

DAR AL HIJRAH SOCIAL SERVICES BREAKING NEWS

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Assalam alaikum respected members of our community of Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center.

We would like to bring to your attention several issues of which we have had great success in assisting and advocating for our community.

During the holy month of Ramadan, it was brought to our attention that detainees at the Adult Detention Center located in Fairfax, Virginia were not receiving the iftar meals on a timely basis so that they could break their fast and that their rights on many levels were being violated. The Dar Al Hijrah Islamic center joined forces with CAIR as well as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). We were able to arrange for the facility to accommodate the inmates in regards to this matter. Additionally, it was brought to our attention that there was a lack of religious materials available to the inmates. The "cart" containing books only had books of other faiths and no Qur'ans or other Islamic materials were available to the inmates as well.

This matter was rectified and Qur'ans, Islamic literature and prayer rugs were made available to our Islamic brothers who were being detained. Al Hamdu Lillah.

We are also happy to announce that we assisted a refugee family from the country of Sierra Leone who have suffered greatly both before and after their arrival in the United States. Thanks to the intervention and assistance of Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, we were able to prevent them from becoming homeless. We additionally advocated and are continuing to advocate for this beautiful family on many levels in regards to referrals, counseling adjustment issues and continued monitoring on their situation. We commend both the Adams Center Mosque for their immense assistance with the family as well as the FAITH organization for their networking with our mosque in assisting this family. May Allah Bless their generosity in helping the needy family.

Our last announcement involves a case where we advocated for a Muslim sister who received treatment at Inova Fairfax OB/GYN clinic. The sister, understandably requested to see a female physician. This request was denied to her by the executive director who was most unprofessional and rude. Additionally, she was verbally abused and humiliated by this physician. Alhamdulillah, due to our continued intervention and dialogue with the hospital, the matter has been resolved and the sister is now able to see a female doctor. The hospital has since held several meetings involving accommodating Muslim female patients and given sensitivity training in regards to this issue.

May Allah Bless all of our brother and sisters and their families,

Assalam alaikum,

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