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## Newsletter

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*"Invite with wisdom and beautiful preaching to the way of your Lord and convince them the best way" (Al-Qur'an 16:125)*

Muslim Center of New York  
Cordially invites you to attend our  
**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Saturday  
**April 6th**  
2019

Time: 6:00 PM  
Venue: MARRIOTT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT  
102-05 Ditmars Blvd, East Elmhurst, NY 11369  
Tel: 718-565-8900

**TASK 2019**

- Gym Classes for Families
- Youth Programs
- First Floor Men's Bathroom
- Women's Bathroom
- Masjid HVAC Upgrade

**TARGET**  
\$ 250,000.00

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## Welcome Ramadhan Program

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Evening of 22nd Sha'ban 1440

Maghrib to Isha (7:45 P.M)

Speaker:

Shaykh Abdelghani Benyahya

Topic

The History of Fasting

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the Center

## The virtues of charity in Islam

Charity has great significance in Islam; it is one of the clearest indications and most truthful signs of the sincerity of one's faith, as souls were created to love money and strive to save it, so whoever spends his money and contradicts his instinct, it is a proof of his faith and sound belief. Regarding this, the Prophet, (SAW), said: "...and Charity is a proof," which means it is proof of sound faith – that is, if he intends it for the sake of Allah The Almighty, not for showing off or for enhancing one's reputation. This is why many texts show the virtues of charity and spending for the sake of Allah The Almighty, and urge the Muslim to give charity, seeking the reward from Allah The Almighty.

One of the specific characteristics of the righteous servants of Allah The Almighty is spending on the poor and the needy; Allah The Almighty Says: {Indeed, they were before that doers of good. They used to sleep but little of the night And in the hours before dawn they would ask forgiveness and from their properties was [given] the right of the [needy] petitioner and the deprived.} [Quran 51:16-19]. Allah The Exalted has promised – and He is the Generous who does not break His promise – to compensate those who spend for His Sake; He Says {Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers .(Quran 34:39) And He promised to multiply their rewards many times for them, Allah The Almighty Says: {Who is it that would loan Allah a goodly loan so He may multiply it for him many times over? And it is Allah who withholds and grants abundance, and to Him you will be returned.} [Quran 2:245]. There are many Hadeeths (narrations) in the Sunnah (Prophetic tradition) which encourage giving charity and clarify its reward are a comfort to the eye of the believers and a delight to the hearts of the charitable, for they state that charity is one of the best acts of worship that is beloved to Allah The Almighty. Ibn 'Umar (RA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah, said: "The most beloved acts of worship to Allah are: happiness that you bring to a believer's heart, relieving his distress, paying off his debt or driving away his hunger." [Al-Bayhaqi]

Charity elevates its giver to the highest rank; the Prophet, said: "This worldly life is for four categories of people: a man to whom Allah has given wealth and knowledge, so he fears his Lord, maintains ties of kinship with this money, and he knows the rights of Allah regarding it, this one is truly in the best rank ..." [At-Tirmithi]

Charity protects its giver from calamities and misfortunes, and saves him from distress and hardship; the Prophet (SA), said: "Performing good deeds protects from bad ends and calamities, and those who act righteously in this world will be the good people in the Hereafter." [Al-Haakim] [Al-Albaani: Consider this Hadeeth which signifies the multiplied reward of charity: The Prophet, said, "No one gives charity out of his honest earning –and Allah accepts only what is from lawful earning – but The Most Merciful accepts it with His right hand even if it is only a date, and then fosters it as one of you fosters a colt or a young she-camel, till it becomes like a mountain or even greater." [Muslim]

Charity extinguishes sins, and expiates evil deeds; the Prophet, said: "Charity extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire." [At-Tirmithi]. It is one of the greatest causes for attaining blessings in money, the increase of provision, and compensation from Allah The Almighty with what is best. The Prophet, said: "Allah The Almighty Says, 'O son of Adam, spend and I will spend on you.'" [Muslim]. It is also protection from the punishment of Allah; the Prophet, said: "Protect your selves from the Fire, even with one half of a date." [Al-Bukhari]. Spending in charity is an indication of the sincerity of one's faith, strength of certitude, and having good expectations from the Lord of the worlds. Besides, it has many other virtues, which make the believer look forward to the reward of Allah The Almighty and overlook the whispers of the devil who frightens him with poverty, and beautifies for him stinginess and miserliness. Allah The Almighty Says, {Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality, while Allah promises you forgiveness from Him and bounty. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing} [Quran 2:268]. We ask Allah The Almighty to enable us to spend for His Sake, and to protect us from being stingy, for He is able to do all things.

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