



Muslim Students' Association
University of Toronto, St. George Campus
The Muslim Voice

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Muslims all over the world will soon be honoured with coming of the month of Ramadan. The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) would like to take the opportunity to wish you a blessed Ramadan. We pray that its arrival will serve as an impetus for us to renew our intentions with God and discipline ourselves through right behaviour and action.

MSA provides several services to the Muslim community in Ramadan. Aside from the events and projects that are planned, iftaar is offered to students free of charge. Many students are still on campus when it is time to break their fast, and it is comforting to know that they can share a meal in the company of fellow Muslims. However, the provision of daily iftaars is beyond the limited funds available to MSA. We are therefore asking for your generous support. There are several ahadeeth that point to the merit of feeding one's fellow Muslims in the month of Ramadan. Your financial contribution will not only feed hundreds of Muslim students daily, but it will also give you great rewards.

We also want to call your attention to the Orphan Sponsorship Program. More than 16 million children were orphaned in 2003 alone. MSA's Orphan Sponsorship Program raises funds to feed, educate and provide shelter and other basic necessities to orphaned children all over the world. So far 88 children have been sponsored from 13 under-developed countries in 3 continents. Last year alone, we raised over \$36,000 in donations. This year MSA is hoping to sponsor 120 orphans over 3 years. This task, however, would not be possible without your contributions. The month of Ramadan is a time for us to reflect upon the circumstances of those less privileged than we are. We hope you will decide to take concrete action to better the lives of the poor and the disadvantaged.

The Orphan Sponsorship Program and the daily iftaars are two excellent ways for you to increase your reward balance with Allah (SWT). Please donate generously. Your cheques are payable to the Muslim Students' Association, 21 Sussex Avenue, Suite 405, Toronto, Canada, M5S 1J6.

Thank you in advance for your contributions. May Allah (SWT) accept this month of Ramadan from you, and may Allah (SWT) reward you well.

Sincerely,

Ramadan Iftaar Sponsorship Package

Assalaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuhu

As part of the services we are required to perform towards Allah (SWT) to glorify Him as well as seek His rewards, the MSA has taken it upon itself to feed the Muslims on campus during the month of Ramadan. As resources (both human and otherwise) are limited, we can only provide iftaars during the working weekdays of the blessed month. The Prophet of Allah, Muhammad (SAW) enjoined us to feed the needy during this month as part of an opportunity to gain more rewards and may Allah (SWT) grant us these rewards. Many students are usually still on campus when it is time to break the fast in the month of Ramadan and to provide them an opportunity to do so in company of their brothers and sisters is a great relief.

The provision of Iftaars for students during Ramadan is gradually becoming one of the traditions of the MSA and Alhamdulillah, the number of attendees is growing every year. The number of those who attend MSA iftaars have grown and almost doubled in the last three years. In-sha-Allah our target for this year is to meet the double mark. As more and more Muslims enroll in the University, this number will In-sha-Allah, keep growing and this calls for the need to seek funding outside the regular donations received by the MSA from its members.

MSA therefore, needs the kind support of brothers and sisters like you to make this a reality once more first as a service towards Allah (SWT) and then towards Muslim students on campus. In-sha-Allah, your contributions will be feeding hundreds of Muslims daily and your rewards with Allah (SWT) are numerous and also, following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (SWA). A detailed breakdown of the costs and the sponsorship options available for these iftaars are given on subsequent pages of this package.

Jazaka-llahu Khairan.

Costs:

Total in Ramadan	200 * 24 = 5000
Daily number of people	200
Cost per day per person	\$ 3.25 (food and drinks)
Total Cost per day	\$3.25 * 200 = \$700
Cost per week per person	\$ 16.25
Total Cost per Week	\$700 * 5 = \$ 3,500
Total Ramadan Costs	\$700 * 24 = \$ 16, 800

I hereby pledge a sum of towards the iftaar program of the Muslim Students' Association (University of Toronto, St. George). I verify that the information given below is correct and should be used in confidence of the MSA towards its iftaar program.

Tel:.....

E-mail:.....

Amount:.....

½ day (\$350) 1 day (\$700) 2 days (\$1400)

3 days (\$2100) 1 Week (\$3500) Other (please specify)

Payment Options:

Cash Cheque Paypal (<http://muslim.sa.utoronto.ca/>)

Sign.: Sign.:
(for MSA)

*Please submit the pledge form at next Jum'ah or to the MSA office along with your donations

<http://muslim.sa.utoronto.ca>

- The Orphan Sponsorship Program-
Help an Orphan for a better tomorrow

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Peace Be Upon You!

'By the end of 2003, there were an estimated 143 million orphans aged 0-17 in 93 developing countries' (UNICEF, 2004). More than 16 million children were orphaned in 2003 alone. In 2003, the Muslim Students Association at the University of Toronto decided to extend a hand of help to these orphaned children by launching an Orphan Sponsorship Program. This program is now running, with astonishing success. This program raises funds to sponsor orphaned children from around the world. The money is used to feed, educate and provide shelter and other basic necessities for the orphans. So far, thanks to your help and generosity, 88 children have been sponsored from thirteen under-developed countries in three continents. Last year alone, the MSA Orphan Sponsorship program collected over \$36,000 in donations. This year God willing, the MSA is hoping to further its reach with the collection of enough funds to sponsor and re-sponsor 120 orphans over the next three period. This task, however, will not be possible without your contributions.

The Prophet (peace be upon him)) said, "I and the person who looks after an orphan and provides for him, will be in Paradise like this," putting his index and middle fingers together. [Sahih Al- Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 73, Number 34].

So please donate generously and help us help an orphan.

Anyone interested in donating, please make your checks payable to:

Orphan Sponsorship Program
MSA, University of Toronto, St. George campus
21 Sussex Avenue
Suite 405
Toronto, Ontario,
M5S 1J6

Note: Tax receipts will be issued upon request

For further information about the orphan sponsorship program and /or other forms of payment please contact: msa_orphansponsorship@yahoo.ca , by telephone: 416-946-7788, or visit the MSA website: <http://muslim.sa.utoronto.ca/>