

TheCommUnityNews

A Publication of the Muslim Unity Center of Bloomfield Hills

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Eid Mubarak brothers and sisters

Every Hajj season is unique. This year is no exception. While nobody denies the many concerns over the current temporal condition of Muslims throughout the world, in the broader scheme of things, the Divine Message is reaching more people today than it did at any time in the last century. A shining light full of hope has risen and a good seed has been planted. The fruit may not mature for a few generations, but the Islamic Renaissance has begun and is already at a point of no return.

Though we are proud that in a world of more than 5 billion people, only Muslims are able to unite annually, creating the largest human gathering on earth in Makkah, this is not the justification for our celebration. Indeed, Islam values quality over quantity.

Instead, our points of pride in commemorating this Eid ul-Adha stem from the concrete indices that Muslims are successfully conveying the Divine message. Islam is the fastest growing religion in all the corners of the world in spite of all the anti-Islamic propaganda. Islamically compliant transactions are gaining momentum, and offering a viable alternative to Riba-based institutions. Muslims are responding to the specter of war by actively engaging in the political process to help make peace a condition that everyone can count on. The Ummah is coming together in a spirit of cooperation and extending generous help to people in need worldwide.

It is no longer a question of whether the cup is half-full or half-empty. The cup is full, but there is an entire barrel to fill-up. Progress is real. Our goal, at the Unity Center, is to ensure that we are all part of it.

Eid Mubarak

Completing Unity Center Construction

The anxiety of anticipation is a common emotion in our community. Yes, all are anxious to see the Unity Center completed, teeming with activities and glowing with the sublime message of Islam. We envision and dream about the completed Unity Center as a spiritual haven for our community and a beacon of light for all.

As we translate this vision into reality, we have to address our financial reality. The initial budget provided by the builder does not include many components required for use of the facility. For example, the professional grade kitchen and the spacious banquet facility (300-seat capacity) were not included as core costs. Now we are facing a funding deficit that must be remedied soon.

Although we expect construction to be complete in the spring, insufficient funds may delay the project. We need about \$600,000 to complete all components of the project. We are counting on you to make an additional donation to the Unity Center at this critical juncture to get us through this financial "bottleneck". There are several funding options to "buy" a piece of the Center; all are listed in the enclosed donation form. These options range from sponsorship of the gymnasium or the banquet hall, to purchasing a prayer space or a granite tile that will adorn an interior wall. An explanation of the latter two options is perhaps in order:

1. Buy a prayer spot: There are 600 prayer spaces. In addition to supporting the construction of the Center, this is a running charity that would continue to shine every day for a very long time inshaAllah. Each prayer space can be sponsored for \$ 2,000 each

2. Buy-a -tile, build the wall: An interior wall in the main central area will be adorned with 300+ polished granite tiles. Every tile will be etched with the names of individuals, businesses or loved ones, leaving a rich legacy of a community coming together for a noble goal. If anonymity is desired, a favorite phrase can be etched instead. Tiles can be purchased for \$500 each.

Enclosed please find a donation form and a membership form. We realize that you have many competing financial obligations, but the need for your donation has never been greater. May God bless you and reward you for your generosity.

Reminders

New Phone Number

The Unity Center has a new phone number:
(248) 874-1100

Your voicemail message will be directed to the appropriate person.

The Unity Center EID Party at Gameworks

On 02/12/03 the Unity Center EID Party will take place at Gameworks located at Great Lakes Crossing. For tickets please call Mary Lynn Badr 248-738-3931 or Bana Kaakarli 248-689-0018.

02/21/03 Deadline

All males ages 16 and older without a green card or US citizenship and who are from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia must register with the INS by this date. For more details please call the INS at (800) 375-5283

Volunteer!

We are looking for people to help in different areas of the center. Please leave a message if you are interested in helping and we will get back with you.

From Your CommUnity News Team

The CommUnity News is an approximately quarterly publication focused on enriching our community life here at the Muslim Unity Center of Bloomfield hills. We accomplish this in several ways:

First, we aim to inform you of opportunities to participate in events within our congregation, with our extended family of Muslim centers in SE Michigan, and with our Muslim & non-Muslim neighbors through interfaith dialogue.

Secondly, we hope to increase awareness of:

- issues of consequence that affect us by publishing editorials/opinions dealing with such issues, and
- the seasons of Muslim life by highlighting our holy days.

Thirdly, we would like to introduce and recognize individuals in our community for the roles they play in our congregation and the society at large.

Last, but not least, we would like to publicize the milestones in the lives of our members - births, graduations, marriages, deaths, etc.

Please keep in mind that this newsletter is not a one way street; we encourage you to contribute to its contents and provide feedback to help us improve it. We, especially, would like to enlist the participation of our young people in creating a section that addresses their interests and concerns directly. If writing stories is not your interest, but you would still like to be part of our newsletter team, there are many opportunities to help. Our team schedule is printed below. Please join us!

The Newsletter Team Schedule for Year 2003

	Issue Number 2	Issue Number 3	Issue Number 4
Committee Meeting	3/24/03 at 9:45 a.m.	8/25/03 at 9:45 a.m.	11/24/03 at 9:45 a.m.
Committee Meeting	3/31/03 at 9:45 a.m.	9/2/03 at 9:45 a.m.	12/1/03 at 9:45 a.m.
Deadline for articles	4/4/03	9/5/03	12/5/03
Master Copy Ready	4/8/03	9/9/03	12/9/03
Printing	4/9-11/03	9/10-12/03	12/10-12/03
Folding/Stapling/Labeling	4/13/03	9/14/03	12/14/03
Mailing	4/14/03	9/15/03	12/15/03

The News Team are: Kamal Siada, Editor-in-Chief; Randa Seifeldin, Layout Editor; Gigi Salka, Ihor Debryn, and Safwan Badr.

Please contact Kamal Siada at ucnewsletter@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Unity Center Eager to Sponsor Youth Programs

Youth Discussion Groups Several members of the community have expressed interest in establishing youth discussion groups that would focus on Islam and contemporary issues. The discussion groups can be self moderated and may on occasion have invited guests.

Community Outreach Programs Islam places a high value on living Islam through giving to the community at large. To this end, we would like to establish a volunteer youth group (HS and college). Volunteering in a soup kitchen or for a Habitat for Humanity project, staffing the phone lines at charity telethons or during a WDET fundraiser are examples of the endless opportunities to make a difference. Our faith, as Muslims, is not complete until we give of ourselves for the benefit of others. As a first step, we need one of our young people to step up to the plate and take the lead by enlisting the help of others. Parents can help with the logistics, transportation etc., keeping in mind that this is to be a youth-led program.

Anyone interested in either of the above programs, or who has suggestions for alternate youth programs, please contact our youth group coordinator, Safwan Badr at badr@comcast.net

Classes/Lectures/ Symposia

New Class on Islamic History

Time/Day/Place: 7-10 p.m. on Mondays at the Northwest Campus of WCCCD (Dearborn Campus on Joy and Greenfield). **The first class begins Monday, January 27th.** This class will deal with Muslim Intellectual History. The class will be divided into the following topics: 1) Law; 2) Theology; 3) Shi'ism; 4) Sufism; 5) Modernism; 6) Islam in America. All of these topics will be dealt with in historical context, i.e., we will look at the development of doctrine in each of these areas in historical context, canvassing the contributions of their major figures, along with the major controversies that defined the discourse within each. For more information please

02/11/03

How to Raise Successful Children

The Bloomfield Youth Guidance is hosting this lecture at Lahser High School beginning at 7:30pm. Research has shown that I.Q. is responsible for only 10 percent of success; emotional intelligence accounts for 90 percent of social and academic success. Learn how to help your child make wise choices by managing their emotions and their environment. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door.

02/22/03

Perspectives on the Muslim Community in America

The Muslim Graduate Students Association will hold this conference at the University of Michigan Union Ballroom in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The conference runs from 9:30am till 5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students.

03/23/03

The 17th Annual Symposium of Muslim, Christian, Jewish Leadership Forum

To be held at Marygrove College in Detroit starting at 1:00pm. Dr. Fatima Al-Hayani will be the keynote speaker and will talk about "The New Genetics: Feast of Famine"

What's Happening at the Unity Center?

- **Full-time daycare and Montessori pProgram** Daycare available Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Montessori program is Pre-K thru 1st grade. Tuition fees.
- **The Unity Center Sunday School** offers six levels of Arabic Language, Quran (memorization, recitation & meaning), Islamic Studies (Fiqh), and Seerah and Islamic Manners. School meets weekly during the school year from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuition fees.
- **Islamic Saturday School** is taught completely in Arabic and covers language, Quran, and Islamic Studies. School meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 pm during the school year. Tuition fees.
- **Unity Center Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack** meets most Sundays from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. All boys from ages 6 to 18 are welcome. Lots of opportunities for family involvement. Registration fees.
- **Girls Group** for middle schoolers will begin to meet on Saturday evenings. Meeting times to be announced. Parents of girls interested please call the Unity Center at (248) 874-1100. Free.
- **Tuesday Women's Class** Class begins at 1:00 p.m. with tajweed and follows with tafseer, seerah and Islamic history. Parenting and marital issues, environmental and health topics are also covered. Free. Baby sitting is provided for a fee.
- **Beginning and Intermediate Arabic language classes** are held Mondays and Tuesdays respectively, from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Tuition \$100 including books. For info #248-613-2493.
- **Monthly Potluck** on the last Friday of the month. Maghrib to Isha.
- **Yoga for Women at the Unity Center** We need a minimum of 10 enrollees in order to offer the class, which will be led by a certified female yoga instructor. Interested ladies please contact Razan Kadri at (248) 745-9095.
- **Jumaa Prayers** Every Friday at 1:30 p.m.



Construction: Countdown to Completion

With the exception of some recent hiccups, construction of the Unity Center continues at a fast pace. The drywall has been put up in the library, office, kitchen, and in the hallway connecting all of these areas, giving a clear sense of the space and a glimpse of the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. The walls in the men's and women's prayer halls and surrounding areas have been roughed in, the youth room walls have been roughed in, and work continues on the new windows, and roof. Our new elevator is being put in. This will allow the roof work to be completed.

Our original project goals can be completed by April, but, due to our financial situation, this date is in jeopardy. The project's original scope and budget did not include some key areas of the building - namely the kitchen and the banquet facilities. We are negotiating with outside caterers for help with the funding of these areas so that they can be finished within a short time of our original project goals.

For more information, please contact Ihor Debryn at iad@aol.com.

Sunday School Needs Your Help

You may have noticed that our Sunday School furniture is no longer adequate and needs to be replaced with new, and more suitable furniture. The Unity Center's financial resources are strained beyond the limit at this time, and so the school administration has decided to direct their plea for assistance directly to the Unity Center family. We need money to buy desks for our students. Remember that your donation of a desk is tax-deductible. It is also a contribution that keeps on giving each time someone uses that desk. The price of a desk is estimated at \$ 100. We need 70 desks. It is our hope that the new furniture can be available in a matter of weeks.

Please make your checks out to the "Unity Center", and include in the memo, "Sunday School desk donation". JAK

Please contact Iqbal Baig at iqbalb@teamiis.com if you have any questions.

News from Pack and Troop 1519

The cubs of Pack 1519 have been keeping busy the past couple of months.

In December, we went bowling at Langan's Norwest Lanes. Some of the cubs had an opportunity to earn an award for learning all about bowling rules, etiquette, history, etc.

In December and January, the pack prepared for a district-wide winter outdoor event: the Klondike. They learned how to tie a square knot and a bowline, and they learned how to build and light a campfire. On January 18, seven of our scouts attended the Klondike in Beverly Park in Southfield. One of the events was the Skier's lift and the cubs learned to build a stretcher using two poles and a blanket. The kids successfully assembled the lift and carried Cub Scout Issa Kaakarli on it on a course that took them about 50 feet away from where they started, then back again. Halfway around, they dropped Issa, but quickly reassembled the stretcher and continued their journey back to the starting point. They think they came in third but cannot be sure. There was a lot of confusion and the kids were laughing and having a great time. Between events, the boys stood close to a fire and kept relatively warm, except for their toes. Eventually it got too cold for some of the younger cubs, so our den leader took them home.

On January 26, the Bear Cubs went for a tour of the Bloomfield Township Police Department.

The Boy Scouts are planning to go camping at D-Bar-A Ranch on February 21-23. They have invited the older cub scouts to join them. They plan to get target practice on a rifle range and an archery range.



Some of the cubs and leaders of Pack 1519 enjoying a hot cup of cocoa at the district Klondike on January 18
(picture courtesy of Den Leader Nabil Raad)

Prayer Times for Bloomfield Hills

February 2003

Zul-Qadah 29, 1423 - Zul-Hijjah 26, 1423

Date	Date(H)	Fajr	Sunrise	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	29	6:27	7:48	12:52	4:04	5:48	7:07
5	3	6:24	7:43	12:52	4:09	5:53	7:12
10	8	6:18	7:37	12:52	4:16	6:00	7:17
15	13	6:12	7:30	12:52	4:22	6:06	7:23
20	18	6:05	7:23	12:52	4:28	6:13	7:29
25	23	5:58	7:16	12:51	4:33	6:19	7:35

March 2003

Zul-Hijjah 27, 1423 - Muharram 27, 1424

Date	Date(H)	Fajr	Sunrise	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	27	5:52	7:09	12:50	4:38	6:24	7:40
5	1	5:46	7:03	12:50	4:42	6:29	7:45
10	6	5:37	6:54	12:48	4:47	6:35	7:51
15	11	5:28	6:46	12:47	4:52	6:41	7:57
20	16	5:19	6:37	12:46	4:56	6:46	8:03
25	21	5:10	6:28	12:44	5:01	6:52	8:09
30	26	5:00	6:19	12:43	5:05	6:58	8:16

April 2003

Muharram 28, 1424 - Safar 28, 1424

Date	Date(H)	Fajr	Sunrise	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	28	4:57	6:16	12:42	5:06	7:00	8:19
5	3	4:49	6:09	12:41	5:09	7:05	8:24
10	8	5:39	7:01	1:39	6:13	8:10	9:31
15	13	5:30	6:52	1:38	6:17	8:16	9:38
20	18	5:20	6:44	1:37	6:20	8:22	9:45
25	23	5:11	6:37	1:36	6:24	8:27	9:53
30	28	5:02	6:30	1:35	6:27	8:33	10:00

Source : soundvision.com

Joint MAS-ICNA Conference Focuses on the Need for Strong American Muslim Activism

We need a deliberate approach to Muslim American activism. This was the theme of the MAS-ICNA conference held in Chicago late December. The primary objective of such activism is for American Muslims to take their place in formulating the political and social agendas of our community and our country, thereby strengthening our community and providing the public with a positive view of Islam and Muslims.

The convention's program was rich and insightful, addressing issues that are critical to the Muslim community, both short and long term. It was divided into nine mini-conferences, each addressing a major theme: Solid Youth Programs, Fiqh, Islamic Education and Schools, Community Development, Family & Social Services, Politics & Civil Rights, Media Training, Dawah/Outreach, and Muslim World Issues.

While more than fifty speakers addressed a wide array of topics, there were some common threads that are important to mention:

- Muslim Americans have failed to reach out beyond their community to engage and address the wider U.S. society. This is changing, with a greater focus on dawah and outreach.
- Muslim American organizations need to sharpen their skills (including leadership, teamwork, grass-roots mobilization, and conflict resolution) to enhance their effectiveness in reaching out.
- Muslim families have to take a rational approach to dealing with the many challenges facing them in areas such as raising children, divorce, and domestic violence, all in the context of the guidance of the Quran and the Sunna.
- Investing in Muslim youth is key to improving and sustaining the vibrancy of the community. We must engage and coach our young people on Muslim activism, on outreach, and encourage them to take up careers in critical professions such as journalism, law, communication, government, where Muslims are practically without representation.
- The community must embark upon a new strategy and agenda that would vigorously confront the erosion of civil rights and emphasize the need for legal recourse and representation by Muslim Americans.
- While addressing important community and domestic issues, Muslim Americans should continue to advocate for a positive US foreign policy toward the Muslim world.

This convention achieved success on two fronts: first in focusing on the critical issues of our time and second in emphasizing unity with the unprecedented joint effort between MAS and ICNA in hosting the convention.

To watch or listen to recorded sessions please visit:
www.islamicity.com/multimedia/CyberTV/ch22

Islamic Calender through April 2003

Zul-Hijjah	1	1423	Start of Month	February	3	2003
	8		Start of Hajj		10	
	9		Day of Arafat		11	
	10		Eid-UI-Adha		12	
	11		Great Aqabah Pledge		13	
	12		Great Aqabah Pledge		14	
	13		Great Aqabah Pledge		15	
Muharram	1	1424	Islamic New Year	March	4	
	10		Day of Ashurah		13	
Safar	1		Start of Month	April	3	
	27		Hijra from Makka to Madina		29	

Cornell University Survey of American Muslims

Cornell University conducted a study on American Muslims in April 2002. The research was sponsored by Bridges TV. A survey was sent to 5,000 random recipients from the ISNA and CAIR mailing lists. There was a 15% response rate. To see the complete survey results, please go to:

http://www.bridges.tv/American_Muslims/american_muslims.html

Here are some of the survey's interesting results:

- The interaction between indigenous and immigrant Muslims is limited.
- 67% of American Muslims (compared with 44% of Americans) have a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- One in ten American Muslim households has a physician / medical doctor.
- American Muslims are wealthy (66% of American Muslim households earn over \$50,000 / year compared with a U.S. Average income is \$42,158 per year).
- **American Muslims are under-represented in occupations that make public policy and influence public opinion. Few American Muslims pursue Print/TV/Film media careers. American Muslims are unlikely to be in state legislatures and courts where laws are made and practiced.**

The study included a market analysis of American Muslims that showed that we are a sizable market of 8 million people, 2.3 million households in North America, that is expected to double to 16 million by 2014.

Opinion

On June 19, 2002, **Hashem Aghajari**, an Iranian scholar delivered a speech in Hamedan, Iran, on the 25th anniversary of the death of controversial Islamic scholar Ali Shariati. The speech earned him a death sentence. Below are excerpts from the speech, translated from the Farsi. Draw your own conclusions..

“ Historic Islam is a culmination of what the spiritual thinkers [clergy] have experienced and considered through the ages and centuries past. Over time, the accumulated traditions become holy and are adorned in religious garb. At times the historical elements of these traditions and understandings become so credible that revisions become truly extraordinary events. Consider changes over the last century: Replacing traditional public baths with showers and modern water works was initially considered against the sharia [Islamic law]. Only bathing in traditional public pools was considered sufficient for meeting the Islamic cleansing requirements. Similarly, around the time of our constitutional revolution [in the early 20th century] one of the spiritual gentlemen issued an article condemning chemistry, physics and modern sciences, stating that, “Chemistry declares there is no god.” Today, however, these same gentlemen do not oppose sciences, as they ride in late-model automobiles and have developed a taste for such things. The understandings and interpretations of spiritual thinkers are irrelevant to Islam. These are their understandings. As they had the right to read and understand the Quran, so do we. We have the right to read the Quran and develop our own understanding. This understanding cannot be decreed to us. We separate historical Islam from essential Islam through analysis. We refer to the original text and [strive to] define the original content in today's terminology. . . .

It is obvious that one who desires to be a Muslim in the 20th and 21st centuries is a different person from those living in Mecca and Medina of 1,400 years ago, [which had] populations similar to small villages in modern Iran. It is obvious that we have different ways and methods of understanding in all areas including economics and politics. To understand Islam today, and in every generation, one must consider himself the direct recipient of the Holy book, a recipient of God's [message] and the prophets. . . . We have the right to receive and interpret this message on our own and based on our own circumstances. Accepting ancient and accumulated traditions just because they are historical is regressive. It is mimicry. For years the youth were discouraged from reading the Quran. They were told that understanding the Quran requires 101 levels of thinking not available to commoners. [Islamic scholar Ali] Shariati,

however, told his students to read the Quran themselves and to develop scientific methods for the study and scholarly interpretations. These methods can lead to deeper and better understanding of many topics. The clergy carrying tons of ancient baggage cannot compete in this arena. Therefore, students engaging in discovery and developing their own understanding are committing major crimes, as their activities may be bad for the gentlemen's business. . . . The whole Spiritual class would be out of work. In Islam there is no such class. The clergy and many of the titles and the hierarchy are new — In many cases no more than 50 to 60 years since their invention. . . . The spiritual clergy relates to historical Islam. In essential Islam, there is no such entity. Dr. Shariati told us that in Islam, there exists a teaching relationship. An Islamic scholar does not need followers and does not consider his knowledge a means of leadership. Neither does the student worship the teacher. The relationship is an educational one. Today's student can be tomorrow's teacher. This relationship includes criticism. . . . It is not mimicry. People are not circus monkeys to mimic without understanding. A student must comprehend and practice and strive to increase his understanding until he is independent of his teacher. Today religion controls the government and the spiritual clergy occupies the seat of power. . . . The Islam we encounter is not the traditional Islam, but a fundamentalist one. In contrast, Islamic Protestantism [reformist Islam] is intellectual, practical and humane and as such is a progressive religion. . . . The religion we need today is one that respects human beings and values human [rights]. Compared with traditional religions, the fundamentalists are prone to harsh violations of human rights. Relying on their fundamentals, it is easy for them to declare, “Anyone who is not with us is our enemy.” . . . Islamic Protestantism is an ongoing project, as we have a constant need to adapt. If our understanding and religious thinking become inflexible and spurious, we are subject to decline. As our needs and circumstances change, we must constantly critique and adjust the framework of our religious thinking.

SOURCE: WWW.GOOYA.COM

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Membership Application

Demographic Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____ SpouseLast Name: _____

Home Address: _____ (If different)
Apt No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone No.: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Children

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date (m/d/y): _____ Child's Name: _____ Birth Date (m/d/y): _____

Volunteer Information

We need your help! If you can volunteer, please check your interest/s.

___ Social Activities

___ Outreach Programs

___ Adult Educational Activities

___ Interfaith Activities

___ Children's Programs

___ Other: _____

___ Maintenance/Buildings

Method of Contribution

___ I have enclosed a check for the annual/full contribution.

___ I already contribute by monthly check-o-matic.

___ I would like to contribute by monthly check-o-matic (see below).

Check-O-Matic

Automatic monthly bank deduction of your contribution.

Your Bank Name: _____

Account No.: _____

Routing No.(Or attach a deposit slip or a voided check): _____

I pledge (Please circle one): \$1000 \$750 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 or Other \$____ Per Month

I authorize the Unity Center to draw a monthly check from my account for the amount stated, and if any such check is dishonored with or without cause, intentionally or inadvertently our bank shall be under no liability whatsoever.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DONATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone No. _____ Other Phone No.: _____

When you sponsor one of the choices below, your name or message of your choice will be engraved on a plaque at the entrance of the room that you have sponsored.

I wish to sponsor the construction of one of the following for \$75,000.00:
 Banquet Hall Gymnasium Kitchen Equipment

I wish to sponsor the Library for \$30,000.00.

I wish to sponsor one of the classrooms for \$10,000.00 each.

I wish to sponsor a prayer space for \$2,000.00 each (*no engraved plaques*)

I wish to purchase a granite tile for \$500.00 each. (*An interior wall in the social area will be adorned with a collection of 300+ polished granite tiles*).

I would like the tile to read:

Please print (and limit your message to two lines).

I wish to make an additional financial contribution in the amount of:

\$10,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$1,000.00 other: _____

For questions about any of these options, you may contact any member of the Board or call Ismael Basha @ 248-935-0100.

Dates to Remember

2/10/03 Remember to fast the night of Arafa

02/11/03 How to Raise Successful Children

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3/4/03 Islamic New Year

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The Muslim Unity Center of Bloomfield Hills Mission Statement

The Unity Center is a 501c3 ecclesiastical non-profit organization committed to establishing a viable institution that will develop, support and promote an Islamic way of life, with a special emphasis on our youth. Its establishment is based on the principles of the social order established by the Prophet (S) during his time. This includes a duty to establish a dynamic and thriving community with no divisions and distinctions among cultural, ethnic, or national backgrounds, and with the mission as defined in the Quran "You are the most exemplary community brought forth for mankind. You enjoy what is right and forbid what is wrong and you believe in Allah" and the hadith "The best among the people is the one who benefits the people"

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