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### GSD MCC FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is very pleased to announce some major accomplishments in the past few months. These major milestones have enabled us to get closer to our goal of building our own center Alhamdulillah. Some of the major accomplishments are:

- 1. Researched, Selected Bank and closed escrow on Shariah Compliant Loan for \$2.5M:** This key goal was vital to ensuring that the construction funds come from a Shariah compliant source and also meet our financial projections. This also enabled us to move to our next step which was to hire an architect to develop detail architectural plans for the center.
  - 2. Completed Master Plan for New Center:** The architect has completed the detail plans for the new center.
  - 3. Completed Construction Drawings for Phase I:** Based on the master plan, detail construction drawings for Phase I were completed.
- Currently in Construction Permit Approval Process:** We are currently in the process of working through the construction permit approval process. We will keep you posted as and when

major progress is made and count on your continued support to make this project a success.

#### **New Muslim Cemetery:**

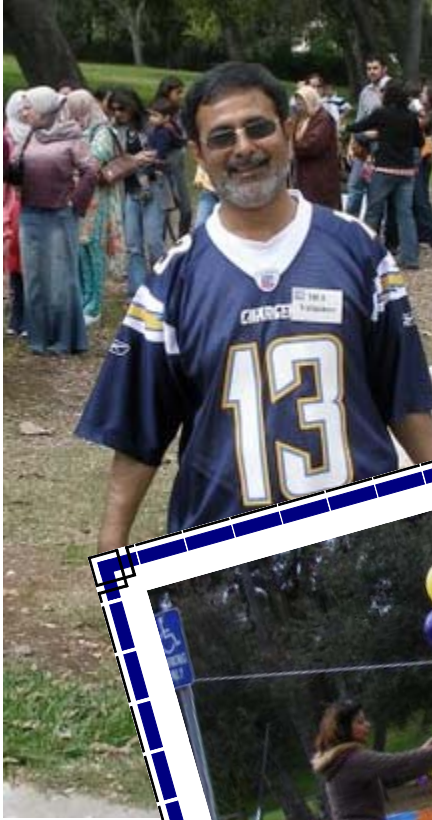
**Purchased land for an exclusive Muslim Cemetery:** We have purchased 200 lots at La Vista Gardens in National City. These lots are exclusively for Muslims and will include a separate covered area for salat-e-janaza and other Islamic rituals. The area will be enclosed and have Islamic architecture at its entrance to make it appear as an authentic Muslim cemetery.

**Offered at \$2,700 per lot:** Each lot is priced to make it affordable to the community.

**Initial special discounted price until June 30, 2009 at \$2,200:** To help raise funds for the cemetery, a special discounted price of \$2,200 is being offered to encourage people to buy these lots if purchased before June 30, 2009. Please hurry and buy TODAY. If you can't afford to pay the entire amount at one time, we also have interest free monthly payment options.

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# MCC PICNIC



# MCC ELECTION RESULTS

67 Members voted on May 17, 2009  
2 Delinquent list cleared to vote on May 17, 2009  
16 Proxy votes May 15, 2009

**85 Total Voted**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 2009 - 2010**

- Aamir Khan – 65 (3 year term)
- Saad Zaidi - 65 (3 year term)
- Irfan Zaman – 57 (3 year term)
- Rola Abushaban - 46 (2 year term)
- Parvaiz Raja - 33

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE: 2009 - 2010**

- Sameera Khan - 54 (1 year term)
- Nadya Khan – 53 (1 year term)
- Javed Kazi – 50 (1 year term)
- Rashida Taqui – 49 (1 year term)
- Faridun Javed – 47 (1 year term)
- Dr Adil Abbasi - 39
- Summer Sayed - 35
- Shaghel Mohammed - 14

**Congratulations to all the new directors and those on the nominating committee. MCC Board also extends its gratitude to all those who ran. MCC is as good as its volunteers who have sacrificed their time and energy for the sake of Allah (swt)**

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MCC thanks all the business sponsors and all the volunteers who made the picnic happen. Below is a list of some of the generous sponsors.

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## Generosity-An Essential Part of a Muslim's Conduct

*Excerpt from M. Alghazali's Muslim Character*

Islam is a religion whose foundation has been kept on charity, generosity, and philanthropy. Narrow mindedness, greed and miserliness are evils that shake its edifice. Therefore Islam likes that its followers should be generous and charitable. It has advised them to treat others kindly, to act righteously, to help their kinsmen and to do all kinds of good and virtuous deeds. It has stressed on its followers to make righteous living a permanent policy: ***"Those who spend (in charity) their wealth by night and by day; in secret and in public, have their reward with their Lord " there is no fear for them, nor shall they grieve. ( Baqarah: 274)***

It is the responsibility of every Muslim that in meeting his needs he should act in a balanced way, so that he may not spend all his wealth on his personal needs only, but that it is his duty that he should let others also partake of the blessings which Allah has bestowed on him, and that he should allot a part of his wealth for the help and assistance of the poor and needy persons. Allah's Messenger has said: ***"O Adam's son ! Spend your wealth, it is good for you. And do not block it, it is bad for you, and the wealth according to the need cannot be reproached. Spend first for your family and dependents, and the raised hand is better than the lowered hand."*** (Muslim)

Quran has very clearly hinted at this subject when it has commanded the Muslims to spend for their kinsmen and the needy persons and prevented wasteful spending. A spendthrift wastes his wealth and indulges in foolishness. He spends his excess wealth for his personal pleasures, then what can remain with him for payment of the rights of others and the necessary assistance to the needy persons? Allah has commanded: ***"And render to the kindred their due rights, as ( also) to those in want. and to the wayfarer.. but squander not (your wealth) in the ,manner of a spendthrift. Verily, spendthrifts are the brothers of Satans, and the Satan is to his Lord ungrateful."*** (Bani Israil: 26, 27)

And after this, advice is given to be mindful of the sentiments of the needy and the people in want, and their feelings should not be hurt. If there is nothing that can be given to them, they should be refused softly and in a decent way: ***"And even if you have to turn away from them in pursuit of the Mercy of your Lord which you do expect, speak to them a word of easy kindness."*** ( Bani Israil: 28)

Islam's call to its followers to spend in the cause of Allah and for charity is famous and well known. Similarly its war against miserliness, greed and narrow-mindedness is as clear as the day.

One *hadith* has it : ***" A giver of charity is near to Allah, is near to humans, and is near to Paradise and away from hell. And a miser is away from Allah, is away from humans, away from the Paradise and is near to hell. An uneducated giver of charity is liked more by Allah than a miserly worshipper."*** (Tirmizi)

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