

"WHAT'S ICNA BEEN UP TO?"

ICNA INSIDER

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QURAN CORNER

Surah Ali 'Imran - Verse 104

"And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful"

- Saheeh International

ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

MEET YOUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS

"I always wanted to read the Quran", Beverly, a non-Muslim visitor said to me. "You have come to the right place", I replied.

October is Islamic Heritage Month and ICNA Canada wanted to celebrate this month with the whole community. On Saturday October 23rd, 2021, ICNA Canada held a Mosque open house at Al Falah Islamic Centre so that members within the community can come and learn about Islam, as well as to "meet their Muslim neighbours". The purpose of this event was to build bridges of understanding between Muslims and non-muslims by educating the public about the teachings of Islam. ICNA Canada invited Dr. Sabeel Ahmed to conducted the various presentations around Islamic topics.

During the Mosque open house many other events and initiatives, besides Islamic presentations, also took place. Community members had the opportunity to win prizes and gifts at the various booths set up, have their names written in Arabic calligraphy and have their henna done. All that attended were also offered a delicious lunch and were invited to participate in a Q&A session at the end.



DAWAH TRAINING

WHAT IS DAWAH?

To end off Islamic Heritage Month, ICNA Canada organized a 5 hour Dawah training program with Dr. Sabeel Ahmed on Sunday October 24th, 2021 at Al Falah Islamic Centre.

Dr. Sabeel Ahmed had created this Dawah training program in a very informative and engaging way. Some of the essential components of this training session included the following:

- Explaining the fundamentals and principles of the Quran and of Islam
- Dawah to an Atheist
- Common Questions
- Dawah Projects

Throughout the session, Dr. Sabeel Ahmed gave the audience pop quizzes to test their knowledge about the aspects of giving Dawah. He also gave short breaks to keep the audience engaged!

Upon the completion of the 5 hour training session, the organizers provided the audience with a gracious lunch.

MILTON COMMUNITY BBQ

GETTING THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED!



The ICNA Milton Chapter and Islamic Community Centre of Milton arranged a Community BBQ on September 25, 2021.

The team worked hard to make this event possible in a matter of only seven days! The organizers served the community members with a variety of different types foods and sweet treats, such as Burgers, Chicken Tikkas, Hotdogs, Popcorn and Cotton Candy!

Government officials, such as MP Adam Van Koeverden and City Councilor Sameera Ali, attended the event and talked with many community members. The ICNA president, Ijaz Tahir and regional president Br. Farhan Naqvi also attended the event.

Throughout the event, proper COVID-19 guidelines were put in place and followed.

The organizers of the event were very happy with the outcome of the training session, as many youth participated!

ICNA Canada and Al Falah Islamic Centre maintained COVID-19 rules and regulations, during the event. They put in place proper social distancing measure to ensure public health and safety.

MEET YOUR NEW MGA MEMBERS!

ICNA's new MGA's from Brampton and Milton:

- Muhammad Nawaz
- Shahid Iqbal
- Javed Munir Chaudhary
- Kamran Mirza
- Taha Nazir
- Hafiz Nadeem Bhatti (Milton)



MUSLIM HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL

CALGARY 2021

ICNA Calgary has been arranging Muslim Heritage Day (MHD) since 2010 in collaboration with the City of Calgary. In recent years many local and national organizations have become a part of this event. Muslim and non-Muslim community members' participation also increased every year. This year approximately more than 7000 people attended the event!

The purpose of arranging this event is to showcase the diversity and richness of Muslims culture, to educate our young generations and fellow Canadians about the contribution of Muslims around the world. This event was open to people of all faiths and cultures with the aim of building bridges among the people of different faiths and cultures.

The event showcased rich Muslim culture and heritage in the following ways:

- Different country booths
- Children doing live performances
- Live Nasheed performances
- Heritage and Muslim Contribution booths
- Ethnic food displays
- ICNA Sisters arranged a henna and face painting booth and free coffee

This festival had many vendors. Vendors sold many types of different merchandise, such as, calligraphy and paintings, clothing, books, jewelry and hijabs. Many vendors also sold a variety of foods, such as packaged foods and freshly cooked meals. The ICNA team arranged a BBQ section as well to add diversity to the food selection!

We also had an "Ask Imam Booth" for Q&A with a scholar along with a Dawah booth. We invited local and international scholars to attend the event. We invited scholars, such as Abdur Raheem Green, Imam Siraj Wahhaj and Shaikh Khalid Griggs.

This year more than 17 organizations participated in the event. For example, the MCC, MAC Calgary, MSA, the Turkish Community, the Nigerian Community, etc., played a crucial role in this festival!

FUN FACT!

This year during the Muslim Heritage Day Festival, 4 people took their Shahada!

7TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

ICNA RELIEF CANADA & THE MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK

ICNA Canada is pleased to support Mississauga's Mayor, Bonnie Crombie's 7th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive 2021! ICNA Canada was recognized as the top contributor for Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie's Thanksgiving Food drive for The Mississauga Food Bank and making history by donating \$50,000 (including 2,390 pounds of food).

ICNA Canada's following mosques, departments, and institutions got together to reach the goal of \$50,00:

ICNA Sisters Canada' Wing, ICNA Relief Canada, Al Falah Islamic Centre, Ar-Rahman Islamic Centre, and Islamic Community Centre of Milton.

ICNA Canada's President Br. Mohammad Ijaz Tahir received the award from Mayor Bonnie Crombie with representatives of the above mosques and departments of ICNA Canada along with Meghan Nicholls CEO of The Mississauga Food Bank.



THANK YOU DINNER TO A JAX HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

ICNA CANADA & HEALTH CARE

The Durham ICNA Chapter served dinner to about 60 front line workers and staff in the Emergency Department of the Ajax Hospital. Individually wrapped and packed chicken shawarma and veggie falafel from Jabal Fine Foods made a healthy and nutritious meal.

The Durham Chapter, ICNA Brothers, ICNA Sisters, MYN (Young Muslim Sisters) and YM (Young Muslim Brothers) all participated in providing food to our front line workers!

ICNA Canada and the Durham Chapter was also added to the "Thank You" page of Lakeridge Health!



OAKVILLE COMMUNITY BBQ

A GRAND COMMUNITY EVENT!



ICNA Canada and Al Falah Islamic Centre hosted a community BBQ for over 500 family members!

The first open air public BBQ was a great success! Many enjoyed the great food and the children enjoyed the small events that the organizers had put together for them.

Surprise visits from MP Iqra Khalid, Mayor Rob Burton, Councilor Tom Adams and president of ICNA Canada, Ijaz Tahir, helped add motivation and inspiration to the management and volunteer team.

A big THANK YOU to all the sponsors for taking care of total expenses for the event. The volunteers and Brother Mahboob, who secured around 70% of the sponsorship's himself, worked hard to make this community BBQ happen.

Throughout the event, proper COVID-19 guidelines were put in place and followed.

YOUNG MUSLIM EVENTS

GETTING THE YOUTH INVOLVED!

Youth involvement is crucial to building the future of our world.

ICNA Canada (Mississauga Chapter) and Al Falah Islamic Centre had arranged multiple events for young Muslims to participate in, such as paint-balling and table tennis tournaments.

Around 80+ youth are registered in the Young Muslims (YM) program. Br. Umar Zia had conducted a program with YM and around 55 youth attended this program! 35 youth participated in the other events that were organized and hosted.

Looking forward to planning more events for the youth in the future!

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ICNA PRESIDENT TRAVELS!

NEWFOUNDLAND TO NOVA SCOTIA

ICNA Canada's President, Ijaz Tahir, traveled and met with ICNA MGAs/members in St. Johns, NL. Farhan Naqvi, Regional President for Eastern Region, accompanied him. During his visit he also met with MSA Executives at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. He offered full support to MSA's programs and their members. In the meeting a group was formed to collaborate between ICNA and MSA. MSA's executive members showed their eagerness to work with ICNA after they complete their education.



During his visit to Newfoundland, ICNA St. John's arranged a Dinner with the Muslim community of St. John's. The event was well attended by the diverse Muslim Community. After his trip to Newfoundland came to an end, he traveled to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to meet with the ICNA chapter members there and community members.

ICNA DURHAM CHAPTER

ENGAGING THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The ICNA Durham Chapter had a very eventful month! The Chapter organized and executed many events to engage local communities, some of which will be discussed in this section.



ICNA Canada Durham Chapter also partnered with Islamic Centre of Ajax Masjid Quba to use the Mosque as the Da'wah ground to showcase displays to the general Ajax Community to learn about Islamic Heritage in Canada. Over 40 members of the community showed up with families and were amazed as to what they learned about the history of Muslims in Canada and the Islamic contribution of the world in general. We were honoured by the municipal government officials and members of multi-faith communities, who came to spend a bit of time with us and stayed for the duration of the event. They were pleasantly surprised (as were many brothers and sisters) to find out that Muslims were settled in Canada before Canada's independence and therefore were so deeply engraved and embedded in the fabric of our nation. Imam Nadvi honoured us with a short talk after Zuhr prayer

