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Welcome

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In this issue, we warmly express our deepest gratitude to the outgoing board for their invaluable contributions and unwavering dedication. Their efforts have profoundly strengthened our community and left an enduring impact. A heartfelt thank you to each board member for your steadfast commitment to our shared mission.



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The Sacred Duty of Thanking in Islam

Gratitude is the heartbeat of our faith, a gift that nurtures our connection with Allah and brings contentment to our hearts. Islam teaches us that every blessing, big or small, deserves a pause of thanks. By recognizing Allah's endless favors, we train our hearts to see His mercy everywhere, turning even hardships into reminders of His wisdom.

The Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ) taught us, "Whoever does not thank the people, does not thank Allah" (Abu Dawood). This hadith reminds us that gratitude isn't just personal—it extends to those around us. By expressing thanks to others, we acknowledge that Allah often delivers His blessings through the kindness and help of those in our lives. Gratitude for people is a form of gratitude to Allah, nurturing bonds of love and unity in our community.

Making dua for someone who has done you a favor is a profound way to show gratitude. The Prophet said, "If anyone does you a favor, recompense him, but if you do not have the means to do so, make dua (supplication) for him." Praying for another person in their absence is considered one of the sincerest forms of thanking others because it is free from any tinge of hypocrisy or desire for reciprocation. Whether we thank others by telling them or simply pray for them, each act of thankfulness is a step toward fulfilling our duties as Muslims and elevating our spiritual well-being.





BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS

FOR 2021 - 2024

Youth and Family

- Al-Huda Youth Council: Formed to coordinate youth activities, led by a full-time Youth Director.
- Created various initiatives to reach more families through social media and online platforms
- Summer Camps and Youth Development: Created enriching experiences fostering growth and connection.
- Sunday and Saturday School Programs: Provided inclusive education, including MUHSEN-certified programs for special needs children.
- Sister Amanda's Esteem Program: Empowered young girls with mentorship and guidance.

Education & Knowledge

- Educational Programs with Esteemed Speakers: Organized events featuring national and international scholars.
- Newsletter Launch: Established to keep the community informed and engaged.



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Community Well-being and Mental Health

- Psychology Crisis Hotline: Established to provide critical mental health support.
- Food Pantry Operations: Supported Muslim and non-Muslim families in need.
- COVID Testing and Blood Donation Camps: Held to support community health.

Civic Engagement and Social Justice

- Voting Center and Candidate Events: Hosted to promote civic involvement.
- Fundraising for Disaster Relief and Local Causes: Supported U.S. masajids and global aid initiatives.

Interfaith & Community

- Interfaith Initiatives: Strengthened bonds across faiths for unity and understanding.
- Community Iftars and Festivals: Held to promote inclusivity and celebrate togetherness.

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Facility Enhancements & Convenience

- AlHuda Facilities Upgrades: Added a trail, bridge, and pond fencing for an enhanced experience.
- Visionary Building Acquisition: Expanded facilities for community growth and opportunity.
- Snack Vending Machines: Installed for convenience at the Masjid.
- Gym Calendar: Organized daily sports activities, including basketball, taekwondo, and more.

Communication & Outreach

- Website Development: Improved community access to information and events.
- Social Media Outreach: Expanded to connect with a wider audience.
- Masjid Phone Line Management: Enhanced community accessibility and support.

Recreation and Healthy Living

- Basketball Tournaments: Promoted healthy activities for youth engagement.

Financial Stewardship and Membership Growth

- Grant Funding: Secured \$160,000 for community initiatives.
- New Membership Platform and Drives: Simplified engagement and achieved membership growth.
- Fundraising Policies and Fee Schedules: Updated for effective financial management.

THANK YOU!!



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As the term of the previous board comes to an end, we take this moment to thank them wholeheartedly for their dedication, vision, and unwavering service. Their efforts have strengthened our community and brought us closer as brothers and sisters. They've inspired us, and their legacy will continue to be felt in the work they leave behind.

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