

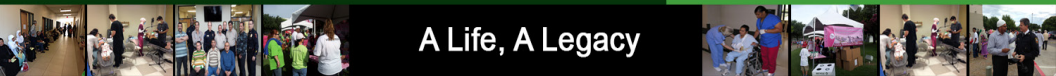
Islamic Association of Collin County



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A Life, A Legacy



Message from the Board

Assalamualaikum, and may peace be upon you.

On behalf of the board of directors at IACC, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you all to our Annual Iftar Banquet.

All faiths espouse the same core values of kindness and compassion, thereby unifying us in humanity. Your presence, participation, and contributions tonight are a manifestation of our love, care, and desire to lessen human suffering.

Compassion, kindness, and care are life-long virtues. Starting this year we are instituting a week long initiative called “Week of Compassion” to highlight and remind our community of opportunities to donate and provide charity during the holy month of Ramadan. Through this single week, we will create bonds which will translate into lasting partnerships, facilitating even greater charitable giving.

Many thanks to all our philanthropic and community partners who are participating, as we could not achieve our goals without your help. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for everything you do. We are indebted to you all.

I would also like to express my gratitude to IACC’s volunteers, donors, and members who are largely driven by divine guidance to do good. I would like to mention a particular example of those beliefs as practiced by our Prophet Mohammed peace be upon him:

“Smiling in your brother’s face is an act of charity. So is enjoining good and forbidding evil, giving directions to the lost traveler, aiding the blind and removing obstacles from the path.”

- Narrated on the authority of Abu Dharr Ghaffari

We have started these initiatives humbly, hoping to make a concerted effort towards making Collin County better day by day, year by year. In doing so we may have unintentionally overlooked individuals or organizations who are more needy and deserving. For that I seek the forgiveness of Allah, the Almighty, and most Merciful, and pray for all of us who are and are not present here that we may be guided to the straight path. Ameen.

I am reminded of a quote by Mother Teresa, which states that

“I would rather make mistakes in kindness and compassion than work miracles in unkindness and hardness.”

So I ask that as community, not just of Muslims, or of faith-based individuals, but as a community of humans, of brothers and sisters in humanity, that we come together and recognize the potential for good within ourselves and those around us, and thereafter strive ever forward towards making our home the greatest it can possibly be.

Sincerely,
Akram Syed
Amir / President of IACC



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Our Guiding Values

Every organization operates off of principles that shape the direction and provide the momentum for continuous work. At IACC we, and the work that we do, are propelled by 5 guiding principles which are enshrined in our minds and hearts and embody the core value of Islam. These 5 guiding principles are, in essence, our core values and each carries a call to positive action. This creates a dual effect – one where we strive to enhance our surroundings and are thereby simultaneously enhanced in ourselves.

The first value is the Preservation of Life. This value charges us with the mission to ensure that we follow through on two actions. First, we must support the continuity of life in all forms in our community; second, that we ensure the standard of quality of life for all. In short, we are to promote the existence and enhancement of life for all.

The second value is the Preservation of Intellect. This value entails that we support the educational and intellectual wellbeing of all. One of our greatest gifts, after life itself, is the mind. The cultivation of the mind is morally obligatory and indeed enhances the quality of life. In short, this value informs us that we are to promote the existence and enhancement of an environment that supports equal access to and opportunities for education for everyone.



The third value is the Preservation of Religion. Religion is an anchor that roots and cements a person thereby supporting them through the ebbs and flows of life. Religion as the formal exercise of a person's faith is the divine system that drives a person with sound intellect toward ethical choices so that virtue prevails over vice. Overall, this value informs us that we must support intra-faith and inter-faith collaborations and embrace faith-based initiatives for the overall enhancement of communities.

The fourth value is the Preservation of Family & Community. This value charges us with the moral imperative to promote healthy and stable families. Family is the smallest yet most integral of all social networks. Embedded in this value is the promotion of marriage and responsibility. In sum, this value moves us to support programs that embrace rather than exclude; that shelter, rather than shun; and that focuses on work and uplifting behavior.

Finally, the fifth value is the Preservation of Property. This value moves us to value what we own by sharing a portion of it with others who appear to be less fortunate in that regard. In short, through giving we learn the value of receiving.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Khalil Abdur-Rashid'.

Khalil Abdur-Rashid
IACC Resident Scholar



Preservation of Life

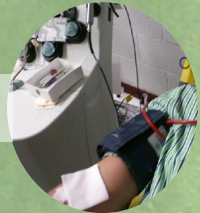
Over 1000 patients treated



A group of dedicated Muslim doctors sacrifice their time during the weekend to support the IACC Medical Clinic. The Adults' Clini is open every Saturday from 2:00pm-4:00pm and every Thursday from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The Psychiatric and Dental Clinics are open every Sunday at 10:00am while the Pediatric Clinic is open on the 1st Sunday of each month.

One donor saves three lives

Twice a year, IACC partners with Carter Blood Care in order to host blood drives at the IACC facility.



500 hours volunteered by youth



The IACC Youth Group and participating volunteers travel to the North Texas Food Bank to provide their services in packaging food for those in need.

IACC volunteers have emergency shelter training

The IACC Multi-Purpose Hall is a designated American Red Cross Emergency Shelter, 1 of only 2 mosques in the US designated as such.



10,065 lbs. of food distributed to 749 families



The IACC Food Bank operates every Saturday, from 9:00am until noon

Preservation of Intellect

Over 600 children in Collin County are in need

This year, **IACC** is partnering with the **Children's Advocacy Center** to provide back-to-school backpacks filled with school supplies for foster-care children.



Preservation of Religion

Strengthening ties



IACC hosts **interfaith dinners** during the month of Ramadan with our coalition of interfaith and community partners, so as to strengthen our bonds with each other and increase our spiritual awareness of one another.

The first class finished with more than 50 students

Shaikh Khalil Abdur-Rashid teaches a **Chaplaincy Class**, so that Muslims in Plano can undertake outreach missions while representing Islam accurately



IACC has held and will once again hold Islam 101, an open educational session for anyone who wants to gain an awareness or understanding of Islam. With the soon-to-come arrival of our new Imam Dr. Mokhtar Maghraoui, we hope to resume these classes soon.

Preservation of Family/Community

Over \$12,000 in aid distributed



Anyone who is going through a temporary financial hardship can submit an application to **IACC** for **Financial Assistance**. A group of volunteers meet at least once a week on Wednesdays to review and complete the processing of financial aid applications. Money from Zakat/Sadaqa is used to support this program. The Financial Aid Application Form can be obtained from the IACC Office or can be downloaded from the IACC website.

IACC participates in the **Christ United Methodist Church's House On The Corner** project, to help build a low-cost home for a family in need.



IACC hosted the **Susan G. Komen Foundation** on site to prepare for the June 14th **Race for the Cure** in Plano. Komen used 4 of IACC's upstairs classrooms this year.

2013 collection at IACC was one of the highest collected

IACC facilitates "Fill the Boot", a project for the **City of Plano Fire Department**, on the third Friday of each October.





Preservation of Property

IACC has started a new initiative this year partnering with **Goodwill Stores** collecting nonperishable items. Goodwill uses proceeds from these donated items to empower persons with disabilities with training and increased opportunity in the job market.



Philanthropic Partners

"I love our work in partnering with IACC as a way to serve under-resourced kids in our community. I am glad that we don't allow the differences we have as faith communities to get in the way of loving each other and the kids of Thomas Elementary School."

Dr. Dwight Nash, Lead Pastor, Collin Creek Community Church

"The Islamic Association of Collin County is such a great community partner. We are so honored that they have opened their hearts and home to our Affiliate as we work to raise awareness and funds in the fight against breast cancer. Our Plano Race for the Cure Packet Pick-Up operations ran so smoothly, and everyone at the center was incredibly friendly and helpful."

Susan G. Komen North Texas Executive Director, Mary Frances Hoover

"NTFB is proud to have the support of an organization like the Islamic Association of Collin County. This group has collected food items for our neighbors in need and volunteers in our warehouse on a regular basis. They take their support one step further by being a sponsor of Food 4 Kids - Plano, an expanded effort to provide 1800 weekend backpacks filled with nutritious food to chronically hungry Plano ISD children. We appreciate the IACC's resolve in the fight against hunger."

Jan Pruitt, President and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank.





IACC collaborates with many organizations, foundations, and groups when it comes to charitable works, far more than the ones highlighted in the previous pages. Below is a general list of our charity partners.

- Carter Blood Care
- Parkland Foundation
- North Texas Food Bank
- Arlington Life Shelter
- Masjid al-Islam
- The Samaritan Inn
- God's Pantry
- Thomas Elementary School
- Collin County Church
- Plano ISD
- American Red Cross
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Coalition of churches and synagogues
- Christ United Methodist Church
- Susan G. Komen Foundation
- Children's Hospital
- City of Plano
- City of Plano Fire Department
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Texas Muslim Women's Foundation
- Goodwill Stores

It is by the grace of Allah that we may do the work we do. If we have left off or forgotten any partners, affiliates, or organizations, we humbly ask forgiveness, and pray that the relationships we have made as a community have the most positive impact possible. Ameen.

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