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On the authority of an-Nu'man ibn Basheer (ra), who said:

I heard the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) say, "That which is lawful is clear and that which is unlawful is clear, and between the two of them are doubtful matters about which many people do not know. Thus he who avoids doubtful matters clears himself in regard to his religion and his honor, but he who falls into doubtful matters [eventually] falls into that which is unlawful, like the shepherd who pastures around a sanctuary, all but grazing therein. Truly every king has a sanctuary, and truly Allah's sanctuary is His prohibitions. Truly in the body there is a morsel of flesh, which, if it be whole, all the body is whole, and which, if it is diseased, all of [the body] is diseased. Truly, it is the heart." [Bukhari & Muslim]

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR ANNUAL DINNER

A GREAT SUCCESS

Dear Mecca Center Community, Asalamu Alaikum,

I hope this message finds you and your family in the best of health and iman.

I can not emphasize enough the importance of building our Islamic institutions through which we prepare our children to spread the great message of Islam by being examples of outstanding citizens; spreading compassion and mercy, not only here in our country but throughout the world.

We thank you tremendously for helping us complete the task of building the center that will nurture our children and help secure for them a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow. Our goal is to create a future full of hope in which they will carry the light of Islam across our land, through their shining examples of kindness, manners, through a successful professional life.

Insha'Allah, by completing the construction of our center we are taking one more step towards this goal. There is no greater reward than building the house of Allah (swt) and enabling our community to secure the proper place for our children in this society as responsible citizens. As Allah-fearing, civically engaged, active participants in the affairs of our country, and proponents of social justice, our future generation will inherit an everlasting reward, in this life and in the hereafter.

We have asked you many times in the past to donate your hard-earned money and you have always responded, and our annual fundraiser was no exception. You showed that the true jihad is spreading your wealth, to pay when you are in need and from what is dear to you. We hope that we all get the honor of contributing to the building of the house of Allah (swt) and hope that we renew our commitment. Insha'Allah the new Mecca Center will continue to serve our community to the fullest potential and be a cornerstone in your lives. Jazakum Allahu Khairan and thank you for joining us in celebrating a new beginning.

Wassalamu Alaikum,

M.A. Hamadeh, MD
President, Mecca Center



MESSAGE FROM THE IMAM

By Sheikh Hassan Aly, Imam & Religious Director, The Mecca Center

All praise is due to Allah, and Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon His Final Messenger, his pure family, his noble Companions, and all those who follow them with righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

Dear beloved sisters and brothers,

We have been blessed, Alhamdulillah, to open the new Mecca Center in the first Friday of 2017. It was like watching a dream unfold into reality. We have already started to see the positive effects our new Masjid is having on our growing congregation and our neighbors. Our community now has big, beautiful prayer spaces to pray in and our children have full classrooms for their schooling and a gym for their activities.

Allah has a purpose and plan for everything. He wants each of us to run our race in line with His plan. In Surat Al-Mutaffifeen Allah said: {and for this let (all) those strive who want to strive} [83:26]. This is the kind of praiseworthy competition that is encouraged many times in the Quran and the Sunnah. Our beloved prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has given us this important advice when he said: "Make the most of five things before five (other things happen): your life before you die, your good health before you become sick; your free time before you become busy; your youth before you grow old; and your wealth before you become poor." Saheeh by Al-Albaani.

My dear sisters and brothers, since the beginning of the Mecca center on 2004, the goal of our community was to have not just a Masjid or a place solely for worship, but a place for raising our children and youth, a place of hope and delivering the message of peace and justice to everyone - a holistic community center. Having Mecca in our area benefits not only Muslims, but the community at large. The Mecca Center will be a home where our neighbors are welcome, where our children will see that community service is not exclusive but inclusive of all our neighbors. Through our center we will strive to fulfill our duty as Muslims, and to communicate Islam's true ideals of serving all of our community as in the hadith of our beloved prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings be upon him): "The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind." Saheeh by al-Albaani.

Building a Masjid and contributing toward the building is one of the greatest acts of worship before Allah. Participating with others in building these Masājid is the kind of cooperation in righteousness and piety that is prescribed in Islam. Ibn Majaah narrated from Jaabir ibn 'Abd-Allah, that the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said: "Whoever builds a Masjid for the sake of Allah like a sparrow's nest or even smaller, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise." A house in Paradise? Is there anything else we need?



Mecca Center boys line up for zuhr prayers during Sunday School.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

For as long as the Muslim community could remember, we had been using a small space for our daily prayers, weekend Islamic school, and religious gatherings. As our community got larger, more space was needed to accommodate the growing numbers. When news had gone out that a new masjid was being built in Willowbrook, people were ecstatic. With no hesitation, the community opened their pocket books to ensure that this project succeeded, all knowing what it would bring.

For years, we eagerly watched as a plot of land slowly, but surely, became what we now know as the Mecca Center. In January of this year, we officially opened the mosque for everyday use; this was what the community needed. As we all know, salat deserves the utmost cleanliness of any building, and salat is best when done with your brothers and sisters. In addition to the five daily prayers, the masjid is also open for Taraweeh and Eid prayers. One of my favorite memories from this summer was seeing the hundreds of people who came during Ramadan and Eid to all gather and worship.

What is great about this masjid is that it is accessible. It's easy to find with an abundance of parking spots and volunteers who devote their time to help the people get in as easily and as safe as possible. What's new about this masjid is that it has a beautiful, open gym. This way, people of all ages are compelled to come to the masjid to play their favorite sports and exercise as they practice their faith. Younger groups can feel free to gather at the masjid for activities or school.

As Americans today, it is essential for the Muslim youth to be surrounded by teachers and instructors who will guide them at a young age towards the right direction: Islam. Furthermore, it's noticeable enough to point out that the young generations of Muslims who come to this new location have taken Sunday school and weekly gatherings much more seriously. With a renovated area, a sense of formality and professionalism quickly emerged in the halls. Students are now compelled to be more mature in this place of worship. As these kids witnessed the mosque being built before their eyes, it gave them a feeling of belonging and a mutual understanding that this masjid would forever change the Chicagoland Islamic society.

Dana Malo is junior at Hinsdale South High School and regular at the Mecca Center girls club.



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APPETIZERS

Made and fresh daily.

- Hummus**.....\$6
Chickpeas, yogurt, tahini and lemon juice
- Baba Ghanoush**.....\$6
Grilled eggplant, Tahini, garlic, yogurt and lemon juice
- Falafel (6 pieces)**.....\$5
Chickpeas, parsley, garlic, onion, spices, deep fried and served with special sauce
- French Fries**.....\$4
Basket of fries
- Lentil Soup**.....\$5
- Kebbeh (6 pieces)**.....\$7
A mixture of cracked wheat and beef shell stuffed with spiced ground beef, onion and walnuts

SALADS

Prepared upon order.

- Fatoush**.....\$7
Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, garlic, onions, lemon juice, spices and olive oil. Topped with deep fried pita pieces
- Tabbouleh**.....\$7
Parsley, tomatoes, onions, cracked wheat, lemon juice, olive oil and spices.

SANDWICHES

Made from fine meat.

- Kofta Kebabs**.....\$8
A skewer of fine marinated ground beef, tomatoes, pickles, hot sauce, lettuce, a mixture of parsley, onion and pomegranate sauce
- Lamb/beef Mix Shawarma Sandwich**.....\$9
Prime cut beef rib eye and lamb shoulder, pickles, tomatoes, onion, and pomegranate / tahini sauce
- Chicken Shawarma Sandwich**.....\$8
Sliced leg/thigh chicken, pickles, tomatoes and garlic sauce
- Chicken Tawook Sandwich**.....\$9
A skewer of chicken breast cubes, tomatoes, pickles, garlic sauce, and fried potatoes
- Falafel Sandwich**.....\$6
Four pieces of Falafel, tomatoes, pickles, cucumber, parsley, mint leaves, hummus and special sauce



SHAWARMA PLATES

- Beef/lamb Shawarma Plate**.....\$12
Fine cut of rib eye and lamb shoulder served with rice or fries, garlic sauce, pickles and tomatoes
- Chicken Shawarma Plate**.....\$11
Thin sliced leg and thigh of chicken, served with rice or fries, garlic sauce, pickles and tomatoes

GRILLED MEALS

All Grilled Meals served with choices of (Rice or Fries), (Hummus or Baba-Ghanouj) and Lentil Soup.

- Maura's Mixed Grill**.....\$18
Three skewers: Kofta Kabob (ground beef mixed with onion, parsley and spices), Chicken Tawook (chicken breast cubes marinated with Maura's special seasoning), and Shish Kabob (seasoned lamb cubes)
- Lamb Shish Kababs**.....\$14
Fine cut of leg of lamb grilled to your preference. 2 skewer (8-10oz)
- Chicken Taouk**.....\$13
Two skewers of chicken breast cubes marinated with Maura's special seasoning and grilled
- Kofta Kababs**.....\$13
Two skewers of ground beef mixed with parsley, onion, and special spices, and grilled
- Mix and Match**.....\$14
Your choice of two skewers of Shish Kabob, Kofta Kabob, or Chicken Tawook
- Grilled Platter**.....\$90
Group platter for 5-6 people. Appetizers: Soup, Salad, Hummus, Baba-Ghanouj, Falafel & Pickles. Meats: Kofta Kabob, Chicken Tawook, Shish Kabob

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- Chicken Tenders**.....\$6
3 pieces of chicken tenders served with fries
- Chicken Nuggets**.....\$6
6 pieces of chicken nuggets served with fries

BEVERAGES

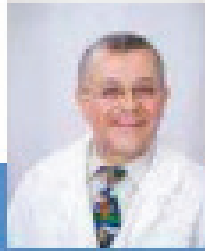
- Coffee or Tea**.....\$2.50
American or Turkish
- Soda**.....\$1.50
Coke product
- Lemonade**.....\$3
- Tea**.....\$2.50
cold or hot - ask staff for flavor selection
- Bottled Water**.....\$1

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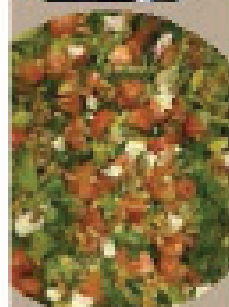
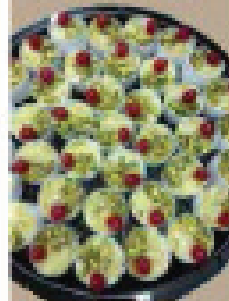


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