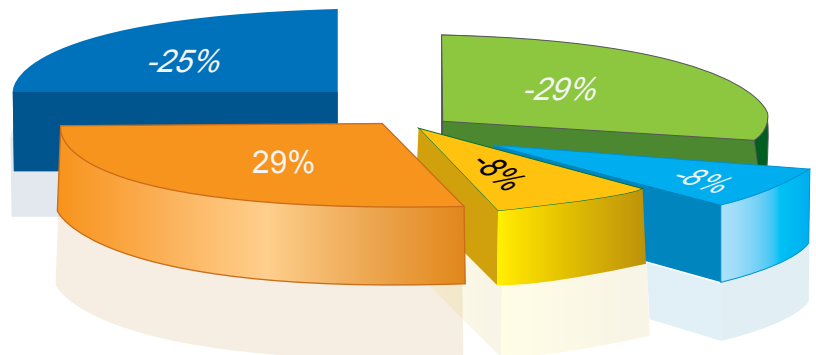
Summarized Statement of Receipts and Disbursements Unaudited for the twelve months period ending December 31, 2009

	Receipts		Disbursements		Surplus (Deficit)
General Operation (a)	1,484,025	48%	(965,415)	29%	518,611
Mosque Foundation Community Center (b)	104,416	3%	(278,950)	8%	(174,534)
Weekend School (c)	262,897	9%	(279,590)	8%	(16,693)
Expansion Fund (d)	451,793	15%	(966,257)	29%	(514,463)
Zakat Fund	768,383	25%	(830,294)	25%	(61,911)
Net	3,071,515	100%	(3,387,992)	100%	(248,990)

Receipts



Disbursements



Detail Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by Subsidiaries for the twelve months period ending December 31,2009

Jan - Dec 09

(a) General Operation Detail Statement

Receipts	
General Donations	1,404,740.96
Advertisement Income	51,209.90
Food Sales	21,289.39
Community Activity Income	6,785.00
Total Receipts	1,484,025.25
Disbursement	
Payroll Expenses	416,888.63
Repairs & Maintenance	85,800.83
Utilities, All	60,402.96
Newsletter Publication	56,430.44
Professional services	51,115.93
Eid Expenses	31,906.81
Printing	28,858.77
Event Contributions	27,811.00
Annual Fund Raising Dinner	26,206.73
Ramadan Expenses	25,958.00
Special Events/Activities	24,503.55
Office Supplies	21,855.62
Insurance	19,326.51
Internet/Web site/Professional Services	15,994.86
Equipment	14,493.74
Credit Card Charges	8,686.57
Miscellaneous	6,786.13
Postage & Delivery	6,751.06
Telephone	6,725.18
Janitorial Supplies	6,713.31
Dues and Subscriptions	4,000.00
Transportation	3,739.00
Automobile Expense	2,779.55
Donations & Contributions	2,500.00
Cleaning Services	2,230.00
Advertisement	1,950.00
Bank Service Charges - Other	1,376.72
Supplies - Other	1,200.00
English / Arabic Programs	1,138.08
Conference & Seminars	600.00
Meetings Expense	564.68
Traffic Violation	100.00
Licenses, Fees & Permits	20.00
Total Disbursement	965,414.66

(b) Community Center Detail Statement

Receipts	
Total Receipts	104,415.87
Disbursement	
Payroll Expenses	192,980.37
Maintenance	24,358.17
Utilities	20,565.54
Program Expense	16,196.20
Printing	11,548.00
Insurance	7,722.00
Repairs	2,000.00
Supplies	1,575.65
Competition expenses/prizes	1,150.00
Telephone	494.02
Disposal	360.04
Total Disbursement	278,949.99

(c) Weekend School Detail Statement

Receipts	
Total Receipts	262,897.23
Disbursement	
Wages	145,871.46
Rental	107,500.00
Activities/Events	9,620.12
Transportation	5,740.00
Supply	4,582.49
EID Expenses	4,013.62
Miscellaneous	1,470.00
Telephone	792.29
Total Disbursement	279,589.98

(d) Expansion Fund Detail Statement

Receipts	
Expansion Fund	451,793.48
Total Receipts	451,793.48
Disbursement	
Rehab Old Building	521,981.57
Construction	158,248.64
Engineering & Professional Services	284,220.87
Land	1,805.44
Total Disbursement	966,256.52

