

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Assalaamu alaikum!

I pray that you and your family are in the best of health and Islamic spirits, Ameen. It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of the Muslim Community Services of San Diego, in this blessed month of Ramadan.

As you may know, Muslim Community Services, a registered 501© 3 organization, has been actively working in the field of social services since its inception in 2005. **Our mission is to strive for the pleasure of God by providing social services to individuals and families in San Diego County, encouraging Muslims to serve their community, and organizing social and education events consistent with the principals of Islam.**

By the grace of Allah, and with the community's support, MCS has been true to this mission statement.

The families and individuals we assist are struggling to make ends meet. Many of them are recent refugees from war-torn countries and some do not even speak English. Almost all of them find that the food stamps and welfare assistance they receive is far from adequate in meeting the basic necessities of their families. MCS volunteers are trained to visit these families and assess their needs, so that we can take informed decisions in providing emergency assistance.

In the past year, MCS has utilized its modest means to expand its activities in helping needy families across San Diego County. Besides working actively to help our refugee brothers and sisters that are coming to this country, we are also helping a number of other needy brothers and sisters, including widows, single parents, reverts and struggling families, as well as initiating efforts to create awareness of issues such as poverty, foster care and domestic violence within the Muslim community.

Our activities in the past year include:

- a) **Emergency assistance to needy families through disbursement of Zakaat and Sadaqah**
- b) **Ramadan Food Basket Program and Eid Toy Drive**
- c) **Eid-ul-Adha Meat Drive.**
- d) **Seminar on domestic violence held at ICSD**
- e) **Support for Muslim Inmates**
- f) **Assistance to the homeless**
- g) **Annual School Supplies Drive**
- h) **Summer Relief Program (provided fans to dozens of families)**
- i) **Case-by-case counseling and referrals**
- j) **Collection of used furniture and other items from the community to distribute to needy families**

In the past year, MCS has rented a storage space to keep used furniture and items that can be delivered to needy families. With the community's support, MCS now owns a van that we are using to delivering such furniture, as well providing weekly rides to Jumua'ah for many Muslims that do not have their own transportation. God willing, this will assist them in better integrating with the community.

MCS is continually striving to improve its services, and to keep its operating costs down, so that your Zakat and Sadaqah can be optimally utilized in serving the needy. The families we assist testify to our efficacy. Here's what one brother that MCS helped had to say:

"MCS was very helpful when our family was in dire straits. MCS helped us when we had nothing and three kids to care for. MCS was there for us. They handled our case correctly (according to the teachings of Islam). MCS is one of the most valuable services in the San Diego Muslim community. Definitely the growth of MCS is needed."



2007 Fifteen Passenger Van, purchased in July 10' by 13' storage unit to facilitate donations

Shaykh Abdul Jaleel Mezgouri says about MCS:

"I believe MCS is doing a great job. I support and endorse MCS and encourage everyone to support this organization."

When considering whether to support MCS, refer to the Words of Allah (swt) when He told us in the Glorious Qur'an:

"For those who give in Charity, men and women, and loan to Allah a Beautiful Loan, it shall be increased manifold (to their credit), and they shall have (besides) a liberal reward."

[Translation of Surah Al-Hadid, Verse 18]

Although our activities have expanded, the magnitude of work that remains to be done is enormous. In this blessed month of Ramadan, we ask you to be a part of this noble effort, through your generous contributions. **We rely %100 on donations from the Muslim Community to provide these services!**

Please send your Zakat-ul-Mal and Sadaqah checks to the following address:

Muslim Community Services of San Diego
4203 Genesee Ave, #174
San Diego, CA 92117

We also welcome the help of volunteers! Please contact us for ways to get involved.

If you need more information about MCS and its activities, please feel free to call us at **(619) 696 9267** or visit our website at **WWW.MCSSD.ORG**.

May Allah bless you and your family and inspire us to work together in His Cause, Ameen.

Wassalaam,

Musaddique Thange, *Board Member*

For a detailed Year-End Report of MCSSD's Activities, including Financial Spending, Programs and Services, visit MCSSD.ORG (Click on the News and Reports Page)