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2014 YEARBOOK

*on the Chicagoland
Muslim community*



The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) is the unifying force that brings together over 400,000 Muslim Americans in the greater Chicago region, and now increasingly all of Illinois. With over 60 member organizations, ranging from mosques, to Islamic schools and community organizations based in the Chicagoland region, the CIOGC is made up of a very diverse body.

Muslims are represented by a wide array of ethnicities, races and cultures including African Americans, Nigerians, South Asians, Arabs, Bosnians, Albanians, Turks, Latinos, Caucasians and many more. The Council brings these extraordinary communities together in cooperation and collaboration to engage and work with the interfaith community, government, media and the public in general.

Mission

Our mission is to be the unifying federation of Islamic organizations of greater Chicagoland, the leading advocate of Muslim community interests and a catalyst for enriching American society.

Vision

The Council connects, empowers, represents and leads the diverse Muslim community of Illinois by guiding them to play a constructive role in advancing positive social change and progress in American society through civic education and engagement, community building, youth development, interfaith collaboration, and media.

Dear Muslim Community,

A picture is worth a thousand words. We are pleased to present to you a pictorial record of CIOGC accomplishments this year, thanks to Allah (swt) and your continued support. Your CIOGC presents a demonstration of unity, diversity, leadership, service and representation of the Chicago area Muslim community. We all are lucky to be so united, something that is lacking in many other metropolitan areas in the US.

The Council has continued its increased focus on our member organizations. The tradition of a Yearbook (that was re-initiated last year) has grown considerably this year. You will find in this book the profile and accomplishments of almost all of our major member organizations.



While we have made significant strides in the past year, we have also been met with challenges. One of them has been the targeting and scapegoating of the Muslim community relating to the arrest of three young Muslims over the past two years on charges of supporting or seeking to involve themselves with terrorist groups. We see that violent extremism is a disease that has plagued almost all communities across our country, as witnessed in numerous shootings in schools and other public places. For the Muslim community one arrest in 2012 on charges of terrorism was one too many.

CIOGC and its members continue to address the problem of violent extremism through support and promotion of programs for and by the youth. These programs have flourished over the past several years at mosques, Islamic schools, and centers across Chicagoland. CIOGC is also proactively encouraging our governmental agencies to do their part in rehabilitating young people with violent tendencies before giving up on them and putting them away. Parents of troubled teens are more likely to seek help from these programs.

We as a society need to understand and address the root causes of violent extremism. All three young Muslims arrested over the past two years expressed their frustration with our foreign policies that seem to be stacked up against Muslims in many parts of the world. We also know that they were not alone in expressing these frustrations. Nearly half of all Americans were opposed to the Iraq war that killed hundreds of thousands of Muslims and devastated a country.

The challenges that we face as a community are being able to identify root causes of the violent extremism, providing positive opportunities for Muslim youth, and working closely with law enforcement and government agencies to respond to and proactively prevent violent extremism. Islam is a religion of peace and CIOGC will continue to display this through our efforts to unify Muslims, work with the youth, partners of faith, media, and government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mohammed Kaiseruddin".

Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin
Chairman & Co-Founder of CIOGC



CIOGC House of Representatives meetings bring together the diverse leaders of the Chicagoland Muslim community.

CIOGC supports its members, which include local masjid (mosques) and Muslim community organizations, by empowering their leadership and communities, enhancing their organizational capacity, and serving their constituencies most effectively via:

- Leadership and professional development
- House of Representatives meetings
- Civic engagement, voter registration trainings and lobbying practices
- Muslim cultural sensitivity trainings and workshops
- Goal-setting, strategic planning and fundraising guidance
- Media trainings and workshops

Pictured above: Roger Othman, Executive Director of the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America, speaks at a CIOGC House of Representatives meeting.

*“I see the Council as the unifying power of Muslim communities.”
- Sheikh Jamal Said, Director and Imam, Mosque Foundation*

Affordable Care Act Workshops

Community members gathered in February to attend a series of informative workshops on the Affordable Care Act, various types of health insurances, how to enroll and how to help other community members enroll. Among this series of workshops, CIOGC partnered with United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ) at the MAS-Chicago office in Bridgeview, Illinois.



State Employment Workshops

CIOGC and the Office of the Governor hosted a State Employment Workshop in March at Islamic Foundation in Villa Park, Illinois. Co-Chair of the Muslim American Advisory Council, Sohair Omar, along with others, underscored the opportunities for Illinois Muslims to join the state workforce.



Pillars Dinner

CIOGC held its Pillars Dinner in May as an opportunity for Chicagoland Muslim leaders to learn more about CIOGC's work and vision for the future. Top leaders also had the opportunity to discuss how to meet the needs of the growing Chicagoland Muslim community.



Zakat Chicago

A committee of CIOGC, Zakat Chicago helps calculate Zakat and answers questions regarding its distribution. It also offers local distribution of Zakat to organizations and individuals. On the right is a photo of the Greater Chicago Food Depository receiving a check from Zakat Chicago for over \$20,000 to provide supplies to food pantries across Chicagoland.





CIOGC meets with Senator Christine Radogno to discuss its legislative agenda during Illinois Muslim Action Day

CIOGC leads nearly half a million Illinois Muslims in being more politically active while also providing opportunities for Muslims to participate in civic and governmental affairs. Our civic engagement work has many components, including:

- Muslim American Advisory Council to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn
- Illinois Muslim Action Day at the state capitol
- Voter registration drives across Chicagoland
- Community organizing, mobilizing and coalition building
- Senate Page Program for Muslim youth

“Illinois Muslim Action Day is a fantastic opportunity for members of the general assembly to see how large, diverse and engaged the Muslim community is.” - Sohair Omar, Co-Chair of the Muslim American Advisory Council to Governor Quinn



Illinois Muslim Action Day

CIOGC held a successful 6th Annual Illinois Muslim Action Day on April 30 at the state capitol in Springfield, Illinois. During the event, Muslim community leaders met with Senators and Representatives to seek support for CIOGC's legislative agenda. A press conference was also held in which all Springfield media outlets attended.

Iftar with the Governor

Governor Pat Quinn hosted more than 100 Illinois Muslim community leaders for the second annual Governor's Iftar at the Executive Mansion in Springfield, Illinois, on July 2, 2014. Quinn inaugurated the custom in 2013 as part of his agenda to make Illinois the most welcoming state in the nation. Muslim leaders who attended the event were

also able to communicate with the Governor on various topics and issues pertinent to the Muslim community.

UPAJ Meeting with the Governor

Over 800 community activists, religious leaders and concerned citizens met with Governor Pat Quinn in January to discuss issues for which they sought an immediate response. Organized by United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ), the meeting at Ascension Church brought together Jews, Christians, Sikhs, Muslims and other people of faith.

Voter Registration Drives

CIOGC hosted multiple voter registration drives throughout September 2014 at various locations, including the Downtown Islamic Cen-

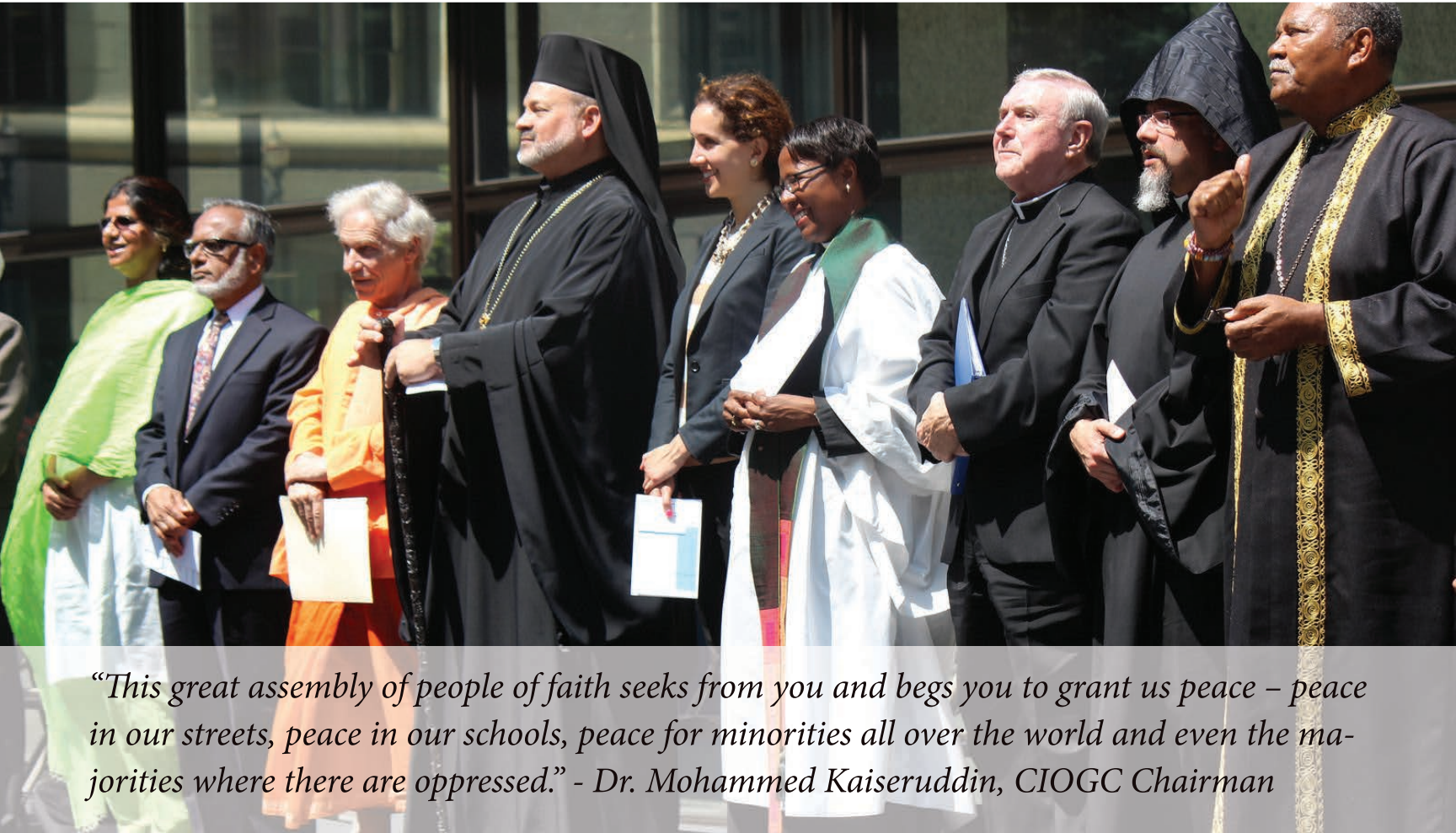
ter (DIC), the Islamic Center of Naperville (ICN) and the Islamic Foundation of Villa Park. Drives were met by a large number of community members who saw the importance of getting involved in the voting process.

Muslim American Advisory Council

CIOGC closely works with the Muslim American Advisory Council (MAAC) to advise the Governor on ways to advance the role and civic participation of Muslim Americans in Illinois as well as ways in which Illinois can enhance trade and cooperation with Muslim-majority countries. Additionally, MAAC helps the State build relationships with and disseminate information to Muslim American communities across Illinois.

CIOGC Board Members with Governor Quinn at his Iftar party in the Governor's mansion





“This great assembly of people of faith seeks from you and begs you to grant us peace – peace in our streets, peace in our schools, peace for minorities all over the world and even the majorities where there are oppressed.” - Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin, CIOGC Chairman

Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, including CIOGC Chairman, at a peace prayer gathering at the Daley Plaza

CIOGC is committed to active dialogue and joint action between Muslims and people of diverse faith traditions and maintains invaluable relationships with several faith groups, including:

- Francis Cardinal George and the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago
- The Catholic Theological Union
- The Chicago Board of Rabbis
- Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago
- Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
- Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Presbytery of Chicago

Pictured above: CIOGC participates in an outdoor event entitled “An InterFaith Gathering in Witness of Peace” sponsored by the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago (CRLMC) in Daley Plaza in August.

“CIOGC has interfaith relations in its DNA. I say that because the methodology has always been to build partnerships.” - Scott Alexander, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, Director of Catholic-Muslim Studies Program, Catholic Theological Union

City of Chicago MLK Interfaith Event

CIOGC Chairman Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin spoke at the City of Chicago's 28th Annual Interfaith Breakfast, where civic, business and religious leaders came together on January 17, 2014, to commemorate the life-work of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Interfaith Iftar with Cardinal George

CIOGC and the Downtown Islamic Center (DIC) hosted the Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Francis George, and the Chicago Catholic community for CIOGC's Annual Interfaith Iftar in July. In April, CIOGC recognized Cardinal George with a dinner to honor his long-standing friendship with the Muslim community.



Annual Muslim-Methodist Dinner

A mixed group of nearly 100 Methodists and Muslims held their 9th Annual Unity Banquet on June 12 at the Islamic Foundation in Villa Park, Illinois. The event's theme, "Does God bless inter-religious dialogue?," prompted insightful and constructive conversation among the attendees.



Annual Muslim-Presbyterian Dinner

CIOGC and the Presbytery of Chicago held their Annual Interfaith Dinner in September at the Islamic Foundation in Villa Park, Illinois. The event's theme was "Sharing the Horizon, Turning Dialogue into Action" and focused on how Muslims and Presbyterians can partner on faith-driven projects and programs.





Muslim youth express their support for democracy and human rights in Egypt at a CIOGC-sponsored rally in downtown Chicago

CIOGC helps Muslim youth become better Muslims and American citizens by offering opportunities to build leadership skills, become civically engaged, and be recognized for their academic achievements. The Council supports youth initiatives including:

- Youth Leadership Forums and activities
- Senate Page Program
- Internship & Volunteer Program
- Muslim Valedictorians recognition

“Shadowing Senator Collins and sitting with her in the Senate Chamber to watch controversial bills being discussed gave me the opportunity to learn how the legislative process works.” - Amal Mir, CIOGC Senate Page



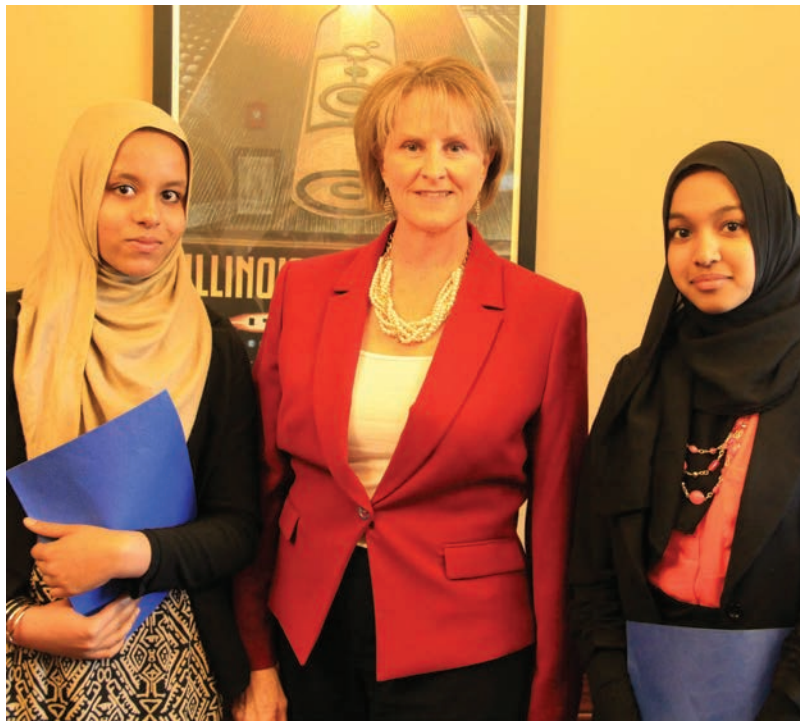
Internship Program

The Council offers a unique and collaborative environment for students who seek to develop their professional work experience in advocating for the interests of the diverse and growing Chicagoland Muslim community. Through hands-on learning, CIOGC interns enhance as well as acquire new skills that contribute to their academic and professional growth.



Senate Page Program

Each year, CIOGC invites students to become Senate Pages to shadow state senators in Springfield during its annual Illinois Muslim Action Day. By shadowing state senators for a day, CIOGC Senate Pages participate in the lawmaking and the legislative process first-hand.



Muslim Valedictorians

Every year, CIOGC recognizes the achievements of Muslim valedictorians and promotes the academic and extracurricular achievements of Muslim youth across Chicagoland through its Muslim Valedictorian program.





CIOGC and the Nigerian Islamic Association address local media on the topic of the kidnappings of Nigerian girls

CIOGC is the premier Muslim voice in Chicagoland media representing over 400,000 Muslims across the state of Illinois. The Council’s communications team leads a wide-range of media efforts including:

- The Chicago Crescent, the Council’s monthly print and online newspaper
- Weekly E-Newsletter with news and information from CIOGC and its members
- Media advocacy on topics and issues about or related to Muslims
- Media campaigns to promote a positive media image of Islam and Muslims
- Media trainings and workshops for member organizations

Pictured above: CIOGC, along with the Nigerian Islamic Association, held a press conference in May to condemn the horrific mass kidnappings of more than 200 girls in Nigeria and pray for them to be released and returned safely to their families. ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, WBBM, WGN, and local college media outlets attended and reported on the event.

“CIOGC works to ensure that voices of the large and diverse Chicagoland Muslim community are heard.” - Aymen Abdel Halim, CIOGC Communications Director

Condemnation of vandalism

CIOGC participated in a press conference on behalf of Islamic Foundation North in February to condemn hateful graffiti found on both the mosque and the neighboring St. Demetrios Church in Waukegan, Illinois.



Syrian Children Awareness

CIOGC and interfaith leaders held a press conference in March to urge people of all faiths to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for the children of Syria as part of Syrian Children Awareness Day.



Ramadan Ad Campaign

CIOGC, in collaboration with GainPeace, MCC, ICNA, IFANCA and the Sabeel Food Pantry, co-sponsored a billboard on highway 294 in Chicago throughout Ramadan 2014. The advertisement invited the public to learn more about Muslims and the Holy Quran.



The Chicago Crescent

Since 2006, CIOGC's publication *The Chicago Crescent* has remained the leading monthly newspaper that reports on news, announcements and happenings in and about the greater Chicago-land Muslim community.





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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

November 2, 2014

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) Annual Community Dinner.

The American Muslim community contributes greatly to the diverse cultural landscape of Illinois. I commend CIOGC for your efforts to bring the Muslim community of Greater Chicago together in order to promote interfaith dialogue, civic engagement, and community service. It is only through the continued dedication of organizations like CIOGC that cultural awareness can be broadened in Illinois. I congratulate CIOGC on another successful year of serving the needs of the Muslims across Chicagoland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone present for your ongoing commitment to serving the needs of Illinois' Muslim population and for working towards ensuring justice and civil rights for the communities you serve. You empower others by giving them a voice in their communities and making a genuine difference in our increasingly interconnected global society. I encourage everyone in attendance to use this occasion to make plans for the future of CIOGC that will build on its past successes.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,
Pat Quinn
Pat Quinn
Governor



Pat Quinn
Governor of Illinois



Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Board President



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TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT

November 2, 2014

GREETINGS

As President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the residents of Cook County, I offer warm greetings to all in attendance of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago 22nd Annual CommUnity Dinner.

I laud the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago work throughout Cook County. The Council's dinner this year is "Celebrating Achievers, Inspiring Believers," which continues in the tradition of recognizing the top achievers of the Muslim community. These achievers were chosen from various fields to include education, research, Islamic studies, medicine, engineering, business, politics, and social and public service among others.

I extend my gratitude to the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago for all the work they continue to undertake to empower and honor the residents of Cook County. I send my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful 22nd Annual CommUnity Dinner.

Sincerely,
Toni Preckwinkle
Toni Preckwinkle
President



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November 2, 2014

Dear members and guests of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago:

Please accept my warmest greetings, and welcome to the Council's 22nd Annual Community Dinner. It is an honor to congratulate you on the services CIOGC provides to the over 400,000 Muslim Americans in the Chicago community, as well as the many more reaching beyond our borders.

I am privileged to work with the Council as we support the need for all people of diverse faiths to address our common problems -- ranging from preventing violence to modernizing immigration to eliminating discrimination based on religious, ethnic, or national origin -- in an effort to offer a promising future for all. We've worked together to offer programs such as the Senate Page Program that allows Muslim students interested in state government to shadow a state senator on Muslim ACTION! Day. The program gives students a chance to witness the legislative process up close and hopefully sparks an interest and enthusiasm to be involved in government and public policy in their future careers.

The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago proudly serves as a leader in community advocacy and is committed to the needs of its members. I would like to join the Council in applauding its top achievers tonight. I thank you for all of your valuable contributions to Illinois, and I wish you a successful and enjoyable community dinner.

Sincerely,

John J. Cullerton
Illinois Senate President



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November 2, 2014

Greetings:

As Mayor of the Village of Bolingbrook, Ranked #38 in the October 2014 Issue of Money Magazine Top 50 List "Best Places to Live" in America, I am honored to extend my personal greetings to the American Muslim Community for another successful celebration at the 22nd Annual Community Dinner of Council on Islamic Organization of Greater Chicago.



American Muslims have played an important role in our community and continue to make significant contributions for the good of all our residents. I commend you for your continual pride and encouragement in your ethnic heritage.

On behalf of the Village Clerk, Board of Trustees and 74,000 residents of Bolingbrook, please accept our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

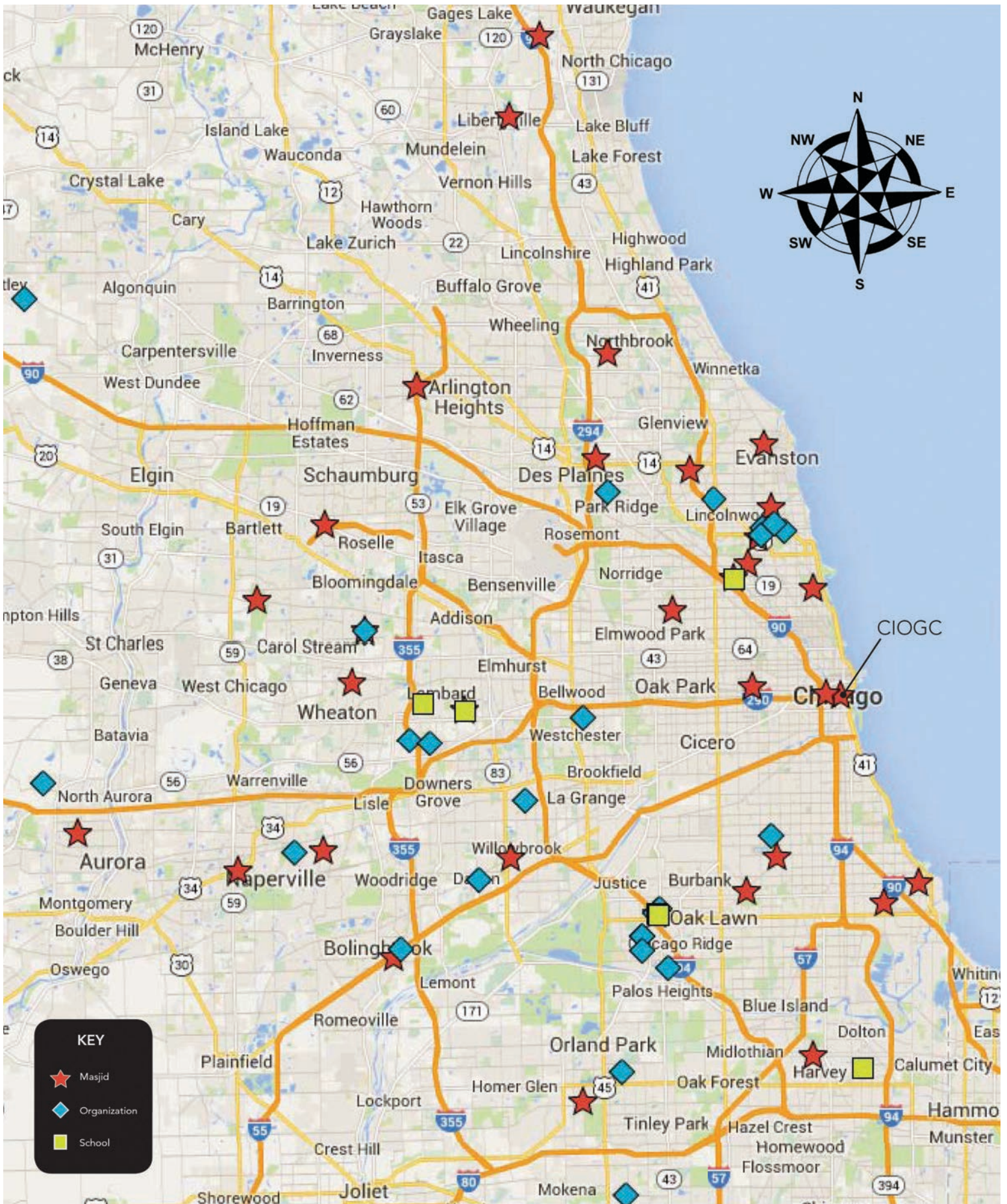
Roger C. Claar
Mayor

A Community of 74,000



Roger C. Claar
Mayor of Bolingbrook, Illinois

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Member Organizations

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- Exceptional community service throughout the year with organizations including CAIR, Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation, Islamic Relief, Ronald McDonald House, ASPIRE, IMAN, AAAN, AAFS, Mosque Foundation, American Cancer Society and many more.
- Aqsa students are recipients for a multitude of awards and scholarships including the Junior Achievements Scholarships in which for two consecutive years an Aqsa Student was awarded the top Scholarship of \$20,000.
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MAF has been striving in the path of excellence since establishing the weekend school. Which started at the previous rental storefront location on 71st and Paxton with about 20 student to is now **133 student** at the 3 years old current location. Every Saturday and Sunday students come to MAF from various parts of the city of Chicago to get educated in the essentials of **Islamic studies**.

All Praise is due to Allah



Weekend School



Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry Program has helped many deserving families and individuals in and around the city of Chicago. We provide hot meals, Suhoor & **Iftaar** to our brothers and sisters during the month of Ramadan and oversee the distribution of sacrificed or **Qurbani** meat to the needy during Eid Adha and also aid in collection of food for **relief effort**.

Brief History:

The story of Masjid Al Farooq began about 11 years ago when Brother Al Mamy Diaby would teach Quran recitation to five or six brothers in his basement. We had our growing pains. Alhamdulillah, through the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, Imam Ousmane met brother Abdul Malik Mujahid who instructed him on how to setup Masjid Al Farooq as a NFP religious organization and the rest is history.

Muslim Halfway House

Housing Assistance: 2 single family houses was donated to MAF in 2011 for the purpose housing New Muslims **seeking asylum** from their Christian Families, Bad Neighbor Influences, Paroles with minor offense that accepted Islam in prison, and Travelers in need. Resident of these houses are mandated to attend the Masjid daily for Salah and continued Islamic Studies.

Sadaqah for Janaza

MAF provides Islamic funeral services to Muslims in Chicago and it has a Janaza Committee where brothers and sisters contribute monthly to offer assistance to **needy families** to arrange services for their deceased love ones.



Outreach Program

Masjid Al Farooq performed about **70 shahada** in 2012 and **150 shahada** in 2013, the ability to present Islam in an authentic and straight forward manner is essential for the growth of Islam in the **Southeast of Chicago**. We aim to fulfill the role of outreaching to non-muslim brothers and sisters of diverse faith.

Other programs:

- Weekly Talks & Tafsir
- Zakat Program

Building for the Future:

- Full Time Hifz Program
- Youth Development Program
- After school program



Contacts: Zakat Coordinator: AbdulRahim Muslim - 847.845.7764
 Imam: Ousmane Drame - 773.425.0123
 Chairman: Moussa Soukouna - 773.940.8023
 Director: Rilwan Martins - 773.551.8229



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In the future, CMECCA plans to expand its after school and Weekend Islamic programs and plans to continue working with CIOGC, faith and community partners, business and legislators to combat violence through after school programs, activities, mentoring, job training and employment for youth.



CMECCA Students and Muslim 'Pioneers'



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"I have only created Jinns and men, that they may serve Me"- (Sura Zariyat: 51:56)

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Planned exterior view upon completion

Facts:

- ✓ **An unfinished church building was purchased on March 20, 2007**
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- ✓ **At the fully finished basement with all the modern amenities, City's first Masjid opened its door to the Muslim Communities of Chicago's North shore in the blessed month of Ramadan 2010**

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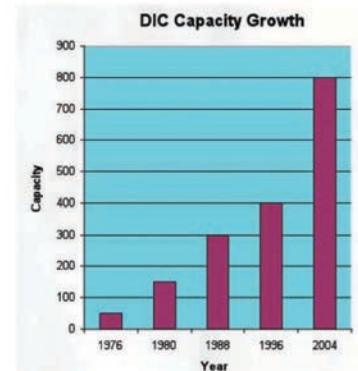
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The DIC mosque is unique. Its patrons are comprised of indigenous and immigrant communities from around the world. It reflects Islam's rich diversity. In addition, many young professionals and families now live near and attend the DIC, reflecting the new generation of American Muslims and Muslim community leaders.

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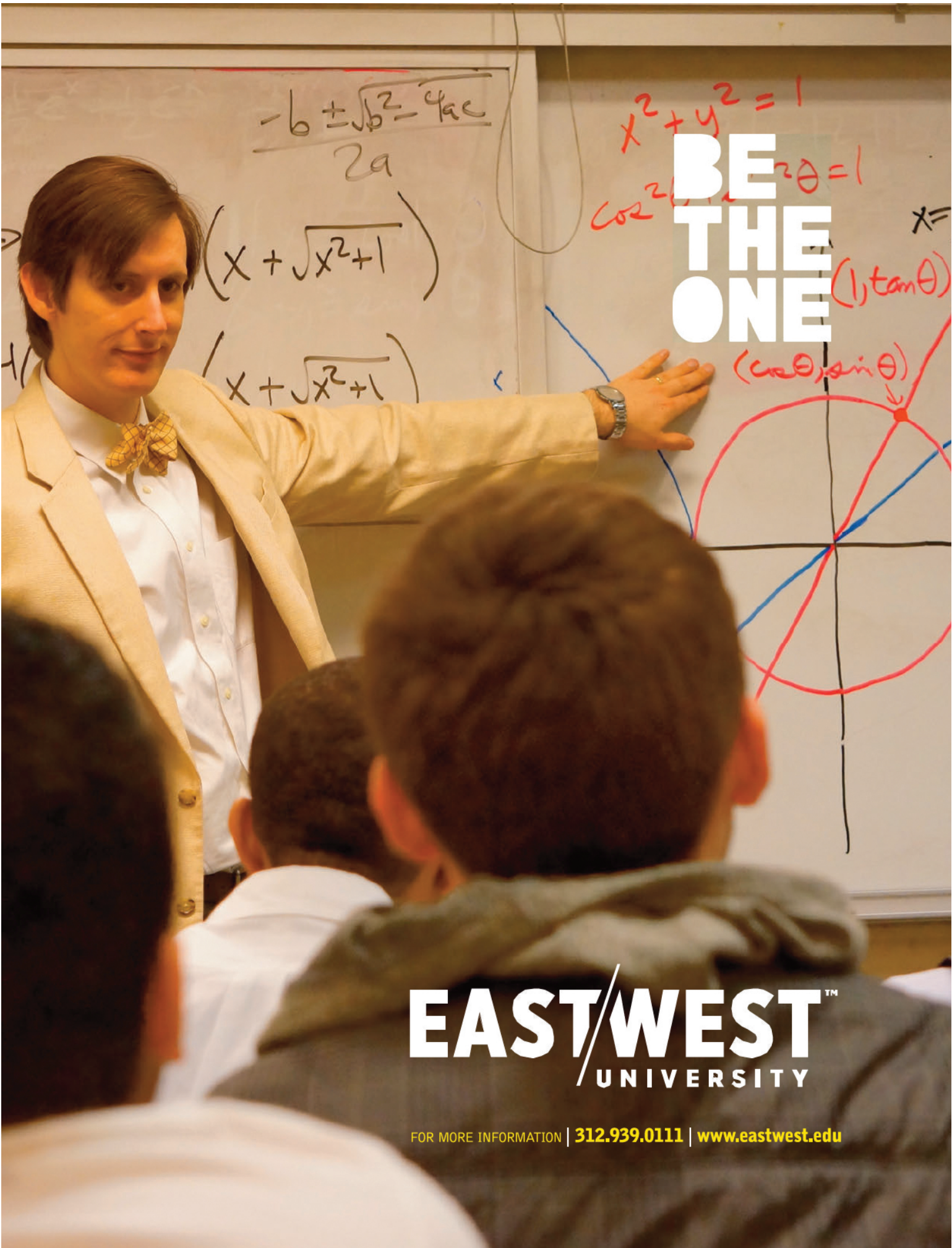
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Programs Offered:

- Nikkah services
- Funeral services
- Full time Hifz program
- Regular daily prayers
- Friday prayers
- Special Women Classes
- Saturday/Sunday School
- Hall for community functions



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ABOUT US:

Since its inception in 1997, IFN offered a wide spectrum of services to the Muslim community in the northern suburbs of Chicago and in south-east Wisconsin. Today, IFN is one of the most active and leading Islamic centers in the Chicago-land area. IFN has been involved in interfaith dialogue with different religious groups including Christians and Jews to foster a better understanding between various ethnic groups.

Among the many programs and features IFN offers to the community, a few are: five daily salats, sunday school (including a lecture for adults and lunch), a newsletter and participation in United Power for Action and Justice.

Today, the masjid has over 300 paying families and over 200 other community members.

PROGRAMS:

Community Programs: matrimonial and nikaah services, blood drive, free health screening, banquet hall, IFN Classified, funeral and cemetery services, annual picnic, family day

Qur'an Academy: full time hifz program, part time hifz and after-school Qur'an reading, qirat competition

Inter-Faith Outreach: Greek Orthodox Church, Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church and Ramadan Iftaar

Youth Program: Girls Club & Boys Club (up to 12 years old), Young Muslims & SSU (over 12 years old), IFN Youth Basketball

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ABOUT ISNS

The Islamic Society of Northwest Suburbs was established in 1984, making it one of the oldest Mosques in the greater Chicago area. The first building acquisition was in 1986 and the current larger building was acquired in 2004.

ISNS has around 200 paid members and 500 families that frequent the center. The masjid serves nine different Northwest Chicago suburbs and is run by an elected Board of Directors (with 13 members) and 14 operating committees. A resident scholar was brought on board in 2012.

In the future, ISNS plans to create a free medical clinic, acquire a new parking lot and eventually, move to a new facility.

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

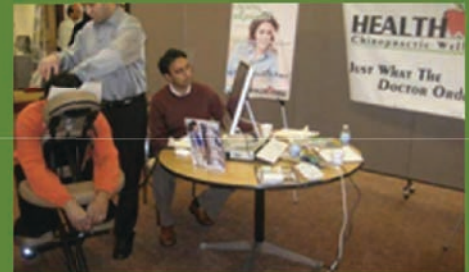
- Children's Sunday school - Al-Ihsan Academy (with 200 children)
- Evening school for Qur'an
- 5 Daily prayers, Friday Prayers, Eid prayers with Suburban Eid Committee
- Ramadhan services - Iftar & Taraviah prayers
- Zakat - collection & disbursement
- Youth programs - "Friday Night Live"
- Women's programs
- Adult education seminars and weekly tafseer sessions
- Community services - Nikah services, Counseling, annual health fair
- Funeral Services - Community grave yard
- Interfaith activities - Abraham Salon with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Beth Tikva Congregation
- Banquet Hall (250 dinner capacity) for community programs



Community Iftar



Qirat competition



Health Screening

INNER-CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK



Our Work:

Based on Chicago's Southwest Side since 1997, the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) is a community-based non-profit organization that fosters health, wellness, and healing in the inner-city by organizing for social change, cultivating the arts, and opening a holistic health center.

•Organizing & Advocacy:

Facilitates social change by mobilizing and training a diverse cross-section of leaders from around the Chicagoland area to create meaningful intervention around issues such as food access, criminal justice, housing, education, and immigration reform.

•Health Clinic:

Chicago's only Muslim-led health clinic, providing free primary care and behavioral health services to people across the Chicagoland area while seeking other creative methods to promote health and wellness.

•Arts & Culture:

Cultivates the arts as a dynamic forum to facilitate cross-cultural understanding and create community depth and purpose that can drive social change.

Our Projects:

•Muslim Run

A Campaign for Health, Wellness and Healing seeks to create a culture of health and wellness and racial healing between Muslim immigrant store owners and Black residents in the inner-cities.

•The Green ReEntry Project

Is a model for addressing recidivism, unemployment, public safety and foreclosure crisis.

•Youth Organizing & Programming

Seeks to develop strong and engaged leaders for the future.

•Recent Accomplishments

2014 Summer Youth Programs & Digital Media Masters completion, Green ReEntry graduation, Backyard Garden created, Expanded Health Clinic services and hours.

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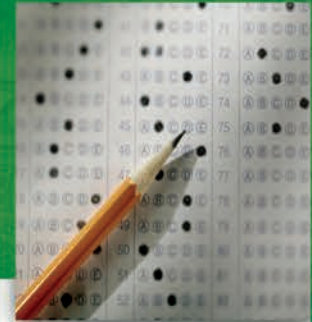
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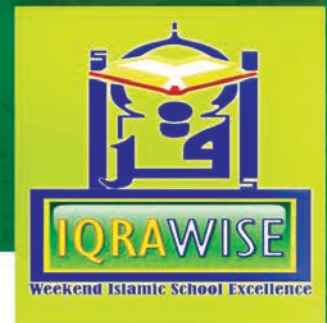
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Islamic Circle of North America is a leading grass roots organization which seeks to obtain the pleasure of Allah (SWT) through working for the establishment of Islam in all spheres of life. Below are some of ICNA's projects. More info: icnachicago.org

ICNA Relief: ICNA Relief USA seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters. Programs include: Women's shelter, Thrift store, Eid ul Adha meat drive, Food baskets give away, back to school supplies, counseling, vocational and legal help for the needy. [Icnarelief.org](http://icnarelief.org)

GainPeace – GainPeace is the outreach/dawah department of ICNA, whose main goal is to educate the general public about Islam. Projects of GainPeace include training Muslims regarding the art and technique of dawah, a toll free phone line for fellow Americans to ask questions about Islam, mailing free English translations of the Qurans, dawah booths, Islam presentations, buses, billboards and trains ads and New Muslim. GainPeace.com

Tarbiyya Department: Weekly neighbor nets (NNs) are held in 12 locations in and around Chicago. The purpose of the NNs is to provide individual and collective tarbiyya and to remind ourselves of our obligations through the guidance of the Quran and the sunnah of the Prophet.

Islamic Learning Foundation, ILF - ILF has been created to give American Muslims the tools of knowledge they need to face contemporary religious and social problems, the ability and confidence to convey the message of

Islam to a wider audience, and to give direction towards the various social, family, and community issues which we face. Ilfchicago.org

Sisters Wing of ICNA - ICNA Sisters Wing strives to provide Islamic education and training to women of all backgrounds. Some of ICNA Sisters' projects are Noor Magazine, online classes, the Institute of Islamic Sciences, and Muslim Children of North America. Eight weekly neighbor nets are held for sisters in and around the Chicago land area to educate and motivate sisters. Icnasisterswing.com

Young Muslims, YM - Young Muslims is a pioneering national youth organization that addresses the vital role of Muslim youth in North America, and seeks to inspire them to carry Islam forward and become leaders of tomorrow. Ymsite.com
YM brings together young Muslims of all backgrounds to serve their faith, helping them tackle real-life issues and offering support needed to live their lives as dedicated Muslim youth.



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To which Allah turns him;
Then strive together (as in a race)
Toward all that is good.
Wheresoever you are,
Allah will bring you together.
For Allah has power over all things*

[Quran 2:148]



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- Regular Neighborhood Food Pantry/Soup Kitchens feeding the less fortunate
- Emergency assistance to the residence in the community
- Distributing Clothes, Books and Toys to the needy
- Housing for elderly Muslims coming out of prison without adequate financial support
- Counseling, Jumuah and Quran Distribution in the Cook County Jail
- Classes for New Muslims (almost one new Muslim by the grace of Allah)
- For more information please visit **www.masjiddawah.org**

Masjid Dawah has purchased a much needed 10,000 sq. ft. warehouse building needs substantial renovation in order to make it a full operating Masjid and Community Center. Our youth just finished cleaning the facility and saved us 50k to make it ready for reconstruction. The facility, in part, will serve to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the area by providing programs to support education and positive, life-affirming alternatives for families and youth. The goals that our organization seeks to implement are set in three categories, each focusing on an integral aspect of self-empowerment.

- Empowerment through health education and health services
- Investing in our youth:
- Self-empowerment through financial management

Please support our new facility by making contributions through our website!

Our existing facility (left) and our old burnt facility (right):





Main Objectives & Goals

- To establish an environment for the Muslim community to practice Islam and worship Allah (Almighty God) as outlined in the Quran and exemplified in the Sunnah.
- To guide young Muslims towards building a model Muslim character in the community.
- To present Islam to the society, and build bridges of understanding with other cultures and faiths.
- To strengthen ties with other local and national Muslim organizations.
- To establish institutions, educational centers, and organizing activities to achieve the foregoing objectives.

Programs

In addition to the Jumua and five daily prayers Mecca offers a wide range of activities that cater to families, youth, women, and men. Subjects discussed and taught include: Quran memorization and Tajweed, Sirah, Hadith, and Tafsir. Also, we offer summer camps, Sunday school, Interfaith Dinner, special Halaqas and works shops, and numerous nationally-known guest speakers. Mecca is a center for all the community.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

By the grace of Allah our NEW MASJID should be completed towards the end of 2015. Donations are greatly appreciated as we have huge construction bills to pay. We need to raise about \$3 million more to meet our obligations and finish phase one of the project. This is Sadaqa Jariya that is greatly rewarded by Allah SWT.

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MCC Academy at a Glance



MCC Academy is an Islamic and secular education elementary and middle school, fully recognized by the State of Illinois and nationally accredited by the largest accreditation agency, AdvancEd (NCA). The curriculum of the school is in line with the standards proposed by the ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) and the new national Common Core curriculum. In addition, we offer a curriculum of Islamic Studies which includes a comprehensive program aimed at the explanation and implementation of Islamic practices and principles, as well as mastery of the Arabic language. Since our inception in August 1990, our student body and staff has grown exponentially. We opened our second facility in Fall 2014. Formerly known as MCC Full Time School, MCC Academy adopted its new moniker to better reflect its renowned, prestigious reputation as one of Chicago's best Islamic schools.

MCC Academy by the Numbers

- ◆ Enrollment of 580+ students in PreK—8th
- ◆ Students standardized tests average 88th percentile
- ◆ A vast majority of our graduates become honors and high honors students in high school
- ◆ Culturally diverse student/staff environment representing more than 20 different countries



Top-Notch Educators & Facilities

- ◆ Lead Teachers all state-certified
- ◆ 40% of staff w/ Master's degrees
- ◆ Two locations—Morton Grove & Skokie campuses
- ◆ State-of-the-art Science Lab, Masjid, 110-yd. soccer field, Cafeteria/Community Hall, Computer lab, Apple TVs, I-Pads, Wireless Internet, Library

Learning & Enrichment

MCC Academy's mission is simple but powerful: Building Character and Developing Minds. We strive to provide an excellent formal education for our students while helping shape each child's character as a Muslim. An Islamic environment affirms a child's identity and pride in the Islamic legacy. A strong Muslim identity is optimal for social and academic development.

School-wide Objectives

- ◆ To teach love of Islam by example and through Islam and Qur'an studies.
- ◆ To teach our students to strive for excellence in all they do.
- ◆ To teach our students the level necessary for worldly success.
- ◆ To teach social awareness and responsibility through community involvement.



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- Host of Young Muslims stepping up weekly
- Host of events by the Bayyinah Institute, the Alim Program Darul Qasim and others
- Marriage and funeral services
- Daily iftars and Ramadan services at Chicago and Morton Grove locations



Vision:

Our vision is to aspire to be the leading mosque in the US in providing guidance and services to the community.

Mission:

The Mosque Foundation serves the spiritual, religious and communal needs of area Muslims by means of nurturing their faith, upholding their values, and fostering the wellbeing of the community around it through worship, charity, education, outreach, and civic engagement.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MOSQUE'S ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Open doors over 16 hours a day offering daily prayers, programs, and free services such as marital, family, new revert, and youth counseling as well as arbitrations.
- ◆ Over 5,000 Muslims attend prayers and activities weekly including two Jumu'ah congregational prayers attended by 3,500 worshippers every Friday.
- ◆ A variety of educational programs, seminars, and workshops are regularly offered for men and women of different age groups in Arabic, English, and Spanish.
- ◆ Several programs especially designed for youth serving different age groups.

1976

Tax-Exempt Status Approved

1977

Mosque Architectural Plan Completed

1981

Mosque Opened



1969

Steward Avenue Property Sold and Storefront Property at 79th & Clyde Avenue Purchased

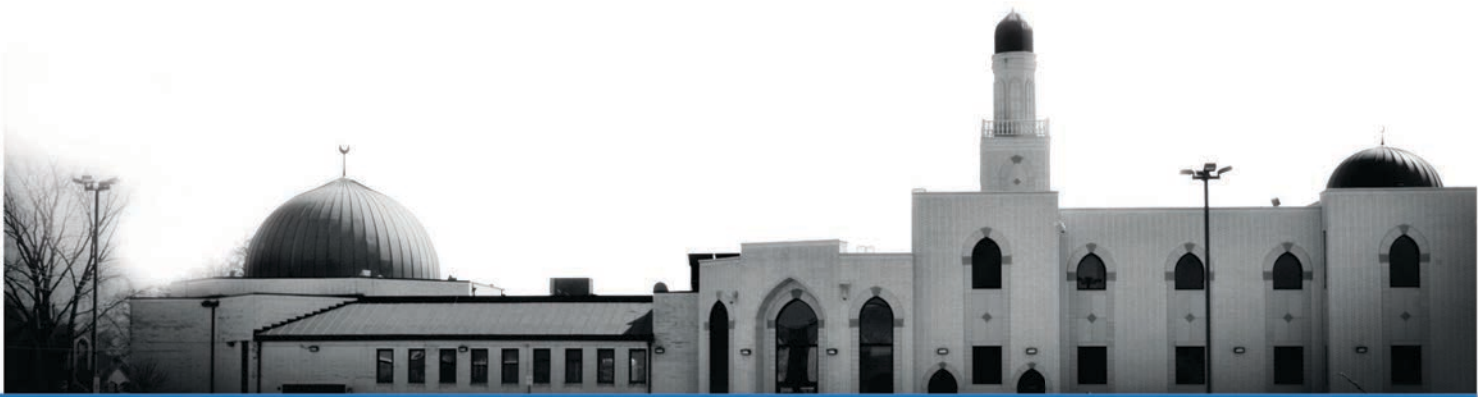
1954

Official Registration of Mosque Foundation and Interim Property at 6500 S. Steward Avenue Purchased



1978

Construction Began



- ◆ Al-Siddiq School offers weekend education to nearly 700 youth.
- ◆ Zakat is distributed throughout the year to hundreds of local needy families.
- ◆ Mosque's Food Pantry serves over 300 families weekly.
- ◆ Mosque's Community Center provides a safe space for boys and girls to grow spiritually and participate in sports and other fun activities.
- ◆ Funeral services and grief counseling provided at the Mosque and at graveside.
- ◆ Actively involved in initiatives that promote outreach, social justice, equality and peace.

1996

Youth Center Opened

1983

Al-Siddiq Weekend School Opened



1998

Interim Expansion Completed

2002

Lot for Additional Parking Purchased

2004

Re-Opened Youth Center after Major Remodeling



2012

LARGE PROPERTY

On Harlem & 93Rd Street Purchased



1986

Aqsa School Opened in the Mosque until 1996

2005

Food Pantry Opened

2006

Expanded Youth Center to Community Center

2008

Second Major Expansion Completed



Muslim Society Inc (MSI)

The Muslim Society Inc provides several valuable services to its large community. Thousands of people benefit from its services on a regular basis :

- ◆ 5 Times Prayer Service
- ◆ Hifz School
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Nazarh Quran
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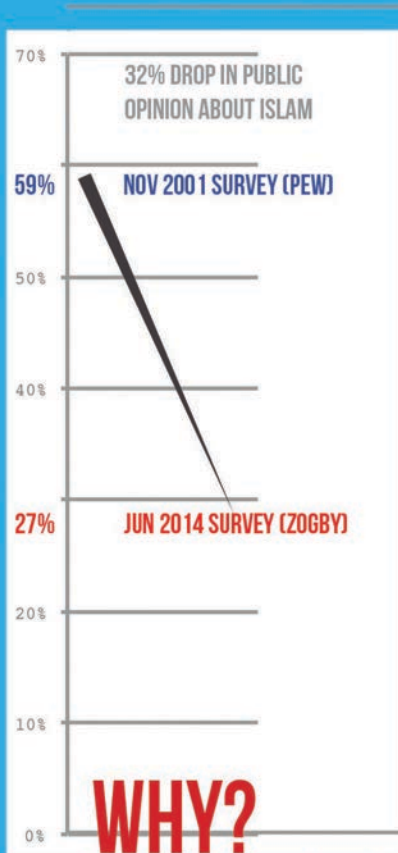
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BY TURNING OUR NEIGHBORS AGAINST US

63% of our neighbors, that's 198 million Americans, do not have a positive opinion of Islam and Muslims.



WHY?

PEW survey asked why are people turning against Islam and Muslims.

HERE IS THEIR ANSWER



48% SAY MEDIA

- 14% RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
- 10% EDUCATION
- 8% PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
- 3% VIEWS OF FRIENDS/FAMILY
- 13% SOMETHING ELSE
- 4% DON'T KNOW

5160 million Islamophobia machine uses media brilliantly.

& of course, ISIS, Boko Haram, Al-Qaida, Taliban, those who do not let women drive, deny freedom of religion, democracy, and rights of self-determination, provide Islamophobia machine & the media with ammunition.

THE IMPACT

IMPACT ON INCOME

Muslims are the least employed (GALLUP)

Wages of Muslims down by 10% (COLUMBIA)

IMPACT ON HEALTH

50% Arab Americans have clinical signs of depression (VALE)

IMPACT ON YOUTH

Young Muslims moving away from Islam (COLUMBIA)

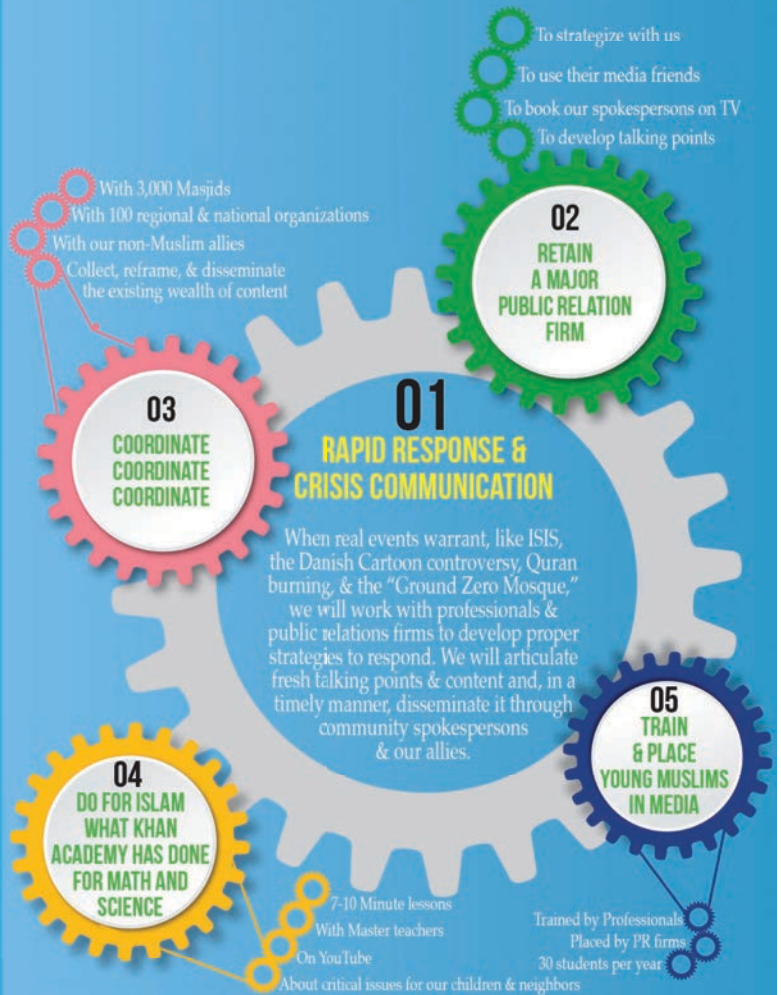
47% of college-going Muslims drink alcohol (ISPIU)

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