

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Al Salam Aleekum Wa Rahmat Allah wa Barakatoh

**Allah (SWT) says in the Qur'an:**

*The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is as the likeness of grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase to whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures needs, All Knower (Qura'an chapter 2-261).*

On behalf of the Islamic Center's and New Horizon Academy's Boards we would like to thank you for your generous support this year and prior years. With the grace of Allah (SWT) and then your help, the Islamic Center of Des Moines and the New Horizon Academy are able to continue to meet their financial obligations, teach our kids, support the needy families in our community, start the new masjid construction, improve and maintain current Mosalah and spread the word of Allah (SWT). This community should be proud of what we have had accomplished and we ask Allah (SW) to bless you and your family and reward you the best rewards in this Donya and in the day of Judgment.

We would like to take this opportunity to give you a summarized update on the accomplishments, projects and financials of 2009.

### **Accomplishments for last 18 months:**

#### **Major Remodeling, Maintenance and Projects**

- Fixed the main parking lot
- Remodeled the sister's pray area
- Installed new heating unit
- New Play ground for the kids
- Summer Camp for kids – summer 08
- Remodel Center's Hallways
- Fixed the sister's entryway sidewalk
- Remodeled the restrooms
- Started the Free clinic

#### **Zakat and Sadaga Distributions**

- Zakat Al-fitir was given to 40 Families in Des Moines, USA and overseas
- Paid the rent and utilities for two families that lost their fathers this year
- Bought School supplies for 5 Orphans
- Provided burial services for two women and two kids of families that could not offered it
- Assisted 4 new immigrant families with their food and utilities
- Our Clothe Drive reached 10 families and we still have items that will be sent to 30 other Muslim families in Des Moines
- \$2000 Udehya Money made it to Palestine, India, Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Jordan, Egypt, Kenya, Chechnya and Pakistan
- Local Udehiya meat was given to 10 families in Des Moines
- Supported 3 stranded families traveling through Des Moines
- Were able to have Two Eid Parties and a hall big enough for the community
- And many others



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### Education and Dawaa Projects

- NHA Academy continues to run and educate our kids. School financials are completely separate from the Center. Our School continues to grow and we continue to work on providing a better and more financially affordable education place for our kids starting at the age of 3.
- Started an ESL Class
- Sunday School Serving 75 kids and Saturday School for 15 kids
- Qur'an Classes
- Developed New Website for the Center
- We have Daawa committee that visited Drake, Grandview, DMACC and several of the high and middle schools in Des Moines to teach the community about our great religion.

### Other Services

- The Center performed several wedding ceremonies
- The Center performed several burial ceremonies
- Consulted several families with their family issues

### Center 2009 (Jan to August) Financials – Not include new Masjid financials

<b>Incomes, including Zakat and outside donations,</b>	
• Total	<b>\$70,611</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
• Zakat - Sadaka	\$15,743
• Funerals ( not collected)	\$4,866
• All other operation, Salary, Taxes Rent, supplies, maintenance	\$70,052
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,661</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$20,050)</b>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our job is not done and we still have a lot of work left for 2009. Here is an update on some of the projects that we still working on;

### Ramadan Projects and Reminders

- Visiting Imams  
We were hoping that the visiting imam would be here by now. Unfortunately we are still waiting for the immigration approval for either one of the imams we invited to be issued. They visa department at INS told us the process should take two month, it has been over 3 months and we are still waiting. If the approval is issued in the next week or so, we will still have him come to finish Ramadan with us.



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- **Zakat**

Please visit [www.goicdm.org](http://www.goicdm.org) to get more information about zakat and how to calculate it.

Zakat means growth (nam'a), blessings (barakah), purification (taharah), or appreciation (madh). It is called zakat because one's wealth grows through the blessings of giving part of it and the prayer of those who receive it. Zakat purifies its giver of his/her sins and is clearly ordered by God. The Quran says "Take alms of their wealth and make them pure and clean " (9:103).

There are two main type of zakat:

1- Zakat on self (zakat al-fitr or fitra). This zakat is caused by breaking the fasting at the end of Ramadan. it is sometime called sadaqat al-fitr. Zakat ul-fitr is leived on individual and not on his/her wealth. Zakat ul-Fitr is mandatory for every Muslim, young, old, men, women, free and captive. **It is calculated to be \$10 per person this year.**

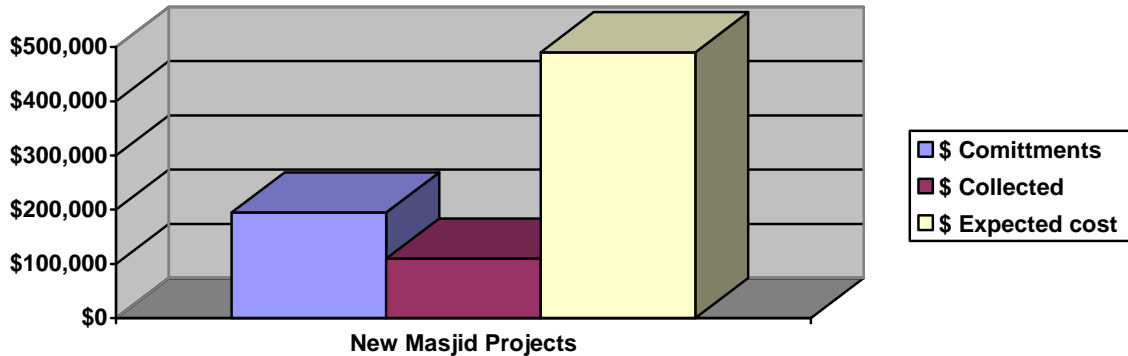
2- Zakat on wealth(zakat ul-mal).

Zakat was instituted among Muslims to carry out a variety of objectives. Islam ordained zakat to achieve, through it, social justice and sublime moral and spiritual values. It is a criterion for the believers and a way to success in this life and the next. Allah says, "Who establishes worship and spend of that we have bestowed upon them, these are the true believers. For them are grades of honor with their Lord, and forgiveness, and a beautiful provision". [8:3-4]

**New Masjid Remodeling and expansion**

Item	Status	Expected Start	Expected Comp.	Estimated cost
Architect- drawing and blue print	Completed			\$16,000
Contractor Selection	Completed			0
Finalize Scope	Completed			0
Sign Contract	Completed			0
Obtain Building Permits	In-progress	8/24/09	8/30/09	0
Demolition Phase	Planned	9/1/09	9/3/09	\$75,000
Framing Phase	Planned	9/8/09	9/29/09	\$250,000
Finishing Phase	Planned	TBD	TBD	\$165,000

\* Detailed project and cost will be posted separately



### How can we reach our goals?

1. We will continue to count on your generous hearts to help our center reach our goals. *The Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "For any one who builds a mosque for the sake of Allah, Allah will build him a house in paradise".*  
Our goals would be easily achieved if all of us give some. If every family in our community donated \$1,200 a year we will have enough money to cover the center's expenses and maintenance. If every family gives another \$500 we will be able to complete all of the projects we have planned for 2009.
2. the board will continue to visit other communities for fundraising
3. The board will continue to manage our expenses to the best of their abilities.

### How Can YOU Help?

**You can help by sending your donation using one of the three options listed below:**

- (a) By filling out the included form and mailing it in along with a personal check.
- (b) By making an online payment by credit card (via Paypal) on our website ([www.goicdm.org](http://www.goicdm.org)).
- (c) If monthly payment is what will suite you best. Please fill the form attached and send a voided check with your form.

**All your donations are tax deductible.**

We pray and ask Allah to bless you and your family for all your help. Thank you