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Fundraising Event

MCC's Annual Fund-raising Dinner will be held. Sunday, June 14th 09 6pm. at Marriott Hotel 8400 Freeport Pkwy, Irving—Texas 75063.

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated

Tarrant County Muslim Physician Luncheon

M. Basheer Ahmed M.D.



Dr. Basheer
with
Dr. Shadan

During the last quarter the number of patients has increased due to layoffs and current economical situations. We are very grateful to our physicians for providing the needed services at the clinic.

We organized a luncheon for the Tarrant County Physicians at The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, Fort Worth Texas. We are very thankful to Dr. Shadan Mansoor and Ms. Rhenda Grey for providing the venue and arranging the lunch with the support of Cancer Centre. Forty physicians mostly the newly arrived physician attended the luncheon program.

Dr. Shadan Mansoor presented a brief information about the services provided by the Cancer Centre. This was followed by Dr. Hujefa Vora, past president of Tarrant County Medical Society – Arlington branch, who briefly introduce MCC's Al-Shifa Clinic and Dr. Ahmed, Chairman of MCC for Human Services. Dr. Ahmed presented on the current state of health care in United States, elaborating on lack of needed care for indigent residents especially immigrants. He further outlined the goals and the purposes of establishing the free medical clinic – Al Shifa in 1998. This is the first free medical clinic in Texas established by a Muslim organization providing services to all indigent residents irrespective of their religion, race and ethnicity and national origin. He also described MCC for Human Service's other projects such as Annual Health Fair, Breast Cancer Educational, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Healthy Marriages and Mental health programs. MCC is still the only Muslim organization in the state of Texas providing both free medical and social services.

Dr. Ahmed further informed about developing a new project, "Physician Network" where he is asking internists and specialists to provide medical care to indigent in their own offices at no cost or on a reduced fee. Al Shifa will continue to program the lab work at a markedly discounted rate through an arrangement with "Quest lab"

The presentation generated a great interest in the physicians and several newly arrived physicians completed the registration form indicating their interest in joining the physician network or coming to the Al – Shifa Clinic as a volunteer.

Dr. Ahmed thanked Dr. Sobia Ghazalli, Dr. Mohammad Memon, Dr. Imran Patel and Dr. Asad Dean for contacting the new physicians encouraging them to attend the luncheon program.

Dr Ahmed is thankful to all volunteer physicians at Al Shifa clinic for their sincere commitment to provide medical care to the uninsured residents of the community.

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Sobia Ghazali M.D., Riaz Haider M.D., Ladi Haroona M.D., Laila Hirji M.D., Siraj Hussain M.D., Jalil Khan M.D., Muhammad Khan M.D., Nusrat Khan M.D., Shahida Khan M.D., Mehreen Malik M.D., Iqbal Mughal M.D., Anila Patel M.D., Imran Patel M.D., Nadeem Patel M.D., Nikhat Qureshi M.D., Shabnam Qasim M.D., Hujefa Vora M.D. , Hamid Burney M.D. & Shama Deen O.D.

With the help of the volunteer physicians Al Shifa Clinic served 1,800 patients in 2008.



Dr. Hujefa Vora, Past President - Tarrant County Medical Society, Arlington Branch, addressing at the Physicians Lunch



Physicians at Lunch
Dr. Siraj Hussain, Medical Coordinator Al-Shifa Clinic

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MCC for Human Services P.O. Box 152658 Arlington TX 76015

Women Physicians Committee for Al-Shifa Clinic

Dr. Sobia Ghazali has kindly agreed to chair the women physicians committee. The major goal of the committee is to recruit the volunteer physicians for the womens clinic and improve the services provided at the clinic. She has already recruited several new female physicians and will be meeting periodically to discuss the operations of the clinic. We are very thankful to Dr. Ghazali for her support.



Dr.Sobia Ghazali with new women physicians

Women's Committee

Ms. Sadaf Haider chairs the newly developed the women committee of MCC for Human Services. The women's committee was formed to bring awareness to Muslim women in DFW area about MCC's medical, social services and committee outreach programs. Its major focus is to raise awareness among public and community leaders about MCC's healthy marriages program, domestic violence program and parent child issues.

The staff of MCC will work closely with the president and the members of the committee and act as a liaison between women's committee and the board of MCC

Dr. Basheer Ahmed's Recognition

Association of Pakistan Physicians of North America presented **Recognition a award to Dr. Basheer Ahmed** for his community services at the APPNA – Dallas Chapter's Annual function on April 11th, 2009.

Radio Programs

Dr. Ahmed and Ms. Lubna Khurshid presented domestic violence in South Asian communities and MCC's domestic violence program at the talk show by Mr. Azad at **Radio FunAsia AM-700 on May 1, 2009.**

Dr. Ahmed and Mr. Lubna Khurshid also presented a program on "Cultural Clash and its effects on Parents and Children of South Asian Immigrants" at the talk show by Ms. Sadaf Haider on **Radio Salam Namaste FM-104.9 on May 4, 2009.**

News paper Article

Dr. Ahmed's interview on Domestic Violence in Muslim Community was published in Lone Star Crescent on May, 2009 issue <http://www.mycrescent.com/family-talk/confronting-domestic-violence.html>.

Parenting Seminar

on Mother's Day May 10th 2009 at Masjid Ibrahim, Fort Worth Dr. Ahmed discussed the challenges parents face in raising the teenagers.

Ambassador Ahsani's Recognition Ceremony

MCC co-sponsored Institute of Medieval and Post Medieval Studies Annual function and the recognition of Ambassador Ahsani, who has been a member of MCC Advisory Council and a long term supporter of MCC programs. The function was held in Crown Plaza Hotel, Dallas Texas and was attended by many community leaders and the Board members of MCC for Human Services.



Mr. Aftab Siddiqui, Mr. Noor Siddiqui, Mr. Kalim Saiyed MCC Board Members

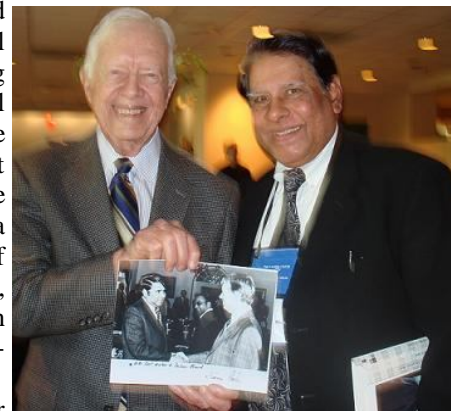
Ambassador Ahsani with Dr. Basheer Ahmed, Mr. Edward Thomas. Mr. Jawed Siddiqui & Mr. Moazzam Syed



Visit to the Carter Center

At the invitation of President Carter, Dr. Ahmed visited the Carter Center in Atlanta, GA on April 16th and 17th, 2009 to participate in the executive briefing on Carter Center's Peace and Health Programs. It was a great opportunity to meet President and Mrs. Carter who summarized various programs and participated in question and answer sessions.

The Carter Center's Peace Program's major focus is to strengthen freedom and democracy in nations all over the world, securing for people the political and civil rights that are the foundation for a just and peaceful society. The Carter Center has been a pioneer in the field of election observation, monitoring more than seventy national elections.



President Carter holding picture with Dr. Ahmed taken in 1979

The Carter center second major project is to provide health care in the most poor and neglected areas of the world. Under the leadership of Carter Center, the Guinea worm disease is totally eradicated without using vaccine or medication through health education and low tech methods. This goal was accomplished in twenty years of persistent work. The Carter Center is also a leader in the fight against the debilitating parasitic infection "river blindness". They are targeting to eliminate this disease from Africa and South America within the next 5-10 years. The other health care center provides are to eliminate the blindness caused by Trachoma, Lymphatic Filariasis and Schistosomiasis. These illnesses are making millions of people disabled in African countries.

President Carter, who turned 86 years, received a "Noble Prize for Peace," is still very active in all the health and peace projects of the Carter's center. It was an unforgettable and unique experience to meet a person of deep faith and sincere commitments to promote humanity and peace in the world.

An Honor for Dr. Basheer Ahmed from The Lone Star Crescent June

The founder of Muslim Community Center for Human Services was honored at the Regional Conference of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) during the banquet on May 30th, 2009 for his medical and social services to the community. For over a decade MCCHS is helping families with free medical care, psychological and family services and helping victims of domestic violence and child abuse. These services are provided to the uninsured irrespective of the religion, ethnicity and race. Dr. Ahmed acknowledges the local imams, Muslim leadership, physicians and volunteers for their dedication and support. He also acknowledges the Board Members and the staff for their compassionate and devoted work to implement MCC programs.



New Book

Domestic Violence Cross Cultural Perspective

Edited by M. Basheer Ahmed, MD

Book will be published by Xlibris Publications and will be available in September 2009.