

# COMMUNITY LINK

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**Ayah of the Month:** O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may gain taqwah (*Al-baqarah*, 183)

## The Month of Ramadan is Approaching

Dear Brothers and Sisters. . . .

Asslamu Alykum .. wa kul a'am wa antum bekhair. . . .

On October 15 we will inshaa'Allah witness the beginning of the month of Ramadan. This is the month of Qur'an, salaah and zakaat. We should prepare ourselves, physically and mentally, to do extra ebadaat during this blessed month to come closer to Allah (SWT). We should take full advantage of the month of Ramadan whose beginning is forgiveness, its middle is mercy and its end is protection from the hell fire.

With the help of Allah we are planning an active Ramadan program full of activities of salaah, taraweeh, qiam ellail and iftar. We are kindly asking you to take an active part in this program, bring your family and share blessed time with your brothers and sisters. You can support the program by volunteering your time, sponsoring iftar and being generous with donations to help the needy in our community. If you are willing to help, please contact me or any member of the CSC.

I pray to Allah to bless our effort, accept our prayers and purify our intentions to please Him. Ameen.

Ahmad Abdul Hamid  
Chair, CSC

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Monthly Meetings:

This Saturday October 2nd, 2004 inshaa'Allah we will have a monthly gathering in the Foundation. The members of the Community Service Committee will share with you the planned activities during the month of Ramadan and will ask your input and comments. We will be glad to consider your suggestions. If you have strong opinion about some activities from last year program and looking for changes please come to the meeting and voice your opinion. We will listen and implement your ideas.

### Program for the Monthly Gathering:

4:30 Asr Prayer

4:45 Program

- . Qur'anic recitation by Sheikh Sayed
- . Welcome remarks by Ahmad Abdul Hamid and Dr. Mustafa Ahmad
- . Proposed Ramadan program review by Ihab Kamel
- . Ramadan Fundraising by Abdelilah Nassani

5:45 An Alternative View of Da'wah by Rami Hasan

6:15 Dinner (Pizza and sandwiches will be provided)

6:45 Maghrib prayer

### Sisters' Halaqah:

Sisters are having halaqas of Qur'an and Islamic studies every Thursday at 10:00 Am. If any of the sisters likes to join, please contact sister Nevan at 610 527 2756

### Learn Qur'anic Recitation

Sheikh Sayed Abdel Maqsood is available to teach you and your kids Qur'anic recitation. You may contact Sheikh Sayed directly ( 610 322 6430 ) to arrange suitable time to meet with him.

### New Initiatives

A new wireless internet service is available at the Foundation. Bring your laptop (with wireless card installed in your laptop) and enjoy cruising the net while visiting the FIE.

### Need Help ?

The Community Service Committee has been in charge of the Zakaat fund for the last two years. Alhamdulillah, with your generous donation, we collected last year over \$30,000 and were able to help over 15 individuals who were in need. If you or someone you know is in need please contact Br. Ahmad Abdul Hamid or Brother Iftekhhar. All cases are kept in strict confidentiality.

**For any questions or concerns, please contact the following CSC members:**

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