

MUSLIM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
5TH ANNAUL GENERAL MEETING
30 OCTOBER 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As-salaamu-alaikum wa Rahmatullahih wa Barakatu.

I begin in the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), the Lord of the Worlds, our Cherisher and Sustainer and peace and salutations upon our Beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Alhamdulillah, another year in the history of the Muslim Charitable Foundation has come and gone. And once again we have seen a growth in the revenue of the organisation. This is as a result of the hard work put in by the members and directors of MCF and the very supportive Muslim community. We have seen a steady return of collection tins that we have handed out throughout the year and this has ensured a steady income into our general account.

We have seen an increase in the number of people seeking assistance from MCF as indicated in the case report. This has also led to us ensuring that our processes of assessment have been modified and improved. We would like to humbly thank all the Imams, volunteers and case workers that have assisted in doing home visits with our field workers.

This year has also seen the change in our constitution and the registering of MCF as a company. This has enabled us to be registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission. It is hoped that through this new structure, we will be granted DGR status, which will enable donations to MCF to be tax deductible in Australia.

During the year, two meetings were held with Muslim Aid Australia, with a view of partaking in joint ventures, locally and overseas. This has led to establishing a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. The final copy of the document is ready for signing and this will take place in the near future, Insha Allah. This is a positive step forward as it opens up many more opportunities and provides greater networking to be able to help those in need.

We have also seen an increase in the number of people added to our database, due to the efforts of the committee, as well as our presence at the International Food Fair at the Gold Coast Masjid and the data collection drive undertaken at the Kuraby masjid.

Alhamdulillah the regular emails sent out have borne positive results. We need to expand on this and make more use of social media.

In analysing our performance over the last year, it is gratifying to see the commitment and enthusiasm that the active members of MCF play. Like I mentioned last year, we need to look at ways in improving in what we do.

My recommendations:

1. I strongly urge that we form an advisory sub-committee within MCF, with the involvement with one or two of the local Imams. This will ensure that we are working correctly and within the confines of the Shariah.
2. I also believe that the day is fast approaching when we need to have an office with the services of a secretary, even if it is part-time initially, to assist with administration matters.
3. We should not ignore the role of social media and our website, Facebook and Twitter should be active, current and relevant.
4. We have established ourselves as role models in being transparent and open about the work that we do, and we should strive to always maintain this transparency.
5. It is my dream that MCF will become the organisation that ensures that all collections conducted in Brisbane falls under our banner to ensure that there is accountability for all monies collected.

Finally I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation to all those that have contributed to MCF in respect of time, funds or expertise. May Allah reward you with the best in this world and the hereafter. I wish to record my special gratitude to all the committee members for their time and effort and the support of MCF during these last twelve months. We could not have achieved what we have without your continued efforts and commitment. May you be blessed with barakah.

May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts and guide us in all endeavours and may Allah (SWT) forgive us any wrongs that we have inadvertently committed.

Yours in the Service of Islam and Charity

Yusuf Khatree