

Foreword by the Shura Council

Alhamdu lillah, it has been one full calendar year since ICBC was re-opened and it is only by the Grace of Allah (swt) and the continued and overwhelming support of the community that we have been able to launch several programs and activities at our masjid. The services being offered could not have been possible without your *dua'a*, time, financial resources, as well as valuable ideas and feedback. The Shura Council is humbled by the trust you have placed in us. And as we strive to continuously enhance the quality of services offered at ICBC and increase attendance at our beloved masjid, we sincerely request your suggestions and feedback to enable us to take ICBC to the next level. *Jazakallah Khair*.

FINANCIAL CORNER

In January '09, ICBC bank balance was \$2K and outstanding loan was \$314K. Following successful fundraising events at which the community's generosity was overwhelming, we have paid off approx. \$150K in loans, resulting in a \$165K loan balance, as of today.



2009 ICBC Fund-raising Summary

FR Date	Amount
18-Apr	\$75k
29-Aug	\$50k
16-Sep	\$60k
TOTAL	\$185k

This represents total pledges received; we have approximately \$30K yet to collect.

2009 donation receipts will be mailed by January 31st, Insha Allah.

Nov '09 **Financial Update** has been posted at the ICBC website and the Bulletin Board.

ACH Direct Deposit has been setup; donors can now do regular automatic donations to ICBC direct from their bank account.

To setup auto-withdrawal, you can fill out an ACH Withdrawal Form available at the Masjid.

OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Several organization held fundraisers at ICBC during 2009 as listed below:

Jan '09	Gaza Relief
May '09	MAS Youth Center, Dallas
Nov '09	Austin Cemetery Project
Jan '10	DUA Hifz School

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your generous support for all these worthy causes.

ICBC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ICBC is administered by a 18 member Shura Council, with a Coordinator. Members are:

Aamir Ghanchi	Javed Abdi
Abdus Samad Shaikh	Kalim Baig
Akber Mohammed	Masood Khan
Altaf Hussain	Mujahid Masood
Amin Makani	Shaik Mohseen
Bazil Farid	Salah U Din
Farhat Siddiqui	Umer Makani
Hasan Al Sukhni	Wael El Essawy
Imtiaz Hussain	Wasi Ahmed

Various committees were setup during the year that manage the day-to-day tasks at ICBC to ensure a smooth operation. The committees are:

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| 1. Administration | 7. Financial |
| 2. Community Welfare | 8. Fundraising |
| 3. Communications | 9. Masjid Activities |
| 4. Daw'ah | 10. Sisters' Affairs |
| 5. Education | 11. Social Activities |
| 6. Facilities Maintenance | 12. Youth Activities |

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us info@icbrushycreek.org

Jazakum Allahu Khairan

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MASJID ACTIVITIES: "a retrospective...and in continuum"

Masjid activities got off to a great start in Jan '09 with the start of the **Weekly Hadeeth class** by Sheikh Ibrahim Dremali on Thursday nights. In Feb '09, we launched two new programs - **Weekly Qur'an Tafseer class** by Br. Hassan Sukhni on Monday nights and **Sisters' Halaqa** every Wednesday. We all continue to greatly benefit from these programs.

In response to request from the community, we launched a series of **educational activities for our children** in Mar '09 - Qur'an Na-zira (Recitation) class designed to teach our kids how to recite the Qur'an, and Qur'an Tajweed/Hifz class tailored for those children who are well versed in reading the Qur'an. In Apr '09, we started the **Weekend Islamic School** for children as well as youth; the program covers various aspects of *Deeniyat*. Blessed with highly dedicated, well-qualified teachers, enrollment today stands at >90 students in these ICBC educational programs, *Alhumdulillah*.

We held "Open House" events for the educational programs in Nov-Dec '09.

Qur'an Tajweed class exclusively for Sisters was started in Oct '09 and a similar class was started for Brothers in Nov '09.

Alhumdu lillah, we greeted the first **Ramadhan** at ICBC since our re-opening this year. Programs included *Iftar/dinners* during weekends served by generous community members, *Qiyam-ul-Layl* prayers during the last 10 days followed by *Suhur* meals, *I'tikaf* during the last 10 days, and of course, *taraweeh* prayers every night, led by Hafiz Husamuddin from Houston.

Indeed **Ramadhan '09** was truly blessed for all of us at ICBC!!

ICBC has had several visits in 2009 from brothers in the **Tablighi Jama'at** from places near and far away - San Antonio, Dallas, Louisiana, and Sri Lanka!!

May Allah (swt) rewards our guests for their efforts, Aameen!!

The most recent activity launched at ICBC is "Monthly Guest Lecture", the goal of which is to educate our community on a range of interesting yet important subjects. In Aug '09, Guidance Residential conducted a workshop on "Sharia-Compliant Home Ownership". After a brief hiatus during Ramadhan, Br. Mohamed Bedaiwi made an engrossing presentation in Nov '09 on "Giving Da'wah". In Dec '09, an Austin-based law firm conducted a workshop on "Wills and Rights" from a legal perspective.

Alhumdu lillah, we have a series of lectures already planned for the next several months.

Juma'a Khutbah at ICBC has been delivered by our community members. We thank all of the following brothers who helped us in this regard - Ahmad Manoh, Akif Ali, Ayman Kabir, Hassan Ali, Hassan Al Sukhni, Sh. Ibrahim Dremali, Sh. Islam Mossad, Karam Mahmood, Mohamed Bedaiwi. Momen Rahman, Sh. Nur Ahmad, Shoab Malik, and Wael El Es-sawy.

We were also blessed to have several scholars visiting Austin give **Khutbah** at our masjid on several occasions.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT: "a work always in progress"

In Feb '09, we installed a **water tank and pump** that eliminated the foul odor from the ground well water, which is the primary source of water for our Center. During this month, we also installed **lighting all over parking lot** and installed **Bulletin Board** outside the masjid building.

In Apr '09, Brushy Creek Road had a **new signboard** that read "ICBC". In the same month, few brothers were actively involved in **landscaping work** at our premises.

In May '09, we created **additional parking spaces** in the land to the East of the masjid building. We also installed additional **lighting at the front entrance** to the premises. Several volunteers worked on the **Masjid Beautification Project**, which involved planting trees, mowing the lawn, clearing shrubs, and overall cleanup work.

In June '09, we started work on converting the old garage structure into a **multi-purpose hall** that now serves as Sisters' prayer area, and class room for the various educational programs.

In July '09, palm trees were planted along the driveway and the **front yard landscape** was being gradually transformed. We also got a **phone line** for ICBC this month!

After 10 weeks of diligent work, the **garage renovation project** was completed in Aug '09, just in time for **Ramadhan**. Equipped with kitchen facilities as well as restrooms, our Sisters finally got their own place at ICBC! As a result of the increasing attendance at our Center, we built a **850 sq. ft. deck** connecting the two existing buildings that is being utilized as an additional prayer area for men.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "its not all work"

We had several social events at ICBC that provided excellent opportunities for our community to get together. In May '09, we held a "**Garage Sale**" on items donated by our community members. Approx. \$1000 was raised at this fun-filled event.

We held a **community potluck dinner** on June 5th, which was attended by >150 people. Owing to the tremendous response, we decided to have Monthly Potluck Dinner event on the first Friday of every month. We held community dinners in July and August, and took a break during Ramadhan. *We have suspended this activity during the winter months, and Insha Allah, we will resume in Spring 2010.*

We had an **Eid Carnival** at ICBC on October 17th which was attended by >250 men, women, and children. Thanks to fine weather, excellent food by our vendors, and assistance of the community volunteers, the event was a great success.

FUTURE PLANS: "in the works"

Our **immediate goal** is to pay off the outstanding loans of ICBC by the Ramadhan 2010, *Insha Allah*.

During the upcoming year, we have several projects in the pipeline. *Insha Allah*, we are planning to **increase parking** at our masjid. We are also looking into building **sports areas** within the premises that will serve as an attraction for our youth. Another project is a **play area for children**. Yet another plan is to **revamp our website**. But none of this will be possible without Allah's help and without your support and *dua'a!*

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

01/01: Fundraiser for DUA Hifz School

01/15: Monthly Guest Lecture

Topic: **Wills—An Islamic Perspective**

After Isha @ ICBC

The goal of ICBC is to become the "SPIRITUAL CENTER OF OUR LIVES"