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25th Anniversary Community Dinner

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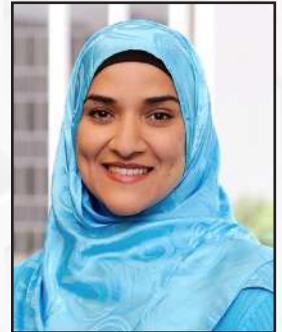
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KEYNOTE

Dalia Mogahed

Dalia Mogahed is the Director of Research at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU) where she leads the organization's pioneering research and thought leadership programs on American Muslims. As part of the ISPU, Mogahed is spearheading a Reimagining Muslim Spaces (RMS) initiative in which masajid and community centers are called on to evaluate the diverse social, civic, and economic needs of their congregants with special attention to often marginalized groups, including women, youth, and converts.



Utilizing case study analysis produced by the study, mosques and community centers can reduce barriers to participation, improve the services they offer and increase constituent engagement. Through providing recommendations that individuals, communities, and institutions can implement, the RMS study will contribute to improved community building, reduced marginalization and increased community cohesiveness. The study is being conducted at masajid and centers across the United States, including in Chicago, Illinois to help guide leadership towards facilitating more inclusive and welcoming spaces for all.

Dalia Mogahed is the former Executive Director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, where she led the analysis of surveys of Muslim communities. Mogahed also has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations about U.S. engagement with Muslim communities. Her 2016 TED talk titled "What it's like to be Muslim in America" was named one of the top TED talks that year.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Dalia Mogahed to serve on the role of Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation Task Force. Sr. Mogahed was one of six persons charged with identifying how to foster greater communication and cooperation among people of different religious traditions and encouraging religious leaders to be involved in foreign policy development and diplomacy.



Unity In Diversity

Empowerment Through Collaboration



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WHO WE ARE

Over 400,000 Muslim Americans reside in greater Chicago. An array of races, ethnicities, and cultures, including Africans, Arabs, Europeans, and Asians, as well as groups historically indigenous to the United States, such as African Americans, European Americans, and Latin Americans, are reflected in the Muslim American population of greater Chicago. The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) serves as the catalyst that brings these diverse groups together.

Through their respective organizations, which include mosques, schools, and community service organizations, CIOGC provides Chicago's Muslims with a platform to cooperate and collaborate in furtherance of work in the areas of civic engagement, interfaith, and advocacy on behalf of Muslims.

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.

Unity In Diversity



Assalamu Alaykum,

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) told one of his companions that he was similar to Isa (Jesus) while he told another he was similar to Musa (Moses). The Prophet (pbuh) understood they had a difference in personality, yet he loved them both dearly. At CIOGC, we follow in the footsteps of the Prophet (pbuh) -- we love both Prophets Isa and Musa, and we love the companions who resembled them.

Similarly, that is how we feel towards the various Muslim communities in Chicago, each with their different characteristics. We love and value them all, and seek to bring them together to complement each other, and to work

for the betterment of a unified Muslim community and of society at large. In this quest, we acknowledge the differences among us, in hopes that they enrich, rather than divide.

As CIOGC celebrates its 25th year, we are reminded of how quickly our community has grown since its inception. The Muslim population in Chicagoland is now estimated at nearly half a million people-- a diverse group from a wide array of backgrounds. We all come together united in our faith in Islam, as surah Ali 'Imran [3:103] in our blessed Qur'an calls us to "hold firmly to the rope of Allah (God) all together and do not divide."

In 1992, CIOGC was founded in response to the critical need of Muslims for a unifying platform to bring the diverse Muslim community of Chicago together to meet, collaborate, and address common issues of concern. This institution has since grown alongside the community. CIOGC is proactively representing the Muslim community, addressing its important issues, and nurturing its growth with services and programs such as IMAD, Eid Expo, Youth Expo, Chicago Crescent, Zakat Chicago, and various interfaith activities.

The diversity of Muslims in Chicago is exemplified by the membership of the CIOGC. Our member organizations include masajid, Islamic schools, and humanitarian and service organizations from various ethnic and racial groups. CIOGC offers the Muslim community opportunities to unite and positively influence society through civic engagement, developing interfaith partnerships, empowering our youth, and truthfully representing Islam and Muslims in media. Every year, our membership and participation grows, alhamdulillah. We are now faced with tremendous challenges. The struggle against Islamophobia and inequality continues as Muslims are presented with discriminatory travel bans, increased government scrutiny, and violence in the form of hate crimes. Although these challenges may be daunting, they are precisely the challenges CIOGC was founded to address.

Unity isn't a utopian ideal, rather, it is an Islamic tenet. Like all aspirations, true unity results from effort and cooperation. The active participation of our community in CIOGC's activities drives successful growth. We invite all to join us, to grow with us, and to celebrate our unity in diversity.

Sincerely,

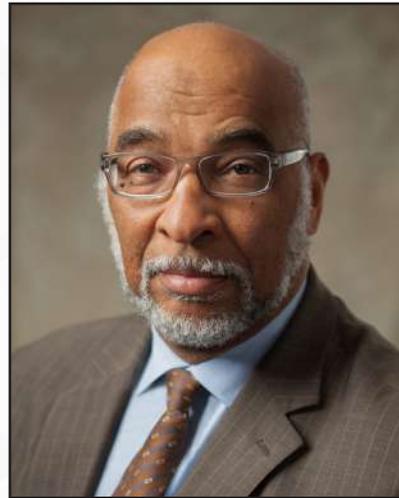
Dr. Bassam Osman
Chairman, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago

Empowerment Through Collaboration

Asalamu Alaikum,

With the approach of our annual dinner, as a community, we ask ourselves what we have done, and in the coming year, how are we to proceed. These questions are at the forefront of our thoughts as we reflect what has been done over the last 25 years.

The first question, accomplishments, is the easier of the two questions to answer. A record of what has been achieved is often readily available for examination. Whether its advocacy at the legislature in Springfield, Illinois or cultivating relationships with our faith partners, we can recite what has been done and what we have fallen short of accomplishing. The second question, however, requires more deliberation.



The importance of this question, how to proceed from here, become more urgent in today's climate. With Islamophobia rising, bullying in schools increasing, and fundamental Islamic principles, such as jihad or shariah, being distorted in the public sphere, we face the question of how should we respond? We must respond with enthusiasm and hope.

We should respond with enthusiasm because right now we are witnessing more people expressing an interest in Islam. They want to know their Muslim neighbor, who does not celebrate their holidays, eat their foods, or whose major worship service is not on Sundays. Faith groups are reaching out directly to Muslims to engage in dialogue and community work. Government officials are giving a listening ear to the concerns of their Muslim constituency. These actions are to be enthusiastically embraced. The enthusiasm with which we embrace the actions of our neighbors should also be our reason for hope. Our circumstances are not as hopeless as the media suggests. If it were, why do we have those who approach Muslims to engage in dialogue for understanding, offering to assist Muslims in opposing injustices affecting Muslims, or walking in rallies or signing advocacy petitions supporting Muslim causes.

So, just as the diversity of our neighbors outside of our community brings reasons for enthusiasm and hope, so too should the racial, ethnic and social diversity within our community. Our challenge is refocusing our dialogue from discussions of differences to conversations of collaboration.

As CIOGC and its members complete their celebration of 25 years of service to the community, we must remind ourselves to strengthen our commitment to working with each other. Whether it takes the form of learning best practices in the area of civic engagement from a fellow member organization, or joining the call for justice on behalf of those who are neglected in our society, we must continue working together. It is the mission of CIOGC to double its efforts to be a guiding light for this spirit of collaboration with our neighbors, Muslim and non-Muslim alike.

Sincerely,

G. Abdullah Mitchell
Executive Director, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago

25th Anniversary Community Dinner

MESSAGE FROM THE DINNER CHAIR



Respected Community Members, Leaders and Honorable Guests,

As-Salaamu Alaikum (Greetings of Peace),

On behalf of the Dinner Committee of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC), I welcome you to the 25th Anniversary Community Dinner! We are very excited to celebrate with our community, friends, leaders and partners. Our theme for this year's dinner is: Unity in Diversity: Empowerment through Collaboration.

As you can see around the room, we have such a rich diversity that is microcosm of the global Muslim community, and we draw strength from this diversity every day. Our community has come together to celebrate the 25 years of the work and service of Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago which has been the unifying power and has provided the platform for all the various communities to come together to develop solutions.

Our keynote speaker Dalia Mogahed is a well-known scholar who leads research and thought leadership programs on American Muslims. She was appointed by President Barak Obama to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

We also will recognize our Top Muslim Achievers, Dr. Dilara Sayeed and Dr. Ragab El-Rashidy, who exemplify our theme as Muslim American leaders in the areas of Education and Medicine, respectively.

We have put a lot of thought and planning to ensure you enjoy the program and celebrate with us. This event would not have been possible without the extremely hardworking and talented members of the Dinner Committee which includes community volunteers, CIOGC board members, and staff.

We thank all of you, our generous donors, our member organizations, interfaith and civic partners and our sponsors for your commitment to empower the Muslim American community under the leadership of the CIOGC. As our community grows and our challenges increase, an umbrella organization such as CIOGC, is crucial so that we can unify your voice and Empowerment through Collaboration!

Thank you!

Tasneem Osmani
CIOGC Treasurer & Dinner Committee Chair

Dinner Committee Vice Chair: Adil Farid

Dinner Committee Members: Aadil Farid, Gazala Rahman, Bina Farid, Itedal Shalabi, Reema Kamran, Sahira Sadiq, Sharon Bhaimia, Abdullah Mitchell, Aymen Abdel Halim, Farah Bousmaha, Rita Sutton, Sanah Khan, and Zehra Antar

2017 Top Muslim Achievers

Dr. Dilara Sayeed

From the moment Dilara Sayeed graduated from Headstart preschool for low-income children, she understood the value of access to education and resources. Dilara's family immigrated from India in the 1970s. She is a product of the Chicago Public Schools and the Muslim Community Center, one of the first mosques in Chicago. Dilara believes the only way to be part of the fabric of our great nation is to work and serve in our communities. She is as an educator, community activist, and civic leader.



Dilara has served as a 5th and 8th grade teacher and administrator for over a decade at public and faith-based schools, a developer of innovative professional learning programs, and a lecturer at Harvard, Benedictine, and Northwestern Universities. She has advocated for our most vulnerable youth by working with the Children's Defense Fund to disrupt cradle to prison pipelines. Most recently, as Chief Education Officer at The Golden Apple Foundation, Dilara led her team in developing hundreds of educators to serve at schools-of-need across Illinois.

Dilara is Founder of vPeer.com, a tech start-up that makes mentoring accessible to professionals across the globe to improve their practice and change their career trajectory. Taking her public service to the next level, Dilara recently announced her candidacy for Illinois State Representative of the 5th District. She believes it is time for all voices to be at the table to develop laws that protect our American values of justice, equality, and diversity.

Dilara has been an active member of mosques and community service organizations. She was one of the founders of the Mohammed Webb Foundation, a community organization at the forefront of developing our American Muslim identity through faith and service.

Dilara has a doctorate from Harvard University and master's degrees from Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. She and her husband, Dr. Yousuf Sayeed, live in Chicago. They have raised three children who are the third generation of Sayeeds in this great nation.

Dr. Ragab El-Rashidy

Dr. Ragab El-Rashidy is the founder and CEO of Genix, a pharmaceutical research and development company focused on challenging generic injectable products, with high unmet need and orphan drug opportunities. Prior to Genix, Dr. Elrashidy founded Pentech Pharmaceuticals, which was acquired by Perrigo in 2012.



Dr. El-Rashidy has 20+ patents for inventions of several pharmaceutical products and continues to combine his technical knowledge with his deep international network to develop complex products to help patients live their best lives. He raised \$25 million to build various companies over the last 25 years.



Sh. Amin Al Ali of the Islamic Community Center of Illinois (ICCI) leads Eid Al-Adha prayers at the Eid Expo.

Uniting Muslims on a Single Platform

CIOGC supports its members by empowering their leadership and enhancing members' organizational capacity through workshops and seminars regarding subjects such as strategic planning, fundraising, and government compliance. By empowering our members, our aim is to empower our community.

- House of Representatives (HR) Meetings
- Eid Expo
- Seminars & Trainings
- Advocacy
- Top Muslim Achievers Program

“CIOGC fulfills the needs of the Muslim community that cannot be fulfilled by just one organization.” – Shahnawaz Khan, CIOGC Vice Chairman

Bi-monthly HR Meetings

House of Representatives (HR) meetings are held bimonthly with representatives from each member organization. The meetings provide a forum where Chicago's Muslim community leaders meet to discuss issues of importance, collaborate on projects, provide direction to CIOGC, and learn from one another.



Seminars & Trainings

With increased scrutiny of Muslim groups by the Trump administration, CIOGC has held free seminars for member organizations regarding government compliance by their institutions. CIOGC has also held seminars on the Travel Ban to help educate the Chicagoland Muslim community on how to address the challenges it poses.



Eid Expo

CIOGC held an Eid Expo in 2017 for both Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. Both events drew thousands of Muslims from across Chicagoland, began with Eid prayers, and continued with delectable foods, exciting activities, and family fun.

Top Muslim Achievers Program

CIOGC recognizes top achievers of the community every year as part of its Annual CommUnity Dinner. Top Muslim Achievers are individuals who have excelled in their respective careers and fields of study and achieved great success or have contributed greatly to the well-being of American society.



Zakat Chicago

A committee of CIOGC, Zakat Chicago offers local collection and local distribution of Zakat to organizations and individuals. All of the Zakat and Sadaqah collected is distributed locally in the greater Chicagoland area. People can also visit the Zakat Chicago website to calculate Zakat and find answers to questions regarding its distribution.





CIOGC worked with Rep. Theresa Mah and Sen. Jacqueline Collins to sign the Religious Garb Bill into law.

Driving Change through Civic Engagement

Through advocacy and civic initiatives, such as civic engagement trainings, Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD), and an annual legislative agenda, CIOGC works with state lawmakers to influence and create positive change for Muslims and broader society.

- Advocacy
- Civic Engagement Trainings
- Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD)
- Religious Garb Bill (SB 1697)

“CIOGC has helped our members and the Muslim community address issues through legislative activities and by keeping our members informed about what issues face them and how they can address them.” – Aliya Husain, Civic Engagement Committee Chair

Religious Garb Bill (SB 1697)

Working with Representative Theresa Mah and Senator Jacqueline Collins, CIOGC actively campaigned to garner community and interfaith support for the Religious Garb Bill (SB1697). The bill was eventually signed into law by Governor Rauner on Friday, August 11.



Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD)

Every year since 2009, dozens of Muslim community leaders representing districts from across Chicagoland and Illinois advance a legislative agenda as part of Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD). In 2017, the CIOGC legislative agenda included bills to protect immigrants, ensure religious freedom, combat hate crimes, and maintain police accountability. Several bills successfully passed through the Illinois Senate while our members were present in Springfield, Illinois.



Civic Engagement Trainings

Effective advocacy requires training and CIOGC provides training for its members. Nearly 50 people attended the civic engagement training CIOGC provided with its partners DuPage United and United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ) at the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview, Illinois.



Social Justice Advocacy

CIOGC utilized a platform of press conferences, rallies, and letter writing to address the Muslim Ban, including an educational event with Senator Dick Durbin at Islamic Foundation in Villa Park. In the past year, CIOGC also rallied community members from across Chicagoland to speak out about the crisis in Syria, Al Aqsa Mosque restrictions, and persecution of Rohingya Muslims.





Faith leaders from CIOGC and the United Methodist Church break bread at the Muslim-Methodist dinner.

Nurturing Interfaith Partnerships

The CIOGC Interfaith Committee is dedicated to leveraging for the benefit of our Muslim community and for American society at large, a wealth of the Interfaith Committee’s experiences, relationships, and resources across our membership and with faith-based organizations in and around Chicago. We are engaged in Interfaith partnerships, dialogues, activities, advocacy, annual dinners and Iftars with our friends from the Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish, and other faiths.



Kareem Irfan & Cardinal Cupich

“I am absolutely convinced our Council’s successful focus on nurturing improved relationships with leadership and representatives of other faith communities is a raison d’etre!” – Kareem Irfan, Interfaith Committee Chair

Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago

For nearly 20 years, CIOGC has nurtured a special relationship with the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. In 1997, Francis Cardinal George, the Archdiocese of Chicago, made a commitment with CIOGC to establish and grow a friendship between Chicagoland's Catholic and Muslim communities. Since then, each group has come together for the annual Catholic-Muslim iftar hosted by CIOGC during Ramadan.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, the current head of the Archdiocese of Chicago, continues to build the long-lasting relationship between Catholic and Muslim communities of Chicago. In early 2017, Cardinal Cupich issued a statement objecting to the Muslim Ban and expressing support for Muslims.

Interfaith Advocacy

In February 2017, CIOGC helped lead rallies across Chicagoland as part of a "We Are All America" interfaith solidarity campaign against the Muslim Ban. In July, CIOGC partnered with Jewish and Christian faith groups to urge for religious freedom in the Holy Land, and more particularly, the sacred Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. In August, CIOGC joined faith leaders representing various traditions in downtown Chicago to express solidarity with the people of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Annual Interfaith Dinners

CIOGC hosts and participates in annual dinners with a variety of faith partners including the United Methodist Church – Northern Illinois Conference, Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Presbytery of Chicago. These gatherings offer the Muslim community an opportunity to learn about, and share with, other faith groups while breaking bread, and addressing topics related to advancing social justice.





CIOGC Senate Pages shadow Illinois State Senators to learn about the legislative process.

Empowering Young Muslim Leaders

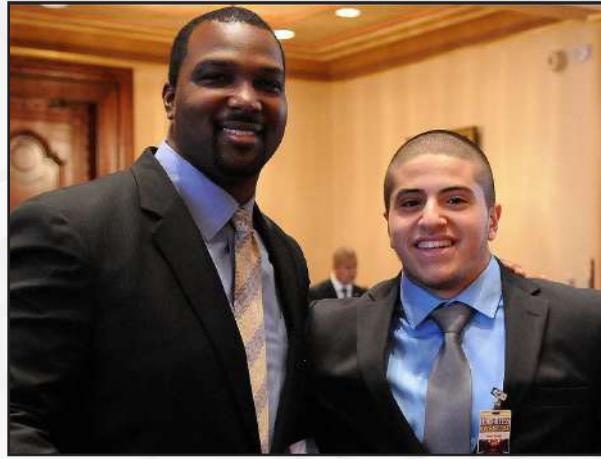
CIOGC helps Muslim youth become better Muslims and American citizens by offering opportunities to build leadership skills, become civically engaged, and be recognized for their academic achievements. Youth programs include the Muslim Youth Expo, Senate Page Program, MyChi Forums, Internship and Volunteer Program, and Muslim Valedictorian recognition at CIOGC's Annual CommUnity Dinner.

- Senate Page Program
- Muslim Youth Expo
- Muslim Valedictorians

*"Being able to work in the shadow of a real Senator was eye opening as to how the whole process works in Springfield of suggesting, debating, and finally passing a bill."
- Isa Ranjha, Islamic Foundation School*

Senate Page Program

Sixteen students from CIOGC member schools, public schools, and universities were selected to shadow Illinois Senators in Springfield during Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD). The Senate Pages learned about the legislative process firsthand as they joined Senators during the legislative session and sat in on meetings between Illinois representatives and residents. They exchanged ideas and discussed issues of concern. This year, a number of CIOGC Senate Pages were offered internships with the State Senator they shadowed.



Muslim Youth Expo

Young Muslims from across Chicagoland journeyed to Moraine Valley Community College on September 23, 2017 for what was the largest platform for Muslim youth in the region to learn and share: CIOGC's 3rd Annual Muslim Youth Expo. The Expo welcomed youth representing the various CIOGC member organizations, schools, and youth groups. Activities included panels on bullying, activism, and Muslim women leaders in history, as well as an arts competition, sisters-only fashion show, and a keynote lecture by Ustadh Usama Canon.



Muslim Valedictorians

CIOGC recognizes the achievements of Muslim valedictorians and promotes the academic and extracurricular achievements of area Muslim youth across Chicagoland through its Muslim Valedictorian program held during the CIOGC Annual CommUnity Dinner.





Dr. Bassam Osman addresses the Muslim Ban alongside partners during a CIOGC press conference.

Unifying Our Voice in Media

CIOGC aims at increasing visibility and awareness of CIOGC through a variety of multimedia including The Chicago Crescent magazine, annual Yearbook, weekly E-Newsletter, videos, the CIOGC website, and social media. CIOGC also leads press conferences and actively works with media to publish accurate stories about Islam, Muslims, and the Chicago Muslim community.

- Chicago Crescent
- E-Newsletter
- Website & Social Media
- Press Conferences

“CIOGC serves as an important platform for Chicagoland Muslims to unify their voice around common issues of importance.” – Deanna Othman, CIOGC Board Member

The Chicago Crescent

Since 2006, the *Chicago Crescent* has remained a stalwart Muslim community magazine that reports on news, and offers informative and educational articles, opinion pieces, and announcements of events in and around the greater Chicagoland Muslim community. The Crescent can also be accessed digitally at www.ciogc.org.

Weekly E-Newsletter

CIOGC publishes a weekly E-Newsletter with community news, events, and announcements. The E-Newsletter is also a valuable resource for members to showcase their work, and inspire others to share and learn. CIOGC's E-Newsletter is a hub for the latest news and events from and about the Chicagoland Muslim community.

Official Website & Social Media

Through our official website and social media platforms, CIOGC serves as a hub for the Muslim community. News, events, a community calendar, directories of Islamic centers and schools, Ramadan and Eid prayer timings for our member organizations, as well as a variety of resources are available online.

Press Conferences

CIOGC provides a voice for the Chicagoland Muslim community. Through press conferences to address a variety of important topics and issues concerning the Muslim community. In the past year, CIOGC has utilized press conferences to challenge the "Muslim Ban," address the crisis in Syria, and to raise awareness about the persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Burma.

MEDIA ADVOCACY

CIOGC Member Organizations



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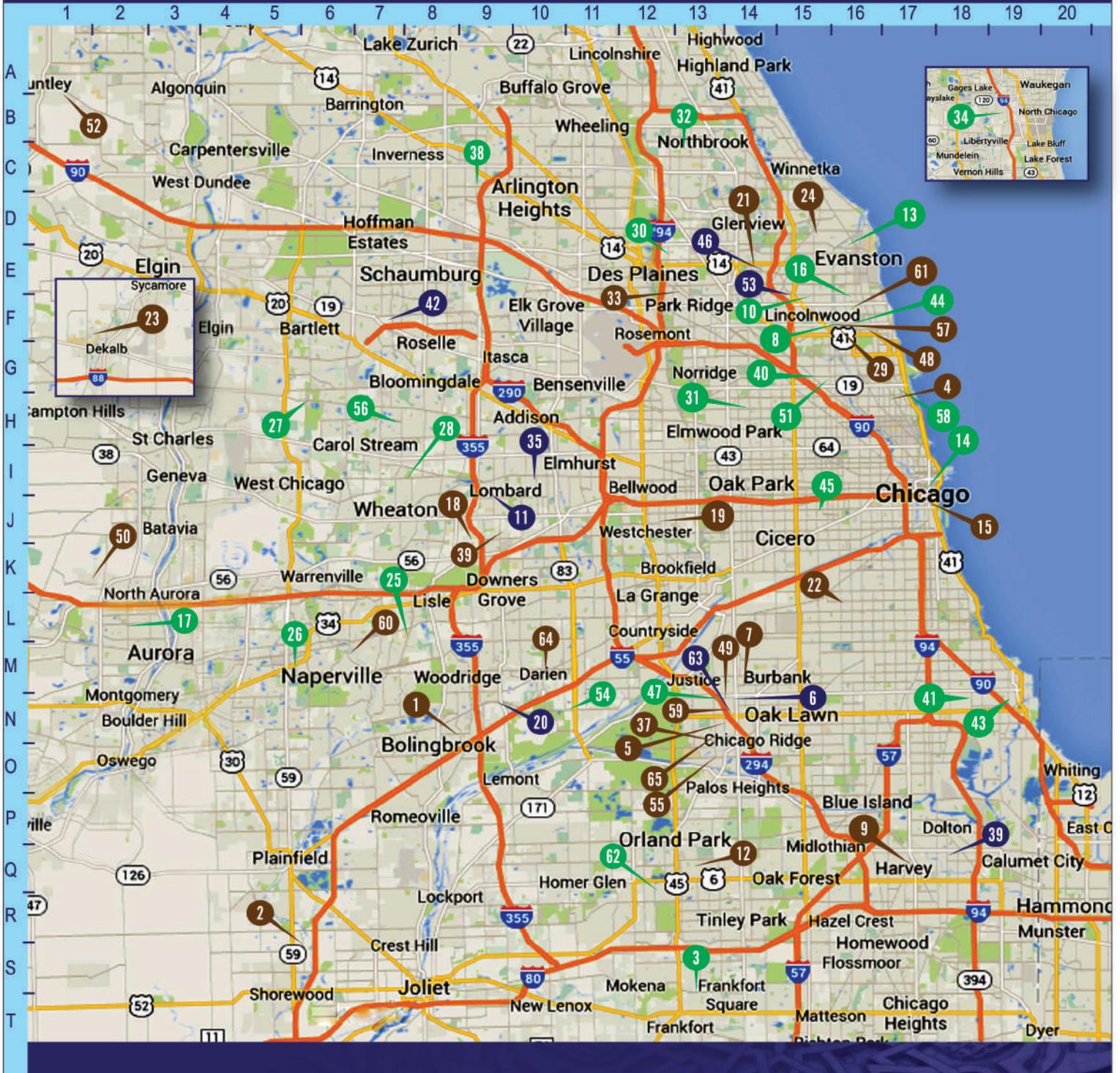
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2	Al-Aqsa Community Center	17940 S. Bronk Road	Plainfield, IL 60586	(815) 230-0786	6-S
3	American Islamic Association	8860 West Saint Francis Road	Frankfort, IL 60423	(815) 469-1551	13-S
4	American Islamic College (AIC)	640 West Irving Park Road	Chicago, IL 60613	(773) 281-4700	17-H
5	American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)	10101 S Roberts Road, Suite 102	Palos Hills, IL 60465	(708) 598-4267	14-N
6	Aqsa School	7361 West 92nd Street	Bridgeview, IL 60455	(708) 598-2700	14-N
7	Arab American Family Services (AAFS)	9044 S Octavia Avenue	Bridgeview, IL 60455	(708) 599-2237	14-M
8	At-Takaful Islamic Society	5933 N Lincoln Avenue	Chicago, IL 60659	(773) 989-9330	16-F
9	Center for Islamic Readings and Community Development	15214 Main Street	Harvey, IL 60426	(708) 872-7867	17-Q
10	Chicago Dugsi Center	6312 W Mozart Street	Chicago, IL 60659	(773) 339-9148	15-F
11	College Preparatory School Of America (CPSA)	331 West Madison Avenue	Lombard, IL 60148	(630) 889-8000	19-J
12	Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals (CAMP)	15356 Black Friars Road	Orland Park, IL 60462	(414) 737-8505	13-Q
13	Dar-us-Sunnah Masjid & Community Center	2045 Brown Avenue	Evanston, IL 60201	(224) 627-3144	16-D
14	Downtown Islamic Center (DIC)	231 South State Street	Chicago, IL 60604	(312) 939-9095	17-I
15	East-West University	816 S. Michigan Avenue	Chicago, IL 60605	(312) 939-0111	17-J
16	Ephraim Bahar Cultural Center	2525 W 71st Street	Chicago, IL 60629	(773) 476-8825	16-M
17	Fox Valley Muslim Community Center	1187 Timberlake Drive	Aurora, IL 60506	(630) 801-7729	2-L
18	Gujarati Muslim Association of America	1978 Downing Street	Lombard, IL 60148	(630) 712-2824	9-J
19	Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD-USA)	9999 Roosevelt Road	Westchester, IL 60154	(630) 748-8969	12-J
20	Horizon Academy	2853 87th Street	Darien, IL 60561	(630) 915-8599	9-N
21	Indian American Muslim Center	6321 W. Dempster Street, Suite 295	Morton Grove, IL 60053	(800) 839-7270	14-E
22	Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)	2744 W. 63rd Street	Chicago, IL 60629	(773) 434-4626	16-L
23	Iqra Moral Cartoon Inc.	1107 Retz Drive	Ottawa, IL 61350	(815) 585-0108	2-F
24	IQRA' International Education Foundation	7450 Skokie Boulevard	Skokie, IL 60077	(847) 673-4072	15-D
25	Islamic Center of Naperville (ICN)	450 South Olesen Street	Naperville, IL 60540	(630) 355-3733	8-L
26	Islamic Center of Naperville (Al Hilal)	2844 West Ogden Avenue	Naperville, IL 60540	(630) 426-3335	5-M
27	Islamic Center of Western Suburbs (ICWS)	28W774 Army Trail Road	West Chicago, IL 60185	(630) 544-4182	6-H
28	Islamic Center of Wheaton (ICW)	900 E Geneva Road	Wheaton, IL 60187	(630) 480-7592	8-I
29	Islamic Circle of North America - Chicago (ICNA-Chicago)	6224 N California Avenue	Chicago, IL 60659	(773) 764-7526	16-F
30	Islamic Community Center of Des Plaines	480 Potter Road	Des Plaines, IL 60016	(847) 824-1100	12-E
31	Islamic Community Center of Illinois (ICCI)	6435 West Belmont Avenue	Chicago, IL 60634	(773) 637-3755	14-H
32	Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago (ICC-GC)	1810 North Pfingsten	Northbrook, IL 60062	(847) 894-9650	13-C
33	Islamic Food & Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA)	777 Busse Highway	Park Ridge, IL 60068	(773) 283-3708	36-E
34	Islamic Foundation North (IFN)	1751 North O'Plaine Road	Libertyville, IL 60048	(847) 406-3730	19-B
35	Islamic Foundation/School	300 West Highridge Road	Villa Park, IL 60181	(630) 941-8800	10-I
36	Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA)	101 W. 22nd Street, Suite #106	Lombard, IL 60148		9-J
37	Islamic Relief USA (IR-USA)	10101 S. Roberts Road, Suite 100	Palos Hills, IL 60465	(708) 430-9633	13-N
38	Islamic Society of Northwest Suburbs (ISNS)	3950 Industrial Avenue	Rolling Meadows, IL 60008	(847) 253-6400	9-C
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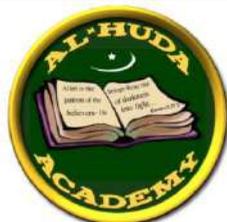
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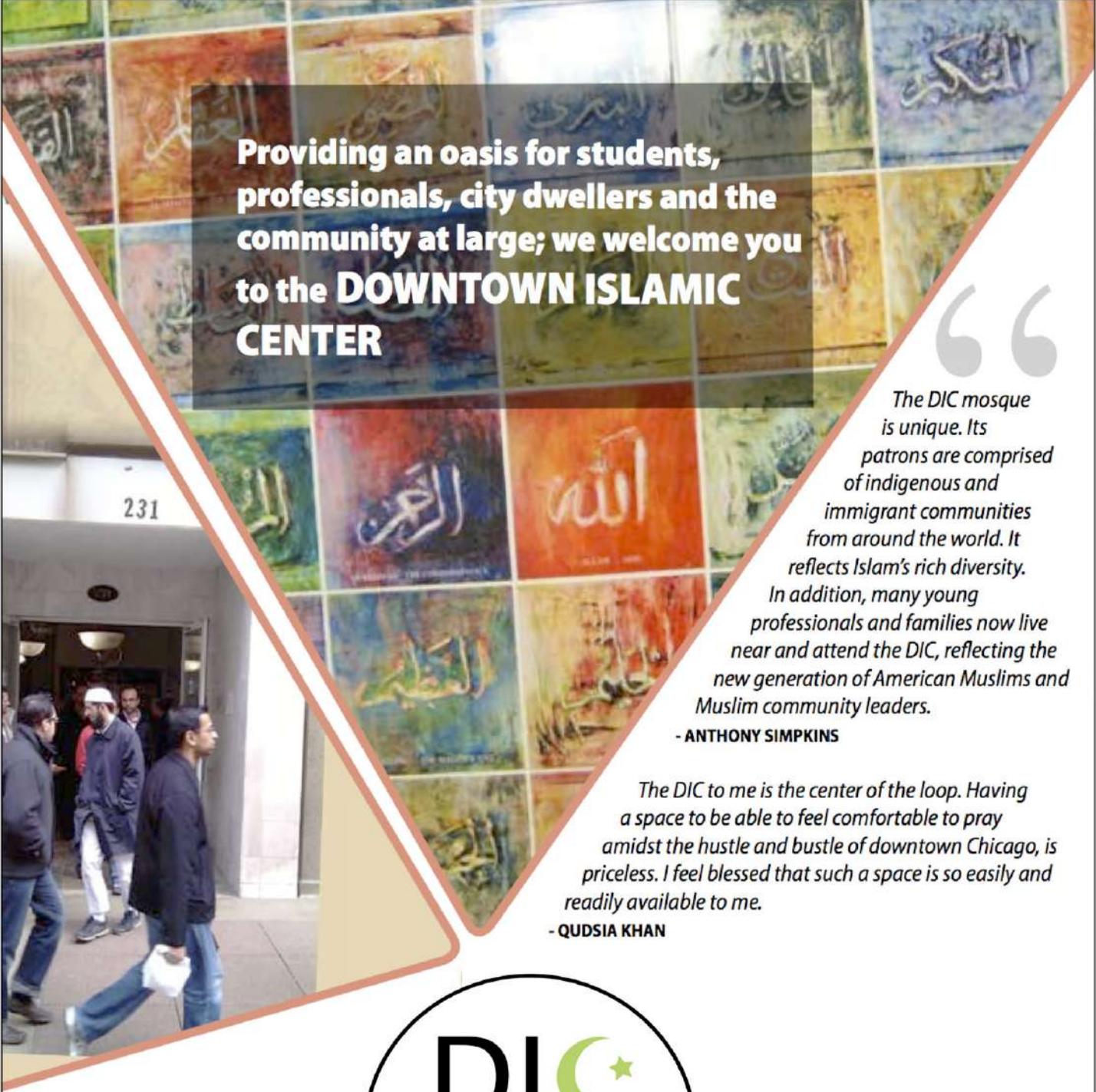
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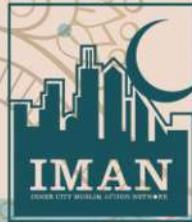


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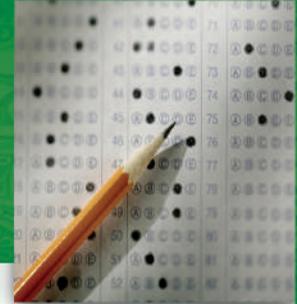
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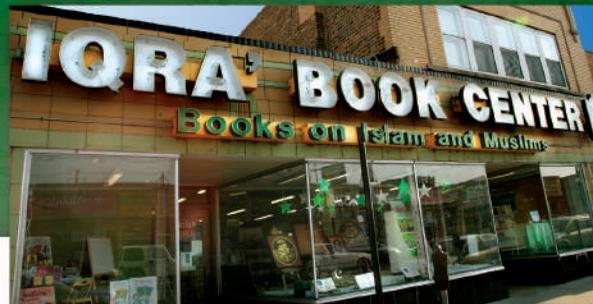
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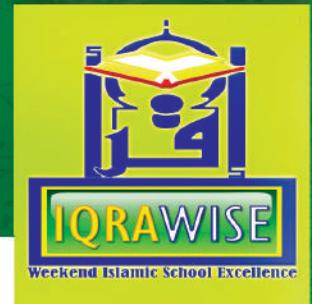
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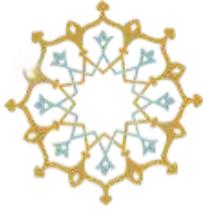
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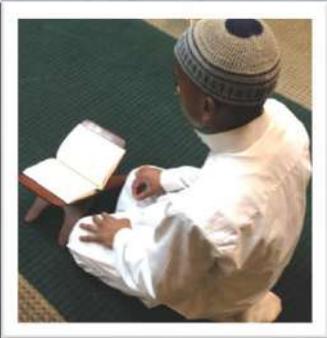
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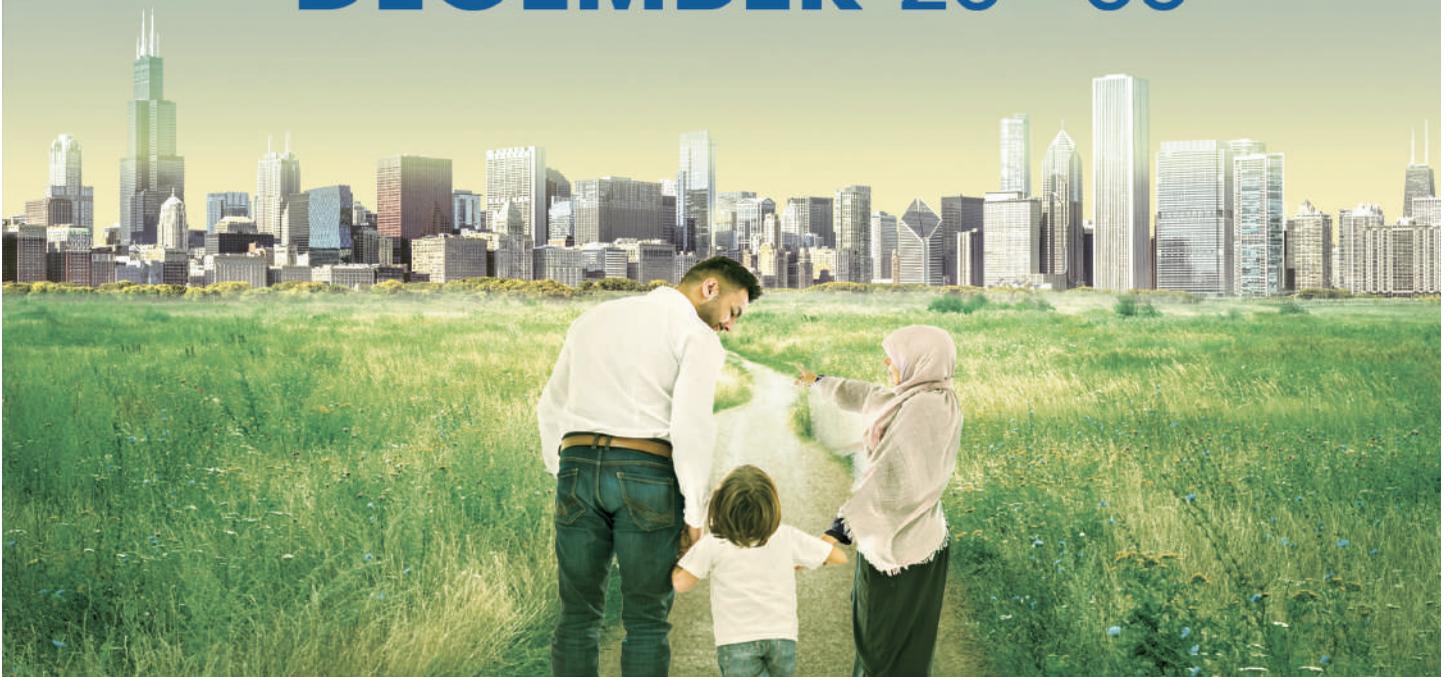
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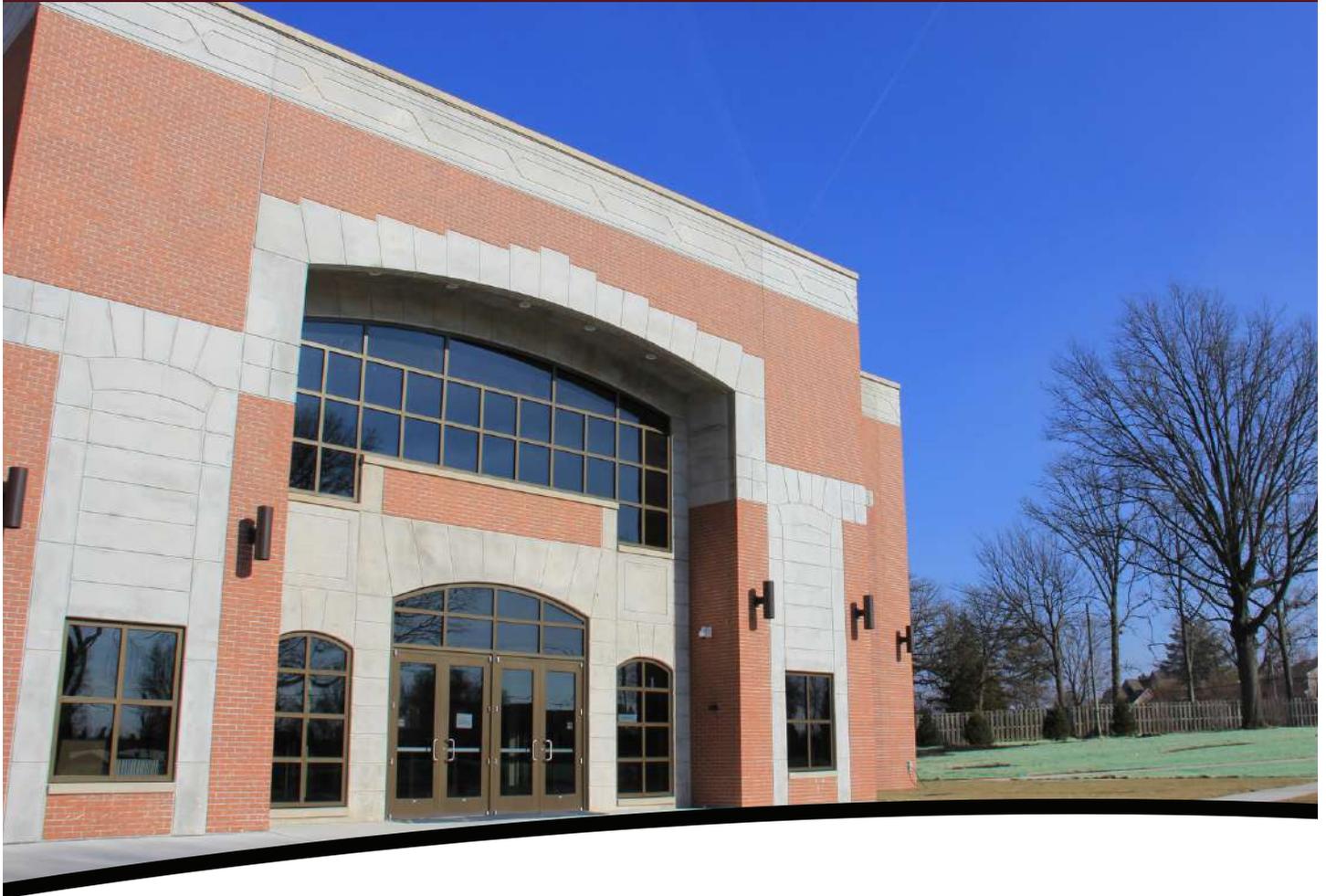
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Vision:

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

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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

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1986

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2005

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The Syrian Community Network, a non-for-profit, refugee support organization provides services include help with adjustment for newly resettled refugees, assistance in finding English as Second Language (ESL) classes, help in securing employment, case management, creating a welcoming atmosphere connecting refugees to the larger community.

SUPPORT

The support has intensified since January of 2015, where SCN already begun supporting these families in Chicago with services and mentorship to ease their transition into life in the United States.

RECOGNITIONS

SCN was recognized by the UNHCR, Senator Richard Durbin, Congresswoman Jane Schakowsky, Chicago City Council, Refugee Council USA, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and many other refugee resettlement support agencies.

OUR DONORS

SCN received donations from MacArthur Foundation, United Way, First United Church of Oak Park, Unitarian Church of Hyde Park, Razoo Foundation, Former Illinois Refugee Coordinator Dr. Ed Silverman, Northern Trust Charitable Giving Program at the Chicago Community Foundation, and as well as numerous community members.

ADVOCACY

SCN members were very active with advocacy efforts working with partner organizations at the local, state and national level including MoveOn.org, the Syrian American Medical Society, Refugee Council USA, Bureau of Refugee & Immigrant Services Illinois Department of Human Services, and the Illinois Coalition of Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR). In addition to partnering with main refugee resettlement agencies in Chicago to join their efforts in providing much needed support for the Syrian refugees.

OUR PARTNERS

SCN is also partnering with resettlement organizations in Chicago, conducting workshops to educate resettlement case workers about Syrian culture, and educating various interested Syrian groups across the United States on the importance of organizing and supporting refugees as they resettle in their cities.

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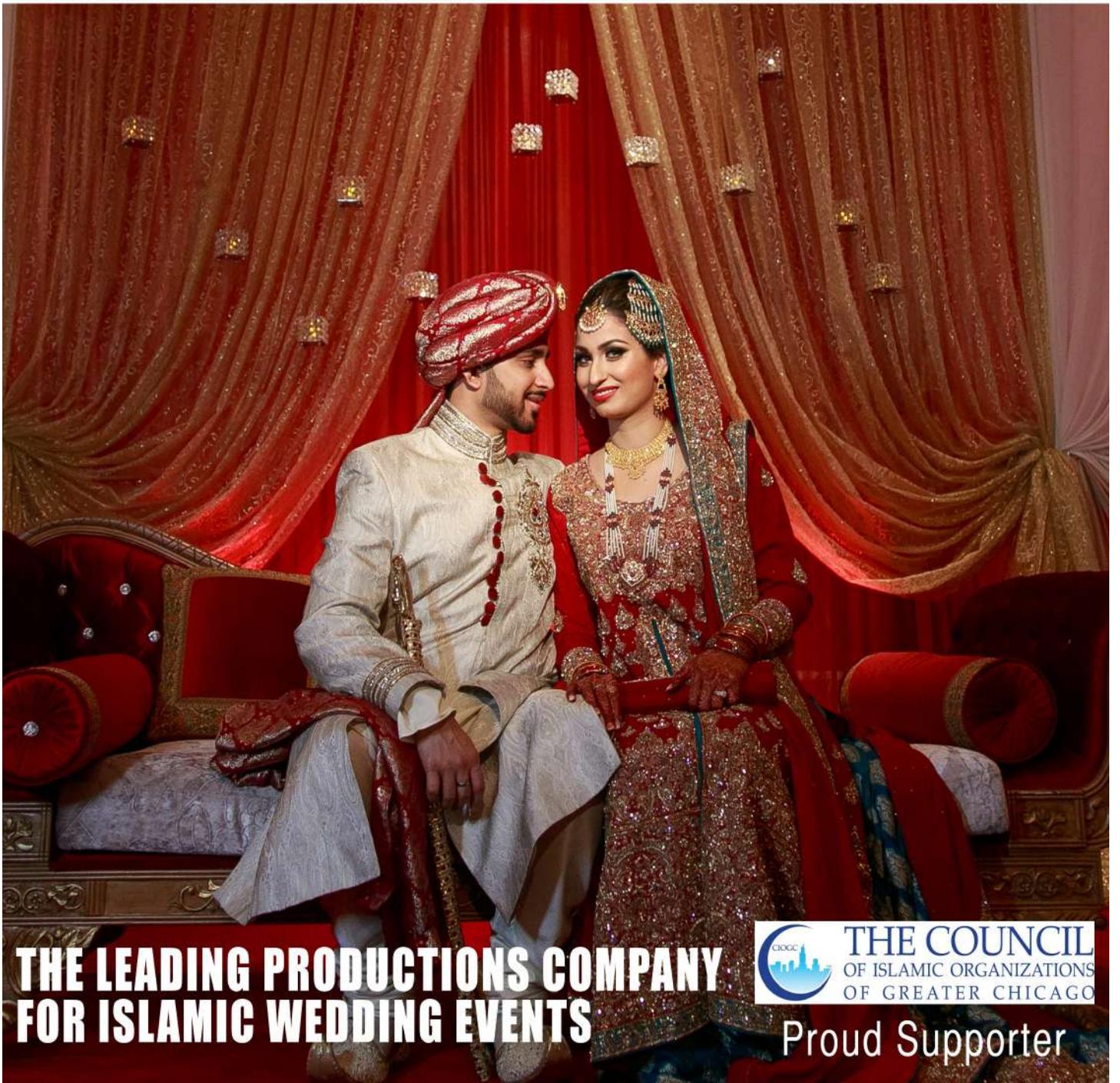
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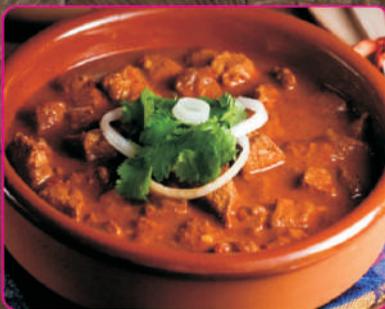
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