

Islamic Center of Johnson County June Newsletter



Girl Scouts

Eid gift Drive and visiting Refugee families

ICJC girl scouts in partnership with KC for Refugees organized Eid gift drive for needy refugee families. Girl scouts with their families and friends collected new toys, clothes and shoes and visited the refugee families to give the gifts and cash in person.

Girls and their parents communicated to the families with the help of English - Arabic language translator volunteers.

Girl scouts girls and youth not only earned 6 service hours but above all the pleasure of Allah(SWT) by getting involved in this project.

"It was a wonderful experience meeting the families, it's something different than a charity drive or service hour project for me, I loved knowing these families" said one of the girl.

Girl Scouts thank, "KC for Refugees", all youth volunteers and translators, families who donated gifts and all the Girl Scouts who visited the refugees.

May Allah (SWT) accept everyone's good intentions, donations and efforts in making this project successful ameen.

To join girl scouts or for more information please email icjcgirlscouts2014@gmail.com



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Musings of a 10 year old FASTER:

It's hard waking up for Suhoor. While the thrill of being awake while dark is great, leaving my warm bed is hard. But I do it. I do it because I love Allah...and food. So, win-win. Each morning my mom asks my annoying sister Sumayya (Mama says I shouldn't say she's annoying, even though she is) and I if we'd like to keep a fast.

Mama: Asalamu Alaikum! You guys wanna keep Roza (fast)?

Me: (Yawning & stretching)...yes.

Sumayya: (looking like aliens have just invaded our room...but she always looks funny, in my opinion..just sayin) Yawwwwwnn. Ummm...(falls asleep).

Mama: Sumayya?

(Meanwhile, I'm downstairs polishing off my second bowl of Cheerios).

Sumayya: Mmm.. Ok. (Falls asleep).

At this point Mama starts to make her way down to eat her own Suhoor, and up pops Sumayya, sitting up in bed, eyes closed, "Mama, I just wanna sleep." How does she talk while sleeping?! Weird.

The benefits of keeping fast are manifold. Of course, Allah SWT says that He Himself will reward those who fast. Al-Hamdullillah. Other benefits are (A) Mama has a gift drawer from where we can choose a gift each time we fast, (B) street cred (Yes (insert friend name), I'm fasting, are you!?) and (C) during Iftar I can choose anything to eat. ANYTHING!!! Wanna donut? Check. Wanna eat a bag of candy and pizza? Go ahead. Make a run to Sonic? Let me get my keys.

Moral of the story? Fast to please Allah SWT and get 'Ajr while looking cool. Showing up your little sister-icing on the cake. (Well, since it's Ramadan and technically you shouldn't lie...ESPECIALLY during Ramadan..I mean, with the devils locked up, then the lie would be all on me, you know? Sooo..I do love my sister and she did fast a couple of times and she is 2 years younger than me...BUT...you didn't hear that from me).

- By Fatima Din

Tasneem's First Fast:

I love Ramadan, I love staying up late , going to madjid at night , the lights , suhoor and ifter time with my family, I was trying to fast after I turned 7 but I couldn't do it all day until Ramadan last year when I was 9 and half alhamdulillah.

On June 27th 2015 I was so happy after fasting all day , having my favorite food my mom made, mutton curry , roti and all other food I love .I broke my fast with 3 sip of water and 3 dates first saying the du'a since it's the sunnah of Prophet Mohammed sws . I was tired and hungry but I was firm . Fasting made me realize hiw Allah sws has blessed us with everything and how I am responsible to think of others who doesn't have anything.I made du'a and prayed salah during my fast.

My mom and dad said not to be hard on myself when I wanted to fast all 30 days , they said Allah swt makes matters easy for us we shouldn't make it hard, when I am grown up I can do it , now just do it to try to get trained .I also learnt that we shouldn't say or do anything that's displeasing to Allah sws while fasting, Allah swt doesn't want us to be hungry but to improve ourselves to be better Muslims.

- By Tasneem Nasir

Mustafa's first Fast:

I had my suhoor with my parents, all day I was hungry, I broke my fast with dates and water first then prayed magrib and had my dinner.

- By Mustafa Qadir

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Anis's First Fast:

This Ramadan my son, Anis taught me a valuable lesson. He taught me that children are more capable than we often give them credit for. His father insisted that he fast all day long, whereas I, the tender-hearted mother thought it would be too much for him. He is still too young, I thought, the days are long, he only needs to practice now, but should not be required to fast all day as it is not fardh on him yet. I thought he would whine and beg to eat and drive me insane and break my heart. But Anis proved to me that not only can he fast all day, he can do it with grace. Suhoor, on the other hand was a bit of a challenge.

We should not compare our children to others their age. They are all different. We should not force them to perform acts of worship, but give them the guidance and the help they need to WANT to do it. May Allah swt help us to raise our children in a righteous way that is most pleasing to him.
- By Umm Anis

Khadijah's First Fast:

Khadijah fasted all day on June 30th 2016 for the first time. She invited her friends to her house and prayed together then they went to Masjid for iftar.

Her mom brought pakora, pizza, colorful papad, juice, dates etc for everyone. Since her dad was in itekaf he was downstairs, she broke her fast with water and date then she cut her first fast cake. All girls had great time having iftar together and praying maghrib there. She and her family stayed at masjid till end of taraweeh.

- By Library staff



ICJC Library

Ramadan Craft Sale Book Sale

ICJC Library and Girl Scouts organized "Ramadan Craft Sale" to raise funds for the Masjid construction on Fridays.

Library was open for users during Taraweeh, many kids checked out books to read throughout Ramadan and participated in Ramadan reading contest.

All participants of reading log contest, Ramadan poetry and my first fast story writers will be recognized in the Library's next event In Sha Allah.

May Allah (SWT) make the library users, kids and youth among those who read good books and act on it.

ICJC Library has used books for sale online and during special events, which helps in purchasing new books for the library. Please feel free to contact the library to donate used books or to sponsor for the library's book collection.

Alhamdulillah the library has reached a collection of more than 360 books for kids, youths and adults so far.

Quran School

Alhamdulillah... this month we had two new hafiz complete memorizing the Quran at ICJC Quran School.

Sumaya Sharif

Sumaya is the first girl to become a Hafiz at ICJC. She joined the Hafiz Program at ICJC Quran School last year at the young age of 12 and she excelled. With the constant encouragement and support from her teacher, Sister Eman, and her family, Sumaya was able to achieve her goal in less than a year! Sumaya is an honor roll student in her school and she occasionally enjoys playing sports.

Yaesh Mukadam

Yaesh is a twelve year old 7th grader who has been with the ICJC Quran School since he was 4 years old. He joined the Hafiz program 2 years ago under the supervision of Shaikh Dahee. He performed outstandingly in the Quran competitions and loves being involved at the masjid. In addition to being Hafiz, he is involved in many Math clubs and National competitions. He enjoys playing basketball in his free time as well as on his school team.



Up Coming Event

First Workshop in the series

Healthy Family Introduction

Speaker Humaira A. Mirza

Join Sr. Humaira Mirza, Shaikh Dahee and others from the community in a series of workshops as they explore what a healthy family should be in the light of the Quran, Sunnah and Aahadith, in shaAllah.

**When: Friday July 22, 2016
7:30 pm-Maghrib**

Where: ICJC