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ISLAMIC CENTER OF BRUSHY CREEK 2010 Annual Update

FOREWORD BY THE SHURA COUNCIL

Alhamdu lillah, we have now completed two years since the Masjid was re-opened. 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 and sustain 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. *Jazakum Allahu Khairan*.

MASJID ACTIVITIES: "A RETROSPECTIVE.....AND IN CONTINUUM"

Alhumdu lillah, we had introduced several programs at our masjid in 2009. These include the **Qur'an Tafseer**, **Hadeeth**, and **Sisters' Halaqa** held once a week. While continuing these programs, we added new ones in 2010. In March 2010, we started a new class titled "**Understanding the Qur'an**". This class covers the meanings of the most frequently occurring words in the Holy Qur'an, as well as those used on dua'a and our daily sala'at. In September 2010, we launched the **Qur'an Tafseer class in Urdu** for sisters, held once a week; several sisters attend and benefit from this class.

We request everyone to attend and benefit from these various programs at our masjid. We will continually work on improving the quality of the current programs and add new ones in the future, *Insha Allah*.

RAMADHAN NOSTALGIA: "LOOK BACK AT THE HOLY MONTH"

This was the 3rd Ramadhan at ICBC, and we had a range of activities during the blessed month. *Alhumdu lillah*, we were blessed to have the services of Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Khaliq from Egypt, who led *taraweeh* prayers at ICBC and completed recitation of the Holy Qur'an on the 27th night.

Attendees also benefited from the Sheikh's knowledge through the daily Halaqa held after Fajr as well as the Sisters-only weekend Halaqa.

If thar/dinners were served by community members every Saturday and Sunday during Ramadhan.

During the last 10 nights, we conducted *Qiyaam al-Layl* prayers at the masjid, followed by *suhur* meal.

Few brothers spent the last 10 days observing *l'tikaf* at ICBC.

We conducted Girls-only Qiyaam and Boys-only Qiyaam during Ramadhan. Over 50 youth participated.

May Allah (swt) accept our Ibaadah during Ramadhan and grant us His Paradise.

GUEST LECTURE SERIES: "INCREASING OUR KNOWLEDGE"

The Monthly Guest Lecture program has generated tremendous interest in the community. Below is a summary of 2010 lectures.

Jan'10: "Wills from an Islamic Perspective" - Sh. Ibrahim
DremaliApr'10: "Islamic Investing" - Br. Qureshi, Saturna Capital, WA
May'10: "Science of Hadith" - Sh. Ibrahim DremaliFeb'10: "Criminal Justice in Islam" - Dr. Main Al-Qudah,
HoustonJun'10: "True Tasleem" - Sh. Nader Elmarhoumi, San Marcos
Aug'10: "Obligations of Zakaat" - Dr. Main Al-Qudah, HoustonMar'10: "Know your Rights" - Mrs. Natarajan, Professor, UT
AustinOct'10: "Youth Around the Prophet"-Br. Rodwaan Saleh, Dallas

Alhumdu lillah, we have a series of lectures scheduled for 2011. We request everyone to attend and benefit from the guest lectures.

MASJID ACTIVITIES: (CONTINUED)

We had brothers in the **Tablighi Jama'at** visit ICBC this year from various cities – Dallas, Houston, San *Antonio*, etc, May Allah (swt) rewards our guests for their efforts, Aameen!! During this year, *Juma'a Khutbah* at ICBC was delivered by the following community members — Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Khaliq, Sheikh Ahmad Momoh, Amjad Odetallah, Akif Ali, Ayman Kabir, Azeem Ahmad, Hassan Ali, Hassan Al Sukhni, Sheikh Ibrahim Dremali, Mohamed Bedaiwi, Mohamed Faroque, Momin ur Rahman, Sheikh Nur Ahmad, Shoaib Malik, and Wael El Essawy. We were also blessed to have scholars visiting Austin give *Khutbah* at our masjid on a few occasions.

We thank these brothers for their assistance and pray that Allah (swt) reward them abundantly, Aameen!

FINANCIAL CORNER

In January 2010, ICBC outstanding loan was \$165K. Following successful fundraising events at which the community's generosity was great, we have paid off ~\$88K in loans, <u>resulting in</u> <u>\$77K loan balance, as of today</u>, Alhumdu lillah!

ICBC Shura Council thanks the community for their support.



2010 ICBC Fundraising Summary

FR Date	Amount	
Apr '10	\$48K	
Ramadhan '10	\$76K	
TOTAL	\$124K	

2010 Annual Financial Statement will be posted at the ICBC website and the Bulletin Board this month.

2010 donation receipts will be issued by January 31st, Insha Allah.

ZAKAAT FUNDS - We collected \$3,800 in zakaat funds in 2010. The money was disbursed to the needy after careful review of the applicants. **ZAKAAT UL FITR** - ICBC received approx. \$2,600 in zakaat ul Fitr funds this year. The money was distributed as gift cards to the needy before Eid sala'at.

PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF - To support those affected by the flood in Pakistan, we conducted several appeals in Ramadhan and raised ~\$8,500. The funds were disbursed through Islamic Relief organization.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - We sent \$3,000 from the ICBC Zakaat funds to Haiti thru' Helping Hands USA, an Islamic relief organization.

OTHER FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Several organization held fundraisers at ICBC during 2010 as listed below:

Jan '10 Darul Uloom Austin (Hifz School) Sep '10 Renaissance Academy Oct '10 Kinder USA (Charity organization) Oct '10 Islamic Relief USA

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITES: "INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE"

Children's education has been a huge focus since the establishment of ICBC. To complement the **Qur'an** *Na-zira class,* **Tajweed/Hifz class**, and **Weekend Islamic School** for children, we introduced two new programs in 2010.

The first ever **ICBC Summer School** conducted in July '10 was a big success with >45 students, including several teenaged girls, attending. The theme of the school was "**In the Shade of Surah Luqman**". What was also a first was that we had >10 local high school muslim students volunteering their time and talent for the summer school. These students earned credits for community service for their volunteer work.

Based on feedback from community members, we launched a **Weekly Girls-Only program** in October '10. This class is geared towards girls from middle and high school, aged 13 years and older. The program has about 40 students attending every week.

In March '10, the ICBC Education Committee held an **OPEN HOUSE** for the Qur'an Nazira program.

The Weekend Islamic School holds **a fun-filled Sunday once a month**, that includes games and lots of food! WIS also held a Eid party for students and their parents in November.

Blessed with highly dedicated, well-qualified teachers/ volunteers, enrolment today stands at >100 students in the various ICBC educational programs. May Allah (swt) reward our teachers and volunteers for their tireless service for Islam, Aameen!





DAWAH & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: "spreading

THE WORD"

ICBC Da'wah Committee has been actively involved in Interfaith and *Da'wah*-related activities in the Greater Austin area. Da'wah activities are in full swing at ICBC as well. We have been receiving constant requests from the general community enquiring about Islam. Several groups of people have visited our Center in the last few months; the visitors had lots of questions that addressed their misconceptions about Islam.

We were delighted to have two people take *shahadah* at ICBC in 2010, *Alhumdu lillah*. We plan to have Outreach sessions and Open House events for non-muslims at our masjid in the near

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT: "WORK ALWAYS IN PROGRESS"

The installation of an **additional A/C unit** at the main Masjid hall in June has been of great benefit. In July, we installed much-needed **lighting** at our premises.

The **additional parking** lot construction was completed *just in time* for Ramadhan, *Alhumdu lillah. The cost was ~50K.* We now have **>75 parking spaces** at our premises.

In September, the **Deck and Walkway** between the men's prayer hall and the multipurpose hall was painted.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan to the community members who volunteered their time, money, and effort for these projects.

The Facilities Maintenance team is currently working on compliance with TDLR requirements for handicap access at our Center.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "IT IS NOT ALL WORK"

The monthly **Community Potluck Dinner** event started in 2009 has been well received. Owing to the tremendous response, we had community dinners during the summer months in 2010. We have suspended this event during the winter season and will resume in Spring 2011, *Insha Allah*.

ICBC **Eid Carnival** held on October 9th was a great success, *Alhumdu lillah*; thanks in equal measure to fine weather, excellent food, and the support and assistance of volunteers. >250 men, women and children attended and enjoyed the event. The candy and ice-cone machines as well as henna table operated mostly by our youth were big hits!!

ICBC TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT: "A FIRST....AND A FUN EVENT FOR ALL AGES"



ICBC HELD AN EXCITING PING PONG TOURNAMENT IN DECEMBER! PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER AUSTIN PARTICIPATED!! LOTS OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT!!!



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ICBC ON THE WEB: "A NEW LOOK"

In August 2010, the ICBC website was completely revamped. Please visit the website and provide feedback. This is still work-in-progress as we continue to add new features to our website.

ICBC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ICBC is administered by a 19-member Shura Council with one member serving as the Coordinator. Members are:

Aamir Ghanchi	Javed Abdi
Abdus Samad Shaikh	Kalim Baig
Althaf Hussain	Mohamed Farhoud
Amin Makani	Mujahid Masood
Arshad Murtaza	Shaik Mohseen
Bazil Farid	Salah U Din
Farhat Siddiqui	Umer Makani
Hasan Al Sukhni	Wael El Essawy
Imtiaz Hussain	Wasi Ahmed

To ensure a smooth operation, the following committees were formed at ICBC to manage the day-to-day tasks.

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

LONG TERM PLANNING towards a

DREAM project!

The Shura Council has recently formed a strategic planning committee for long-term planning of our Center, which includes construction of a new masjid at our premises in the near future. We will keep the community informed on the progress, Insha Allah.

FUTURE PLANS: "IN THE WORKS"

Our immediate goal is to pay off the outstanding loans of ICBC by June 2011, *Insha Allah*.

2011 planned projects, Insha Allah

- Introduce programs for our youth to nurture them to be future leaders and ambassadors of Islam.
- Build Volleyball court & Play area for children.

None of this will be possible without the blessing of Allah (swt) and continued support of the community.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at <u>info@icbrushycreek.org</u> *Jazakum Allahu Khairan* ICBC Shura Council