

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وآله وصحبه Peace Be Upon You All السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

All Praise be to Allah the Most Kind, the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful who has blessed us with the month of Ramadan, the month of the Qur'an, appreciation, reflection, guidance and signs of Guidance. On behalf of the Sayeda Khadija Centre and Faith of Life Network, we wish you and your loved ones another wonderful month of Ramadan filled with pleasure, rewards and spiritual uplifting experiences.

This 12th Ramadan at SKC is certainly going to be very different due to the ongoing pandemic, but I am confident we will still enjoy it and appreciate the past Ramadan experiences we shared together while we can pray for the next ones to come to be much more enriching and uplifting insha Allah. Like everywhere else in the world, this year we may, or may not, have the same Ramadan atmosphere we are used to, but al-Hamdulillah we can still perform our acts of worship individually and collectively even if we do not congregate in the Centre. The rewards of Ramadan are countless and our religion is easy to practice. Allah (The Exalted) knows well and understands better our situation and our limitations. The Sayeda Khadija Centre is not only a big building and a large parking that we own but it is the symbol of our unity, our devotion and a testament of our hard work, commitment and generosity as people who care and did something for Islam and the worship of Allah in this part of the world. This temporary closing will only make us stronger in our faith and more determined to do more for our faith now and in the future.

Insha Allah all the Services and Ramadan programs will continue in this month of Ramadan using the available means and technology (visit our webiste for more details) and we are committed to serve you insha Allah to the best of our abilities. In addition, while observing the restrictions imposed by the officials to control the spread of the virus, we will find ways to serve Iftar to our congregants through our Drive-Through pick up service at the Centre of which you can find details later.

We invite everyone to attend all of our online services including but not limited to: Taraweeh prayers, Du'as, talks & lectures and classes. As things may change during the month, we will post updates through our website, phone application, social media and email lists. Please subscribe, register and get in touch with us!

Thanks to Allah and to your generosity, last year (2019/1440) we were able to give again around \$250,000 to different charities to help the poor and the needy, schools, orphanages, hospitals, food banks as well as the victims of natural disasters and wars. We also distributed more than 25,000 lbs of essential non-perishable food to needy families and food banks. In addition, since last Ramadan, we were able to pay off **\$786,850** of the loans due to the land purchase.

To help us overcome the different financial challenges, please help us as much as you can with the following:

- 1. Donate generously via SKC website, mail, phone call or Drive Thru Drop off (2 to 8 pm Back Entrance Box)
- 2. Donate your Zakat in this blessed month for more rewards and blessings
- 3. Sponsor an Iftar or contribute towards one with: (\$250 for 25 ppl., \$500 for 50 ppl., or \$1000 for 100 ppl.)
- 4. Donate whatever you can to pay off loans we owe for the land (Qard Hassan due after Ramadan: \$300,000)
- 5. Sign up for a monthly donation of \$1/day (\$30/month) or for any other amount
- 6. Drive-Through Drop off of non-perishable food (2 to 8 pm in front of Back Entrance)

Ramadan Kareem & Jazakumu Allahu Khayran!

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