

As-salamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatu and Ramdan Kareem!

May Allah (subhanallahu wa ta'ala) accept our humble intentions, acts of charity, fasts, and du'a during this blessed month of Ramadan. Ameen.

On behalf of American Muslim Mom and Islamic Relief USA, we would like to thank you for your interest in participating in the Ramadan 2009 Qur'an-A-Thon Sadaqah Drive.

In this package you will find the following enclosed:

- This letter detailing the Purpose/Objective, Deadline Dates, and Contact Information,
- A Student Registration Form,
- Qur'an Recitation Certification Form, and
- A Student's Pledge Form.

Ideally, this program is designed to be completed virtually at <http://americanmuslimmom.com> each participant would register, download forms, seek pledges from local family and friend, have their Qur'an recitation certified by a local official of his/her choice, and then mail all pledges directly to Islamic Relief USA.

American Muslim Mom launched July 15, 2009 as the first and only online (or offline) magazine dedicated to Muslim Moms and Their Children in America. They have a growing community of Muslim parents determined to raise Mu'miniyn in the West despite any obstacles they may face. As such, American Muslim Mom designed this program with the Purpose and Objectives listed below.

American Muslim Mom chose to partner with Islamic Relief USA because it is one of the most reputable, international relief and development Islamic non-profit organizations. In support of encouraging children to study the Qur'an and make charitable giving a part of their daily habits, Islamic Relief USA willfully accepted the opportunity to partner and promote this program. Together, we will acknowledge every child that participates with gifts and awards, inshaAllah.

Together, Islamic Relief USA and American Muslim Mom are determined to reach as many children as possible in this debut program. InshaAllah, we plan to host virtually and live Qur'an-a-thon Sadaqah Drives on a quarterly basis.

We graciously ask that you help us recruit participants individually or collectively as part of an Islamic day school, weekend school, homeschool coop, Qur'an/Hifz school, Islamic youth groups, and/or individuals such as public school students who seek private Qur'an tutoring.



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Program Materials:

Program information may be downloaded at <http://americanmuslimmom.com> or mailed upon request to:

Islamic Relief
265A Route 46 West, Suite 3A
Totowa NJ 07512
Phone: (973)890-1030

Purpose/Objective:

Narrated Aisha: The Prophet said, "Such a person as recites the Qur'an and masters it by heart, will be with the noble righteous scribes (in Heaven). And such a person exerts himself to learn the Qur'an by heart, and recites it with great difficulty, will have a double reward." (Book #60, Hadith #459, Sahih Bukhari)

Narrated Ibn 'Abbas: Allah's Apostle was the most generous of all the people, and he used to be more generous in the month of Ramadan when Gabriel used to meet him. Gabriel used to meet him every night in Ramadan to study the Holy Qur'an carefully together. Allah's Apostle used to become more generous than the fast wind when he met Gabriel (Book #54, Hadith #443, Sahih Bukhari)

To help young Muslims appreciate and live more closely to the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace & blessings be upon him) by

- (1) Learning more ayats of the Qur'an by heart,
- (2) Understanding and appreciating the act of earning money,
- (3) Allowing children to gain a sense of pride by making charitable gifts to the needy, and
- (4) Completing these generous acts in the name of Allah (May He be Glorified) during our blessed month of Ramadan when our rewards are multiplied by the number only Allah knows and wills.

Who may participate:

- Any Muslim child able to recite and memorize Qur'an based on the rules of tajweed up to 18 years of age.



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How are the funds raised in this event:

- Each participating young Muslim will seek sponsorship from friends, family members, and others (Muslims & non-Muslims).
- Each sponsor will determine upon signing a pledge form to pay a predetermined amount of money (example 25 cents or \$1) for each ayah (or surah) of the Qur'an that the participant reads with correct tajweed to an Islamic scholar or learned adult during the event*, OR
- The sponsor may also elect to pay a fixed amount of money as sponsorship for the participant regardless of the number of ayahs or surah he/she reads, recites or memorizes (for example: a sponsor may pledge to contribute one set price of \$50).
- *It is recommended that each participating young Muslim describes the number of ayats (or surah) which is a realistic amount for that one participant to memorize with correct tajweed with in 30 days. Therefore, no one misleads the one is making a pledge. For example, its

Deadline Dates:

Ramadan 2009

- First 10 days of Ramadan [August 22 - 31, 2009] - Memorize as many ayats/surahs with correct tajweed as possible.
- Second 10 days of Ramadan [September 1 - 10, 2009] - Continue to memorize as many ayats/surah with correct tajweed as possible, and be tested by an Islamic scholar or learned adult, called the Examiner. The Examiner must use the enclosed form and acknowledge with his/her signature how many ayats/surah the participant recited correctly.
- Last 10 days of Ramandan [September 11 - 20, 2009] - Collect the pledge money.
- Last 3 days of Ramadan [September 18 - 20, 2009] - Send in your pledge form and money, bank check or money order (no cash)* of the total amount of pledges collected to:

Islamic Relief

ATTN: Ramadan Qur'an-a-thon Sadaqah Drive

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*It is critical to collect and return pledges on or before the 30th day of Ramadan, so our children receive the greatest amount of rewards for their hard work and efforts.



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