



Muslim Community Center News

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Muslim Community Center for Human Services (MCCHS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded in 1995. The mission of MCCHS is to build strong families and harmonious communities, regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, or place of residence, by providing free or affordable health care, social services, and educational services to those who face barriers to accessing support due to language or cultural differences, or those who are uninsured or underinsured. MCCHS meets the health and social service needs of more than 160,000 immigrants and families from South East Asia, the Middle East and Africa who reside in North Texas.



MCCHS Featured in the National Geographic Magazine



Dr. Sarah Zaheer (*left*), a family physician, and Elham Karajah (*right*), a nurse practitioner, were photographed at MCCHS for the National Geographic Magazine's article, "How Muslims, Often Misunderstood, Are Thriving in America."

This article covers the diversity in American Muslims through the racial, ethnic, and religious stories of the community and the roles they play. It speaks to the intersection of the Muslim and American identity, and how both have culminated a generation of leaders and pioneers in the fields they use to contribute and give back to their community.

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We invite members of the community to purchase tickets for our annual Iftar fundraising dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Dallas on May 19th at 7:30 pm. This event is put on yearly in the month of Ramadan to raise funds for our charity clinic and social services departments, so that we always have the resources needed to serve our patients as best as we possibly can. We are honored to have our guest speakers this year include Mr. Khizr Khan and Mr. Azhar Azeez. Please contact Dr. Basheer Ahmed, Dr. Talaun Simmons, or Mr. Ehsan Peracha for more information. Tickets can be purchased at our website: www.mcc-hs.org

Muslim Community Center
for Human Services
Invites you for Iftar dinner to Celebrate

25 Years of Muslim Community's Service in DFW
Saturday, May 19th at 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER
KHIZR KHAN
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
Azhar Azeez

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Soon Offering ESL Classes for Refugees

MCCHS is striving to provide care and support to the community in every way that will assist in providing success in their future. In addition to the programs we offer to the community for a healthy and respectable life, MCCHS also plans to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for the refugees and immigrants who face the challenges of language barriers in achieving their goals. For more information and to schedule a class, call us at **(817) 589-9165**.



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MCCHS was funded by the Charities Aid Foundation for the Medtronic Foundation Health Access grant. The Medtronic Foundation is committed to funding initiatives that expand access to the quality health care for the underserved. MCCHS was awarded the grant for our commitment to this joint mission.

Partnered with America's Drug card Program



MCCHS has partnered with the America's Drug Card Program. This program offers our patients a way to direct their donation dollars to MCCHS. The more people who use their MCCHS RX

card, the more money the organization will raise. Each time our patients use this prescription discount card they help their favorite organization. So we can improve our services to better serve the community. Discount cards can also be printed off from the website at: **www.MCCHSRx.com**.

National Crime Victims Rights Week

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, MCCHS participated in two events for National Crime Victims Rights Week. In the morning, we participated in the Richardson ceremony at the First United Methodist Church. In the afternoon, we tabled at the Tarrant County Crime Victims Coalition meeting in honor of NCVRW. It was a pleasure connecting with other agencies in the area that work to advocate for victims of crime!



Foster Parenting FAQ

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent it is important to know how you can qualify and who can apply and we can help. There are several questions asked frequently the most common questions are answered below:

1. Can a single mother with kids become a foster parent?

Yes, but single parents can only have up to 5 kids total including their biological children. Married couples can have up to 6 kids total including their biological children.

2. Children can be expensive, will foster parents receive any financial help to assist with the care of the foster child?

Yes. We will provide you detailed information on how you are subsidized throughout the year.

3. Can foster kids travel with the family?

Yes, CPS workers can help the family get a passport for the child. Traveling together is a great way for the family to bond.

4. Parents from different cultures tend to visit their home country for an extended period of time. If they can't afford to take the foster kid with them, what can they do?

Respite care can help for a short time such as a week or weekend. If they have someone such as a friend or family member who would be their respite care provider, they need to have them attend the trainings in order to be reimbursed.

For more information, please contact MCCHS' program coordinator, Nuha Almakzoumi, MBA at (817) 885-0148

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