

New Masjid Newsletter

New Masjid Project - Fort Collins, CO

Ramadan Iftar

Alhamdulillah! The first fund-raising Ramadan Iftar on Sept. 29th at the Lincoln Center in Ft. Collins was a rousing success. Over 200 people listened to talks by featured speaker Imam Mahdi Bray, Br. Matt, and Dr. Siddiqui, dined on delicious Afghan cuisine, and took the opportunity to donate to the New Masjid Project. Almost \$37,000 was collected that evening and another \$49,000 was pledged. A big THANK YOU to all of the hard work by the MSA planning committee and the 21 young volunteers who worked that evening.



Imam Mahdi Bray Speaks at Fund-raiser



Imam Mahdi Bray, president of the Muslim American Society's Freedom Foundation, spoke at the Sept. 29th Ramadan Iftar fund-raiser on how American masjids can nourish and strengthen the American Muslim community. According to Imam Bray, masjids should make efforts to:

1. deliver the message of Islam to the outside community
2. be youth-friendly – allow young people to be active participants and leaders at the masjid
3. be women & children friendly – provide programs, adequate space, and respect for the group that is >50% of the community.

Imam Bray finished the evening with a lively fund-raiser.

Comings & Goings of NMC

The New Masjid Committee (NMC) welcomes two new members, Sr. Amanda and Br. Belgasem. Both come to us with considerable leadership, administrative, and fund-raising experience and insh'Allah they will be of invaluable help in the upcoming months. At the same time, we bid adieu to Br. Azeem, who has moved back to New Orleans. Br. Azeem has been a member of both the Path-finding Committee and the NMC's technical committee. May Allah reward all of the incoming and outgoing volunteers for their efforts.



Quick Updates

- Funds raised as of 10/22/07: \$436,000
- Donations pledged: \$70,000
- Weekly khutbahs at masjid throughout the country continue
- Architect Tulu Toros and technical committee continue to refine the interior floor plans

Hadith & Ayat

The Messenger of Allah PBUH said:
“Sadaqa extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire.”

Allah SWT says: **“Those who spend their wealth (in the way of Allah) by night and by day, secretly and publicly – they will have their reward with their Lord, and no fear will be upon them nor will they grieve.” (2:272-274)**

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