

ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION of NORTH AMERICA

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IONA Joins the Muslim Community in the “Day of Ihsan”

[Warren, MI] – Today, the Islamic Organization of North America (IONA) proudly joins the Muslim community in observing the “Day of Ihsan” – a day dedicated to spreading kindness and goodwill to our neighbors in need.

This annual tradition aligns with the spirit of “Ihsan,” meaning “excellence in character” and “acts of goodness.” As part of the observance, many Muslims from diverse communities collaborated with other faith groups and people of conscience to participate in the annual Jimmy’s Kids program, which began 35 years ago under the leadership of youth advocate Jim Tuman of Royal Oak, Michigan. Starting with just 22 children in its first year, Jimmy’s Kids now serves thousands of children.



From L to R: Hussain Haderi, Dr. Muzammil Ahmed, Imam Mustapha Elturk, Officer Rose, Jimmy Tuman (Founder), & Dr. Iltefat Hamzavi (ISPU)

Jimmy’s Kids is funded through generous private donations of toys and monetary contributions from over 200 businesses, families, churches, hospitals, organizations, and charities. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to bringing smiles to children’s faces during the holiday season.

“For over 15 years, this 'Day of Ihsan' has provided a heartwarming interfaith opportunity to embody excellent character, which is the essence of Ihsan. Together, we can make a difference,” said Dr. Muzammil Ahmed, former Chairman of the Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC) and co-founder of ISPU.

“There is no better feeling than personally performing acts of kindness. Seeing a smile on the face of a child is deeply satisfying,” remarked Imam Mustapha Elturk of IONA. “Beyond this, helping those in need is our religious duty, especially on days when many organizations are closed to celebrate with their families.”

As part of its commitment to community service, IONA launched its first Soup Kitchen in Macomb County, providing halal hot meals to the homeless and those in need.

This year’s Jimmy’s Kids program was supported by numerous organizations, including Amity Foundation, Helping Hands, Islamic House of Wisdom (IHW), Muslim Center of Western Suburbs (MCWS), ICNA-Relief, and IONA, among others.

For more information about IONA and its community initiatives, please visit ionamasjid.org.

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IONA’s mission is to transform its members and help transform the surrounding communities to righteous, God-fearing people, who collectively strive for the highest moral standard and constantly seek forgiveness from our Creator to earn His pleasure. We seek His compassion and mercy in this life and in the hereafter. We rejuvenate our soul through internal struggle and spiritual exercise in worship of our creator God. The strength of our belief in God gives us the courage to establish good and forbid evil, thus promoting a system of justice for all mankind.