

# THE MOSQUE FOUNDATION

## 40 Years of Leadership & Service



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# 40 Distinguished Years with a Great Community

**F**orty years ago, the Mosque Foundation opened its doors and welcomed you, our great community. Today we stand together, stronger, more advanced, compassionate, productive, and resilient. When we look back at our humble beginnings, only a handful of worshippers, to our now grand community serving over 50,000 people, we must first bow down to our Creator, the Almighty, and thank Him for bestowing this blessing upon us. Secondly, we thank each of you for playing a crucial role in the Mosque Foundation's growth and success.



Not only have you helped the Masjid become a leading source of knowledge and premier house of worship, but you have also supported the birth of many other institutions in our neighboring areas and across the nation. From summer programs to weekend and full-time schools, other Masajid, community centers, food pantries—the list goes on testifying to your benevolence.

It is truly the honor and privilege of the Mosque Foundation to be at the forefront of the endeavor to spread the true message of Islam among our Muslim and non-Muslim neighbors.

Along the 40-year journey, there have been many challenges, setbacks, and mistakes, but together we stood firm and overcame these difficulties. For the Mosque Foundation to continue progressing without losing our core Islamic principles and respond to the new challenges that await, we must maintain our connection with Allah ﷻ and with each other, and especially with those who reach out to us for assistance. We are always stronger together.

As we commemorate the 40th year of the establishment of this Masjid, we must not forget to look back and thank our founding families, countless volunteers, elected board members, and staff for all their work and sacrifice to bring this Masjid from a dream to a reality. With Allah's guidance first, and your constant involvement, advice, and support, our community will continue to advance and pass on the legacy to our next generation of Muslim leaders.

President & Chairman of the Board

*Oussama Jammal*

Principal Imam & Director

*Sh. Jamal Said*

# Mosque Foundation TIMELINE

## Important Events in the Masjid's History

**1960s**

**1954** Official registration of establishment

**1963** Interim property at 6500 S Steward Ave purchased

**1969** Steward Ave property sold and storefront property at 79th & Clyde Ave purchased

**1970s**

**1976** Masjid receives tax-exempt status

**1977** Masjid design drawn and configured

**1978** Masjid construction begins



**1981** Mosque Foundation formally opens

**1986** Aqsa School opens and operates in the Masjid until 1996

**1980s**



**1996** Youth Center opens

**1998** First major expansion of the Masjid completed

**1990s**

**2002** North parking lot purchased

**2004** Youth Center renovation completed

**2005** Community Food Pantry opens



**2006** 25th Anniversary of the Mosque Foundation

**2007** New Mosque Foundation website launched

**2008** Second major expansion of the Masjid completed

**2000s**



**2011** Mosque Foundation Education Center (MFEC) building purchased

**2012** Harlem Lot purchased

**2014** Mosque Foundation Harlem Center (MFHC) purchased

**2018** 2,000 grave plots purchased at Mt. Vernon Cemetery

**2010s**



**2020** Masjid renovation completed

**2021** New Community Food Pantry facility purchased

**2021** 40th Anniversary of the Mosque Foundation

**2020s**



# A Masjid in Chicago: From Dream to Excellence

*M*ore than half a century ago, the seed of the Mosque Foundation was planted. This quietly took place in 1954 when Dwight D. Eisenhower was President and the population of the United States stood at 163 million. It was a time when immigration to America was high, and when Chicago was a central welcoming hub, especially for families from the Middle East and North Africa. Like other immigrants, newly arriving Muslims from this region were immediately confronted with the harsh reality that their values and beliefs would not automatically carry on from one generation to the next without a concerted effort. In 1954, in response to this realization, a handful of Arab immigrants on Chicago's famous Southside established the Mosque Foundation of Chicago with the dream of one day building a structure to house the religious and cultural activities of their growing families. Soon after, that dream became a reality as the Mosque Foundation became one of the busiest mosques in America, serving a community of more than 50,000 Muslims.



Early on, Chicago area Muslims rented various sites around the south side of Chicago to hold congregational Eid Prayers and celebrations. Friday prayers were held in storefront properties of Muslim-owned businesses. As the population of the Muslim community grew, the need was realized to purchase a property. So, in 1963, a church located at 6500 S Steward Avenue was purchased and converted into a prayer hall and school for the community of more than a hundred Arab Muslim families living nearby. Arabic language and religious classes were held in the Steward property, as well as various community functions. Several years later, the building was sold to purchase a storefront property at 79th and Clyde Avenue.



The Clyde property was sold shortly after that, with the proceeds reserved to purchase land in Bridgeview, where the Masjid currently stands. Designs of the Masjid were presented in 1977, and construction began in November 1978. Three years later, in 1981, the doors to the Mosque Foundation were officially opened. On a few acres of swampy land in the middle of the mostly abandoned prairie in Bridgeview, the Mosque Foundation began as a small structure with a maximum prayer hall capacity of 300 worshippers. All five daily obligatory prayers and Friday congregational prayers were offered from the start including nightly Taraweeh prayers during Ramadan. Quran recitation classes, Hadith lectures, and regular weekly and monthly meetings were established to serve the spiritual and social needs of the community.

During the 1990s, the Mosque Foundation community expanded greater than anyone could have predicted. The growing needs and increasing numbers required the Mosque Foundation to expand its original facility, which was completed in 1998. Yet, even as the new prayer area nearly doubled in size, two Friday Congregational Prayers and two evening Ramadan Taraweeh Prayers were still needed to serve the large community. In 2005 the Mosque Foundation opened a Community Food Pantry to help combat hunger for low-income families.





# A Masjid in Chicago: From Dream to Excellence

No one could foresee that the Masjid's establishment would inspire a Muslim neighborhood of beautiful new homes around the Masjid, two full-time Islamic schools at its perimeters, multiple community centers, and hundreds of thriving businesses.

It is impossible to overestimate the Mosque Foundation's impact on the community, particularly youth. While a youth group was formed very early on to cater to the needs of the younger generation, a separate building designated for youth was purchased and opened in 1996. We have witnessed youth who seemed destined to a life of crime and violence become outstanding





citizens who are now professionals in various fields, thanks to many dedicated youth mentors.

Over the years, the community steadily diversified to include Muslims of multiple languages, ethnicities, nationalities, and experiences—all praying side-by-side. Imams are active in education, counseling, spiritual guidance, and arbitration. Community members work with local and national Islamic, interfaith, and civic organizations on numerous initiatives such as protecting American civil liberties, empowering Muslims, improving the quality of urban life, and helping the poor, the immigrants, and the oppressed by advocating for justice and peace.

In 2011, the Mosque Foundation Education Center (MFEC) building was purchased to provide an educational facility dedicated to students of Islam. The following year, the Harlem Lot was purchased to accommodate the growing community's need for space to park their vehicles during events on the Masjid's bustling campus. In 2014, the Mosque Foundation Harlem Center (MFHC) was purchased to provide community members with an adjacent facility to gather and hold events. In 2018, 2,000 grave plots were purchased at Mt. Vernon Cemetery to facilitate Islamic burials in coordination with the Masjid. Last year, the Masjid took advantage of the lockdown to complete long-awaited renovation projects to maintain the facilities, including updated wudu areas, new carpet, tiling, and more. Finally, the Masjid community purchased a new food pantry facility to accommodate the growing demand for food assistance this year.

In addition to this brief history of the Mosque Foundation, it's essential to know the timeless and invaluable services this institution provides to the community:

- An environment in which men and women worship with peace of mind and a sense of home
- Weekend schools for thousands of young students to learn morals and ethics of their religion
- Counseling for families going through various personal matters, marriage concerns, dispute decisions, grief & funeral services, and more
- Social services for the underprivileged, including free health screenings and other means of support for needy families
- Establishing strong inter-faith relations with leaders and congregations of neighboring communities

# Mosque Foundation Expansion Project of 2008







The expansion project impacted three levels, doubling the current prayer space:

### **First Floor:**

- A multipurpose prayer hall with a childcare section, kitchen, and offices
- Main women's prayer hall to provide women with equal access to services

### **Second Floor:**

- Main prayer hall for men and an additional hall to accommodate worshippers
- Offices for Imam, Director, Secretary, and bookstore

### **Third Floor:**

- Library, boardroom, offices, guest room, classes, additional prayer space

### **Additionally:**

- Aesthetic design to the Masjid
- Renovation of the basement, washrooms, entrances, and main prayer hall
- Space for women's programs, youth activities, and accommodations for people with special needs
- Addition of 22,500 square footage
- Construction began in 2006 and concluded in 2008



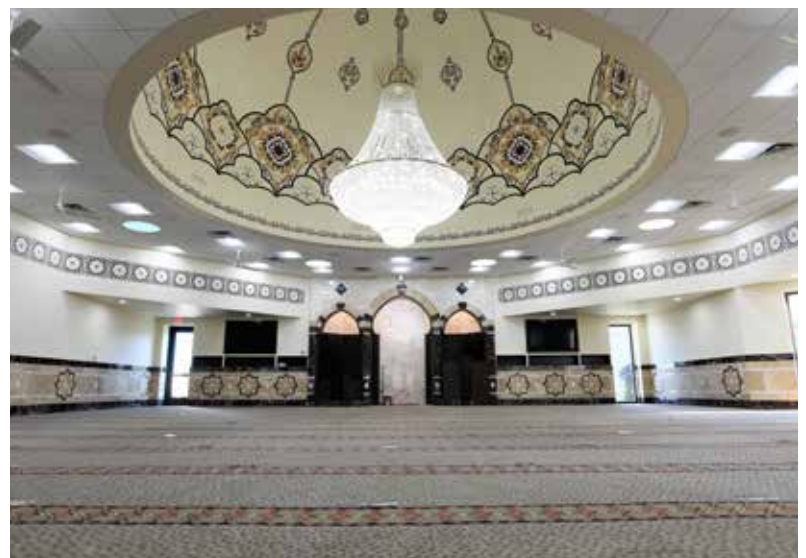
# Mosque Foundation Renovation Project of 2020

The Mosque Foundation underwent a significant renovation in 2020, which focused attention on the interior and exterior of the original building.





- Modernize and establish a new aesthetic for the campus
- Custom-designed carpet and padding in every prayer hall
- State-of-the-art audio/visual system
- Main hall renovation including establishing clear areas for critical functions such as a built-in desk for lectures and Imam's prayer area
- Highest quality materials such as walnut wood panels/shelves and granite/marble tiles and coordinating custom artwork
- Unique flooring in prayer halls throughout the building
- Decorative wall tile accents, ceiling tile systems, LED lighting, ceiling fans, and HVAC grills
- The exterior of the original building includes a modernized concrete plaza design, new exterior exits, and stairs
- Pristine landscaping, lighting & irrigation
- Stair design at door seven provides an inviting layout and background for hosting events





# 1980s





# Our Growth Over *4 Decades* in Pictures





# 1990s





2000s



# 2010s











2020



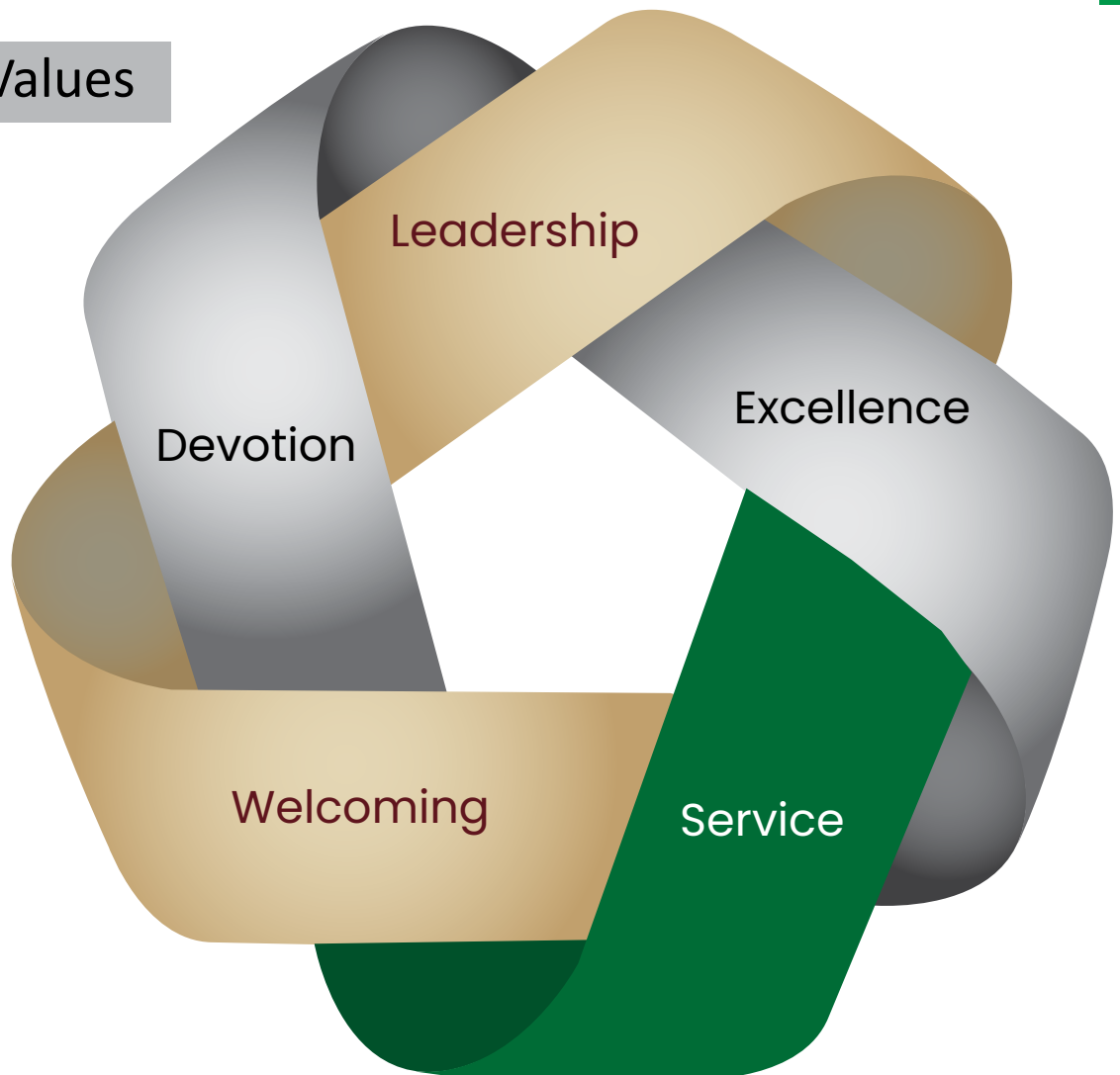


# Mission, Core Values & Services

## MISSION

The Mosque Foundation is a house of worship for Americans of the Muslim faith and a comprehensive Islamic Center devoted to providing spiritual, religious, social, and educational services to Muslim families in Chicago's southwest suburbs. Located in Bridgeview, the Mosque Foundation's mission is to serve the community by conveying the universal Islamic values of mercy, piety, charity, justice, activism, and moral excellence. The Mosque Foundation is dedicated to promoting the understanding of Islam, one of the Abrahamic and monotheistic religions (like Judaism and Christianity).

## Core Values





## SERVICES

Service is among the highest callings a human being can answer. As such, the Mosque Foundation provides valuable services to its large community. These services foster a strong sense of family and community and provide spiritual solace and sacred space in a fast-paced and sometimes overwhelming world. Here is a general overview of services provided by the Mosque Foundation.

### PRAYER

One of the core services the Mosque Foundation offers is prayer. The Mosque Foundation is a full-time Masjid that conducts five daily prayer services, seven days a week, all year long. Additionally, the Mosque Foundation holds 2 Friday prayers due to space and parking lot limitations.



### MARRIAGE

The Mosque Foundation offers premarital counseling to couples about to embark on this commitment. We perform the formal marriage service in conjunction with State requirements and documentation.

### “ASK THE IMAM”

Often, we are confronted with situations in which the right choice is unclear or unaware of the best ethical decision to make. The Mosque Foundation offers opportunities to ask our Imams about these situations and how Islam's sacred laws address them.



### COUNSELING

Trials visit each of us throughout our lives. During these moments, we need advice and counsel. The Imams and other personnel of the Mosque Foundation have a depth of knowledge and many years of experience offering marriage, youth, family, and grief counseling.



### WEEKEND SCHOOL

For the past decades, the Mosque Foundation has provided weekend education for our youth to learn timeless wisdom and gain valuable knowledge to help achieve a firm understanding of their faith and the ethics and morals it offers.





### FOOD PANTRY

Thousands of low-income families each year receive food from our Food Pantry. Among the most praised kinds of charity is the feeding of the hungry.

### ARBITRATION

Whenever disagreements arise (whether they involve business matters or personal aspects of life), it is helpful to seek an impartial mediator to resolve the issue. The Mosque Foundation offers objective arbitration to solve disputes and preserve relations between the disputants.

### FUNERAL SERVICES

When the inevitability of death comes to our loved ones, the details and pressures of funerals can be taxing. The Mosque Foundation offers families



Food Pantry Building Purchased in 2021



funeral services, including washing the body, proper wrapping, funeral sermons, and prayer services in addition to grief counseling.

## COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center is a place for our community to hold special events and meetings. The Center also serves as a safe and wholesome space for our youth to learn, participate in athletics, and socialize in a dignified manner.

## EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

The Mosque Foundation holds regular lectures, workshops, and special events in which our community members expand their knowledge. The programs include Quran commentary and wisdom, details of sacred law, lessons from the life of the Prophet ﷺ, history of Muslim civilization, the proper performance of rites of worship, civic duties, and much more.





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**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

September 28, 2021

The Mosque Foundation  
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Dear members of the Mosque Foundation community,

I am pleased to congratulate the Mosque Foundation on the celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Since its founding, the Mosque Foundation has been a spiritual home to thousands of Illinoisans. That influence is due in no small part to the Mosque Foundation's resilience and commitment to spiritual, educational, and universal values. And of course, that we can celebrate such a storied history of the Mosque Foundation is a testament to the will and dedication of its community members.

I am honored to join the commemoration of the Mosque Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration, and for many more great years ahead.

Sincerely,

Governor JB Pritzker





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September 23, 2021

Greetings,

It give me great pleasure to extend my congratulations to the Mosque Foundation on your 40th Anniversary.

In 1954, a small group of Palestinian immigrants formed the Foundation with a dream of one day having a building to benefit their community. And in 1981 that dream was realized. I am sure they could never have imagined the depth and breadth of the Mosque Foundation of today, serving more than 10,000 people. The Mosque Foundation exemplifies the beauty of the American dream and the strength of our nation's immigrants.

For the past four decades, the Mosque Foundation has served the spiritual, religious, and communal needs of area Muslims by means of nurturing their faith, upholding their values, and fostering the well-being of the surrounding community through worship, charity, education, outreach, and civic engagement.

As you celebrate the Mosque Foundation tonight, I wish you much continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



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## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remarks by Congresswoman Marie Newman To Members of the Mosque Foundation Community

Hello everyone! Congresswoman Marie Newman here to congratulate the Mosque Foundation on its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Chicagoland community. The tireless dedication and collective work that each of you has put into this foundation over the past four decades has reverberated in every corner of Illinois' 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

From your annual community events to your educational programs to feeding the mouths of the hungry – this foundation and each of you represent the best of service. Giving back to your community is one of the most rewarding things we can do as humans. And each of you are doing this every single day. Rain or shine...you are there for your community. Day or night...you are there.

You embody the heart of IL-03, the Chicagoland area and our entire nation. Your love and devotion for the Muslim faith guides you, nurtures this entire community and lifts up every single person within in it. I am honored to celebrate your monumental 40 years of service and I welcome 40 more years of the Mosque Foundation serving our communities. I'll be right there alongside you all.

Thank you for letting me celebrate with you today.

Please keep up your tremendous work.



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October 3, 2021

The Mosque Foundation  
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Dear President Jammal and Community Members:

*Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

Robert Kennedy said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope and, crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

As your state senator, I am honored to represent one of the state's largest communities and serve as a voice for my Muslim constituents. As a person of faith, I always consider it a privilege to work with other people of faith to address systemic issues – an injustice for one is an injustice for all.

I know I am one among many who appreciates the movement and direction that the Mosque Foundation has demonstrated these 40 years. Your servant leadership in creating a civically engaged congregation and community is commendable. Whether the Mosque Foundation is increasing Census response rates, rallying for Black Lives Matter or advocating for policy changes through Illinois Muslim Action Day, you have seized the moment to make real change so that every person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

Congratulations and thank you for this occasion to participate in your anniversary celebration. I commit to continue our collaborative efforts to facilitating a beloved community.

Sincerely,

*Jacqueline Collins*

Jacqueline Y. Collins  
State Senator, 16<sup>th</sup> District

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Mosque Foundation,

I would like to extend a congratulations to the Mosque Foundation for the 40th Anniversary. We are grateful for a foundation in the 32nd District that continues to serve the community and provide a place of worship. I look forward to making sure your voice is not only received but respected. Everyone's community in the 32nd District will have the same continuous access to resources that will serve and uplift families.

Sincerely,

Cyril L. Nichols  
32nd District State Representative





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The Mosque Foundation  
7360 W. 93rd St.  
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Dear Community Members of the Mosque Foundation,

Peace be upon you.

On behalf of the Village of Bridgeview and myself, I would like to express my sincerest congratulations to the Mosque Foundation on 40 years of service to our community.

As Mayor of the Village of Bridgeview, I continue to stand by the Mosque Foundation and the Muslim community of Bridgeview as we recognize and celebrate this momentous achievement. The people of the Mosque Foundation's generosity, devotion, and service to our community is a source of pride for the Village of Bridgeview.

It has been my honor to serve the Mosque Foundation and the thousands of congregants who call Bridgeview home. The Mosque Foundation continues to play an important role in the growth and prosperity of our neighborhood and I look forward to the continued growth and success of the Mosque Foundation as a source of faith, community, and service to all.

Once more, congratulations on 40 years of service and excellence.

Sincerely,

Steven Landek  
Mayor, Village of Bridgeview

A WELL BALANCED COMMUNITY



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September 16, 2021

Members of the Mosque Foundation:

On behalf of the City of Hickory Hills it is my honor to extend congratulations to the Mosque Foundation on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many members of the Mosque Foundation are residents of Hickory Hills who actively contribute to the betterment of our city through their generosity, kindness and civic engagement. Indeed, members of the Mosque Foundation have helped us build a greater sense of community and one that reflects the diversity that has made our nation the greatest democracy in the world.

I sincerely wish the Mosque Foundation continued success in its mission to serve the spiritual, social and health needs of area Muslims while continuing to forge strong relationships with other area faith communities.

Congratulations once again to all members of the Mosque Foundation and peace be upon you.

Mike Howley  
Mayor, City of Hickory Hills





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September 17, 2021

The Mosque Foundation  
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Dear Members of the Mosque Foundation Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Mosque Foundation on 40 years of service to Chicago Ridge and the surrounding southwest communities. Your Foundation has provided a welcoming place for area Muslims to gather together for prayer services and worship for many years.

On behalf of the Village Board and myself, we would like to join your Islamic community in extending to you our best wishes for continued growth and success in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Tokar, J.D., MPA  
Village President

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## Bridgeview Police Department



September 20th, 2021

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Dear community members of the Mosque Foundation,

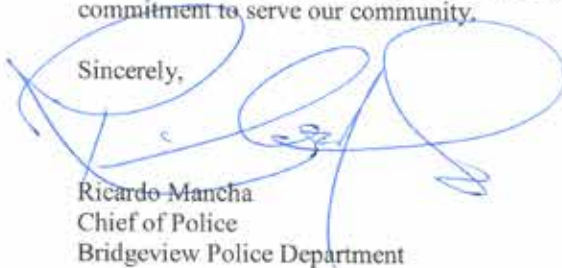
On behalf of the men and women of the Village of Bridgeview Police Department, I would like to congratulate the Mosque Foundation on 40 years of service and excellence. The Mosque Foundation has played an important and fundamental role in developing a vibrant and sterling community.

As chief of police for the Village of Bridgeview, I have a very good understanding of the Mosque Foundation's devotion to service and faith. It is an honor to serve alongside a community with an unwavering commitment to the well-being, safety, and prosperity of our Bridgeview community,

As we celebrate this moment, I cherish the history of our relationship, and look forward to our future of continued partnership, friendship, and dedicated service.

Once more, we congratulate you on such a wonderful achievement and your continued commitment to serve our community.

Sincerely,



Ricardo Mancha  
Chief of Police  
Bridgeview Police Department





September 27, 2021

The Mosque Foundation  
7360 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Bridgeview, IL 60455

The US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO) extends its sincere congratulations to the Mosque Foundation on its 40th anniversary serving the community. Muslims and non-Muslims have benefited tremendously from the pioneering efforts of all those who worked to build this powerhouse organization.

The USCMO is honored to share in the Mosque Foundation's mission to stand together as a united Muslim ummah and cultivate leaders who will carry on the true message of Islam for the next 40 years and beyond.

Thank you for your service and for being a valuable USCMO member organization.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Mohsin Ansari*

Chairman of the Board  
ICNA President



## THE COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS OF GREATER CHICAGO

September 22, 2021

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Dear President Jammal,

As-salāmu ‘alaykum.

On behalf of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) and myself, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Mosque Foundation on 40 years of outstanding service to the community.

The Mosque Foundation has and continues to be an important sponsor of Illinois Muslim civic and advocacy efforts. As a founding member of CIOGC, the Mosque Foundation has always recognized the value of civic engagement and advocacy for our diverse communities. In the two decades since the founding of CIOGC, the Mosque Foundation's support remains critical to the continued success of community civic advocacy and engagement across greater Chicagoland.

As we celebrate the Mosque Foundation's momentous achievement, we also join in celebrating the people of this dedicated community who are responsible for the continued success of this institution.

Once again, congratulations on 40 years of exemplary service to all.

Sincerely,

*Irshad Khan*

Irshad Khan  
Chairman of the Board  
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### السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

On behalf of the entire MAS Chicago chapter, I congratulate the Mosque Foundation family for their 40th year anniversary of service. As an organization, we stand both impressed and inspired by this globally influential institution. Mosque Foundation is the Muslim Americans flagship masjid which for the past 40 years has shined the light on many core community issues and opportunities.

This great masjid, for the past 40 years, has been generous, welcoming, and comforting to many individuals and organizations.

In MAS Chicago, we are acutely aware that great institutions are the results of constant and very hard work. We congratulate Mosque Foundation for having such a committed team and a caring Imam. MAS Chicago and the entire community thank Allah for gifting us Sheikh Jamal Said to lead this masjid through the years. He has been a family to many who had nowhere to go. His unwavering support to the work of many social organizations has strengthened our voice in this society. Allah bless him!

Again, on behalf of my brothers and sisters in MAS Chicago, I congratulate Mosque Foundation on their 40th year anniversary. We ask Allah to continue to bless them and reward them greatly in this life and the Last.

Dr. Raed Abusuwwa  
President  
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The Mosque Foundation  
7360 W. 93rd St.  
Bridgeview IL 60455

Dear President Jammal,

On behalf of American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) and myself, I congratulate the Mosque Foundation on 40 years of dedicated service to our community.

The Mosque Foundation represents not only the devotion and compassion of the Muslim community of Chicago, but also the tenacity and prosperity of the Diaspora community that helped establish this beautiful house of worship.

Although the Mosque Foundation is at the center of one of the largest concentrations of Palestinians in North America, it is now home to a vibrant and diverse community of Muslims of all backgrounds and nationalities united under our common faith and mission to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters.

With the help of Allah (SWT), it is this strong and diverse community that has led to the success of the Mosque Foundation. InshAllah, it is this community's strength, diversity, and generosity that will lead to the continued growth and service of the Mosque Foundation.

Again, congratulations on 40 years of service. May Allah (SWT) continue to bless this community and this institution.

Sincerely,

*Nida Sahouri Ali PharmD, CDE  
American Muslims for Palestine  
(AMP) Chicago Chapter Chair  
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# Moraine Valley Community College

*Office of the President*

September 16, 2021

Br. Oussama Jammal  
President and Chairman of the Board  
Mosque Foundation  
7360 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Bridgeview, IL 60455

Dear Br. Jammal and members of the Mosque Foundation community,

I write with congratulations for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mosque Foundation. Since 1981, the Mosque Foundation has grown tremendously, and much of its growth has occurred alongside some of the expansion projects at Moraine Valley Community College.

Moraine Valley is proud to have been an educational choice for many members of the Mosque Foundation community. As a community college, our mission is to offer excellent educational opportunities to every member of our district, and we are pleased to know that the Mosque Foundation community has leveraged and benefited from those educational connections.

I, personally and on behalf of the college, value the relationship that we have with the Mosque Foundation, through various events in which the other has participated, and also the spirit of collaboration to support, lead, and promote excellence in education and civic engagement.

Once again, congratulations on serving your community for the past 40 years—may the Mosque Foundation continue in its success for many years to come. The faculty and staff at Moraine Valley look forward to continuing our collegial partnership as, together, we help the members of our community.

Sincerely,

Sylvia M. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
President



## VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL

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Salam President Oussama Jammal and Members of the Mosque Foundation Community,

I am privileged to write this congratulatory letter honoring the 40th Anniversary of the Mosque Foundation. Having immigrated as a 5 year old from Palestine to the local area, I can fully appreciate and attest to the significance the masjid has on so many. You see, it was a very different time for Muslims without resources or support. To our knowledge, we were the 2nd Arab-American Muslim family to reside in Burbank in 1981. We did not have Muslim organizations to help families navigate. It was a struggle to understand all the unfamiliarity around us. Language barriers, lack of Muslim representation, new systems and a highlighted difference of culture permeated our daily lives. The excitement and glee of the construction of the masjid can only be described for those of us that were present. It was not only a symbol of hope but our new bonding center of love and togetherness. The service oriented masjid was a hub of resources for children, mothers and fathers. Our mother, Um Zayed, walked us to and from the masjid until she learned how to drive. Then she began to pick up new immigrant families along the way to make sure they did not miss out on the opportunities afforded to us. The one time her car didn't start for a masjid program, she called a taxi and made sure we made it!

I remember vividly the sunny days of attending weekend school before the masjid had a fully completed roof. We eagerly anticipated our time at the masjid as it brought joy, peace, delicious food made by our mothers and a new fondness for learning. This was further heightened for me as one of the first attendees of Aqsa School, whose inception began in the Mosque Foundation. My siblings and I were fully immersed in everything the masjid offered. In fact our eldest sister was one of the first Aqsa graduates of two. There at Aqsa is where I discovered my aspirations to become an educator. My professional journey starting at Universal School and currently as Principal of Andrew High School in CHSD230, I am able to inspire immigrants and marginalized communities that anything is achievable. Without my upbringing in the masjid community, I can not say I would be who I am today nor in my current role. The lessons and experiences obtained at the masjid are displayed through my daily interactions. The Bridgeview Mosque was and continues to be the foundation for many service oriented organizations for Muslims and non Muslims alike. I am blessed that I have witnessed the impact and growth from the days of not having a roof to the thousands attending Eid prayer at a stadium.

I share my personal fondness as a testament of the impact the masjid had on my life. I hope further generations continue to honor the past and promote the future of the Mosque Foundation. Happy 40th Anniversary to the Mosque Foundation and our community! Insha'Allah a lifetime of further service and growth. Looking forward to many more successes!

Wa Salam,  
Ms. Abir Othman  
Principal  
Victor J. Andrew High School  
2020 Illinois AP of the Year





*Eric Olsen  
Principal*

## AMOS ALONZO STAGG HIGH SCHOOL

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September 18, 2021

Dear Mosque Foundation Board of Directors,

On behalf of the students and staff of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School and all of the members of our Stagg Community, I would like to congratulate The Mosque Foundation on your 40 years of service to so many in our community. Your leadership, and the good work of The Mosque Foundation plays a critical role in the support and success of so many in our community.

As principal of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School for the past 16 years, I have always valued the relationship between our school and The Mosque Foundation and look forward to a future of continued work and partnerships in order to continue to provide robust and comprehensive support to our community members.

Again, congratulations on such an important milestone and for all that you do for members of our shared community.

Sincerely,

Eric Olsen  
Principal  
Amos Alonzo Stagg High School

## MOSLEMS BUY BUILDING FOR USE AS MOSQUE

The Mosque Foundation of Chicago has purchased a home of its own which will be the first mosque in Chicago, according to Hassan Haleem, secretary treasurer of the foundation.

He said the building, a former church at 6500 Stewart av., was purchased from the South Side association for \$15,000. He added \$10,000 to \$15,000 will be spent to remodel the building.

### Many from Palestine

Haleem said the building will not be remodeled to have the exterior appearance of a mosque. It will contain a place for services, a Sunday school, and a community center.

The foundation, formed by the American Arabian society here, is the outgrowth of the migration to the south side of many families from Arabian countries, the majority from Palestine, during the last few years. The society was formed two years ago by 10 or 15 families.

Haleem said there are about

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"There is no God, but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." Its followers are Moslems.

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-February 12, 1956  
-Chicago Tribune



Tribune photo by Karen Engstrom

Muslim girls pray at the mosque at 93rd Street and Harlem Avenue in Bridgeview. A youth center, scheduled to open this spring, will include a gymnasium, locker rooms, game room and library.

## Muslim youth center to open

Leaders envision spiritual haven from gangs, violence

By Teresa Puente  
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Wearing a T-shirt that reads, "Property of Allah," Amalee Ramadan, 20, leads a pickup game of basketball in the school gymnasium. Meanwhile, the school

The religious leaders hope the center will provide a large and permanent space where they can help youngsters deal with the spiritual aspects of their often misunderstood faith. They also hope to help with social and street issues, such as how to say no to

him by Dniobas, whose father is a Chicago police officer.

The youths fear the shooting will create negative stereotypes in the community about Muslim youths.

"People might think everyone is in a gang just because we're

Muslim girls pray at the mosque at 93rd Street and Harlem Avenue in Bridgeview. A youth center scheduled to open this spring will include a gymnasium, locker rooms, game room, and library.

-March 7, 1996  
-Chicago Tribune

## Arab-American community faces challenge

By Kevin Wiatrowski

A decade ago, Dearborn Heights Elementary School in Oak Lawn had a single Arab-American student.

This year, the school has 44 Arab-Americans, and school officials expect that number to continue to grow.

Dearborn Heights' history mirrors the growth of the Arab-American community in the Oak Lawn area. In recent years, that ethnic population has reached about 50,000 in the 2nd Congressional District, says Rahim Jaber, president of the Mosque Foundation of Chicago, a cultural group that serves Arab immigrants.

Most Arab-Americans live in Oak

Arab-Americans — many of the recent immigrants — have drawn increasing attention from non-Arab residents in their villages.

That attention is not always friendly. Muslim women who wear the traditional hijab (headscarf) covering get heckled by passers-by. Men find themselves looked upon as terrorists. Some fight non-Arab teens in school and out.

Arab residents must also battle the misunderstanding that they are all Muslims. While Muslims account for the largest portion of the Arab community, some Arab-Americans are Christians.

Through it all, south suburban Arab-Americans rely on their tightly knit community to help achieve the American Dream that brought

community find the association troubling because it comes with little control about Islam or the policies that drive much of the violence.

"You feel very bad that you're being associated with someone you don't agree with," says Salim Khashira, a civil engineer in Berwyn.

Jaber, a native Palestinian, has confronted prejudice for most of

Muslim community, Jaber says. The prayer hall was built to hold 300 people, at the time an unimaginable number.

"People said 'that's a big hall, we're never going to fill it,'" Jaber recalls.

With a 20 percent annual population growth, the local Muslim population has outgrown its prayer hall, particularly during weekly

last month when 200 parents, students and teachers gathered at Oak Lawn High School to discuss the Arab culture and the violence that has sparked recently between Arab and non-Arab students at the school.

Some of those attending found their opinions changed in the process.

"That opened a lot of doors and a lot of eyes," Jaber says of the meeting.

Jaber encourages new immigrants to the South Suburbs to reach out and meet their non-Arab neighbors as a way of building bridges between cultures.

Jaber, like Christianity, calls upon its followers to tell other people about their beliefs, through

Chicago Ridge, an example last month's celebration of Arab re-

"That's a great idea," Jaber says. The children of a school Dearborn High

Though Oak Lawn American community significantly in the Arab residents have into local government

One Arab American can successfully in Board of Education. Public School District includes Dearborn. It has come in last in a

Jaber chides Hanes much out to the first support. As yet, it

"My goal as an activist is: in the next 10 years we have an (Arab) congressman from this district."

Mosque Foundation President Rafted Jaber

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-May 12, 1996  
-Southtown Star



# People unite to show solidarity for Muslims

By Allison Nuntschel  
and Jim Hook  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Several hundred people of various faiths rallied Friday outside the Mosque Foundation of Chicago in Bridgeview, condemning violence against Arab-Americans and calling on all Americans to unite in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Just minutes after completing their prayer service, Muslims, many wearing American

*"The mosque is an important institution in our community and the Arab and Muslim people are members of our community."*

Matt McDermott,  
director of the Southwest Organizing Project

country where she was born.

Nawab said the cheers she heard from a group of people on a corner quickly turned to jeers once they saw her hijab

part in the things that happened last Tuesday. Islam doesn't support it, and they don't support it. We are all in the same situation."

Matt McDermott, director of the Southwest Organizing Project, said the coalition of religious institutions and community groups decided to organize the event to show people retaliation against Muslims could not be tolerated.

"We want to show people we can respond to what happened in a peaceful way," he said. "The mosque is an important institution in our community and the Arab and Muslim people are members of our community."

Walking out of the small brick building after the rally,



Star photo by Matthew Gault

Above, Bridgeview resident Ibrahim Salah (top right), 3, sits on the shoulders of his father, Muhammad, Friday during a rally of support for the Arab-American community outside the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview. Below, Bassam Jody (right), president of the Mosque Foundation, speaks Friday at the rally.

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-September 16, 2001  
-Southtown Star

## Mosque officials speak out against invasion of Iraq

By Michelle Mullins  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

to strike," Jaber said. "They can't even feed their people."

After afternoon prayers Friday, Muslims at a Bridgeview mosque urged President Bush to rethink a possible invasion of Iraq, saying such a war would kill thousands of innocent people.

Their plea came a day after Bush made a speech at the United Nations in which he said Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction, including chemical and biological agents, and could build a nuclear weapon. Bush also said Hussein has defied 16 U.N. resolutions.

Rafeeq Jaber, a board member

Jaber said Bush could easily take out the word Iraq and replace it with Israel, saying Israel also has violated U.N. resolutions and kills Palestinians.

In addition to criticizing Bush, Muslims at the Mosque Foundation again denounced the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, saying that Islam means "peace."

Friday, the Muslim holy day was the first such day after the one-year anniversary of the attacks that killed more than 3,000 people. A special service was held at the Mosque Foundation where those in attendance

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The only thing war would add more dead innocent people...We call on the president to lower the beating of the drums of war and to solve the crisis peacefully.

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-September 15, 2002  
-Southtown Star



Attendees pay close attention to a meeting of United Power for Action and Justice Southwest Region and Islam Assembly at St. Michael Catholic Church in Orland Park on Wednesday.

## Interfaith talk used for understanding



Sheik Jamal Said (left) of the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview and the Rev. Larry Dowling, pastor at St. Denis Church in Chicago, open the meeting Wednesday.

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-March 24, 2002  
-Southtown Star



“ Sheikh Jamal mesmerized worshippers with his eloquent sermons and ardent pleas to help oppressed Muslims. ”

-February 08, 2004  
-Chicago Tribune



On Sept. 14, 2001, Sheikh Jamal Saïd speaks to Muslims gathered for a prayer service in Bridgeview. He studied Islam in Saudi Arabia and has been prayer leader in Bridgeview for almost 19 years.

for one half of a century.”

The Herndon faction began a whirlwind membership drive. They wanted to sign up thousands of new members to force mosque officials to drop plans to adapt with NAIT.

But mosque leaders did not immediately accept new members, arguing that they had the authority to screen applicants to ensure that they were devout enough, court records show.

In the fall of 1981, the NAIT deal was signed. The same day, the mosque became a group used to block the agreement. The women and their male support

covering were turned into a Middle Eastern restaurant. A mosque soon became an Islamic center.

Men who attended the mosque grew their beards and traded their T-shirts for long tunics. Women draped themselves in loose, ankle-length robes.

Cook County was fast becoming home to more Palestinians than any other part of the nation. And the mosque was one of the area's largest Islamic centers.

Village leaders knew little about Muslims and their religion. Bridgeview was populated

**The prayer leader**

An imposing man with a bushy brown beard, Sheik Jamal mesmerized worshippers with his eloquent sermons and ardent pleas to help oppressed Muslims. He was greatly admired by mosque-goers, who frequently came to him to settle everyday domestic disputes.

As a child, he was inspired by the Muslim Brotherhood. Growing up on the West Bank, he learned about a nearby graveyard for brotherhood members who had died fighting for a Palestinian homeland. He later



Mayor Richard Daley speaks Monday during the dedication of a new garden near Adler Planetarium. It was donated by the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview. "I thought we needed to show something that's visible," businessman Talat Othman said.

## Mosque donates city garden

Gift shows Muslims' city ties, donors say

By Noreen S. Ahmed-Ullah  
Tribune staff reporter

astronomer's astrolabe in Iraq, have replaced the sod and barbed wire grills that were there last year.

On Monday members of the mosque, including its leader, Imam Jamal Saïd, and his

viate the perception of Muslims that they are only concerned about themselves. It will also allow other Muslim groups to emulate and contribute to society in a way that they have not done in the

mosque didn't agree to fund the garden as a reaction to criticism.

"Hopefully this project will answer those who have questions about the Muslim community," he said. "If it served

“ Mayor Richard Daley speaks Monday during the dedication of a new garden near Adler Planetarium. It was donated by the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview. ”

-November 14, 2006  
-Chicago Tribune



# Muslims celebrate Ramadan's ending

Community gathers for the The Eid at Toyota

By Stephanie Gehring  
Staff writer

The rhythmic call to prayer reverberated in the soccer stadium as Muslims gathered Friday at Toyota Park to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

"After a whole month of fasting, it's a big celebration today," said Cristina Fernandez, of Chicago's Ashburn community. "This is the day we break our fasts and enjoy the holiday and praise Allah. It's a joyous day for us Muslims."

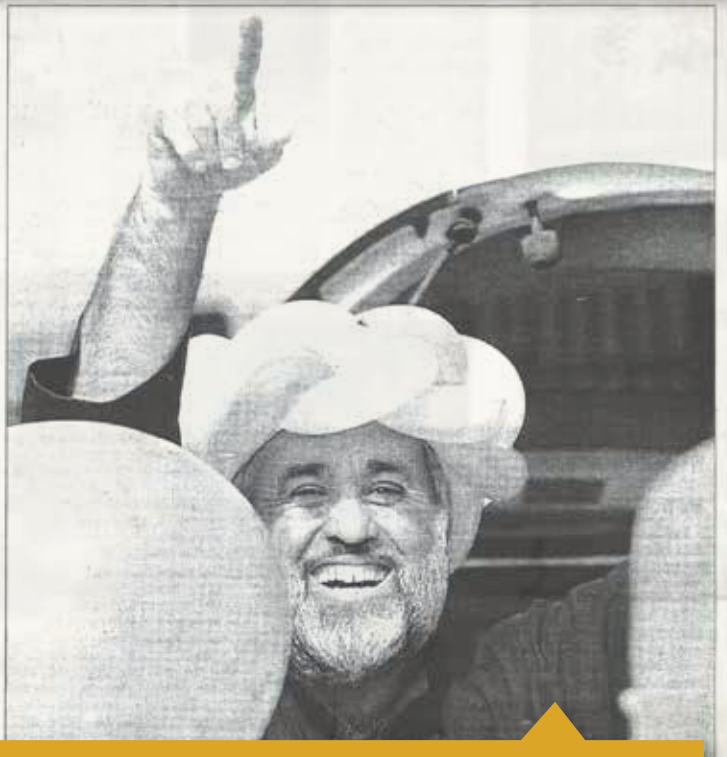
Fernandez said she would cook a lamb with all of the trimmings for her family, and there would be many sweets.

Muslims fast between sunrise and sunset during Ramadan and forego other sensual pleasures to draw them closer to God.

Ramadan ends with the sight-



Prayer and food are part of the Muslim Eid celebration at the end of Ramadan. Eating nachos at the gathering in Toyota Park Friday were (from left) Reema Abuzir, 16, Asma Hammadi, 15, Nouha Boundaoui, 15, Mariam Abdel-Razik, 15, Salma Salah, 16, and Noor Alawad.



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-October 13, 2007  
-Daily Southtown



Gov. Pat Quinn removes his shoes for prayers at Toyota Park. Eid al-Fitr is a holiday of prayer and festivities that comes after a month of fasting during Ramadan.

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-August 20, 2012  
-Chicago Tribune



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