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News from the Fund Raising Committee (FRC)

Masjid Construction Project

With the blessings of Allah (SWT) and the strong financial support of the community, the Society is endeavoring to construct a practical yet suitably attractive building for Masjid Bilal to meet the growing needs of the Muslim community in the east end of Ottawa.

In this regard, the contractor has proposed certain cost effective and environmentally friendly changes which are being included in the drawings for the construction permit from the City.

It is estimated that the building costs will be approximately \$2.5 million and we start the work this spring as soon as the weather permits.

The work will be done in seven phases; the first phase will include excavation, construction of the foundation etc.

The second phase will include the completion of the basement as well as the envelope (building structure). Alhamdulillah, we have the funds for the first two phases and the FRC is busy planning to raise the needed funds.

Our sisters are ahead of us all and are holding a fundraising event on May 24, 2008 at MIFO Community Center in Orleans. Insha Allah the details for this event are being mailed with this Newsletter.

There are plans to hold a fundraising dinner in Winnipeg, Manitoba, insha Allah, with the help of Ibrahim Khan (s/o our late Br. Iftikhar Khan). In Ottawa, the FRC has planned a dinner on August 24, 2008 at the Centurion Centre, the details of which will be announced shortly.

In conclusion, I, as chairman of the FRC and on behalf of the Society, appeal to you all to join us in raising the necessary funds to complete this noble project. May Allah S.W.T. bless our efforts.

Aameen.

Mohammed Chaouni
Chairman
Fund Raising Committee

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Message from the FRC

The new Fund Raising Committee (FRC) was formally established in January 2008 by the Shura of the Islamic Society of Cumberland. The mandate of the FRC is to collect funds for the Masjid Bilal construction project but also to explore new ideas on how to improve fund raising approaches. Br. Mohammed Chaouni, an Orleans resident since 1988 and an active member of the Muslim community in Orleans, was named as Chairman of the FRC and has been gathering new members to this committee since last January. Alhamdulillah, the FRC now has 16 active members that have mustered wonderful fundraising ideas and have assumed responsibilities in putting these ideas into action. The FRC members are listed in the next column.

On Sunday, March 16, the committee members had a luncheon meeting at the Pearl of India restaurant on St. Joseph Boulevard in Orleans, and Mashaa Allah, the restaurant owner donated 100 % of the money he collected from the committee's lunch to the mosque (jazahou Allah Khair.)



On Friday, March 21, 2008, our Imam Sheikh Mohammed Badat and a few members from the Shura of the ISC and of the FRC went to two different mosques for the Jumaa prayer in Toronto to collect funds, while the other members collected funds from worshippers at Masjid Bilal in Orleans.

One of the ideas is to have colourful T-shirts made with a nice coloured picture of the new Mosque printed on them to promote and support the Masjid Bilal construction project and to raise funds from their sale. The T-shirts are available to all with a contribution of \$ 10, \$ 20 or more; 100 % of the proceeds will go to the mosque construction project. Please donate generously!

Wonderful ideas for raising funds for our Mosque are pouring in and need to be put into action. We invite you to come forward with your ideas, or to help us to put others into action. We are also in the process of preparing a new campaign all over North America called "Campaign 1000" whereby 1000 families will donate \$ 1000 each. The FRC needs more volunteers to put lists of family addresses together.

Please remember that your donated time is charity for Allah. May Allah SWT reward us all.

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