

As-salaamu-alaikum,

I begin the in name of Almighty Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Peace and Salutations to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

It gives me great pleasure to present the President's report for the year July 2018 to June 2019.

Allah says in the Holy Quran in Surah Tauba (Chapter 9, Verse 60):

"The alms are only for the poor and the needy, and those who collect them, and those whose hearts are to be reconciled, and to free the captives and the debtors, and for the cause of Allah, and (for) the wayfarer; a duty imposed by Allah. Allah is Knower, Wise."

The above verse epitomises the work that the Muslim Charitable Foundation has undertaken. When we reflect on the year that has passed, we will notice that the eight categories mentioned in the above ayat of the Holy Qur'an is so apt and gives us clear guidance.

We have noticed first-hand the difficulties faced by many due to harsh economic conditions, large-scale unemployment, including visa restrictions, health and related matters and language barriers. MCF has been blessed with the tremendous support of the community that ensures that their Zakaat, Lillah/Sadaqa and Fitrah are channelled through MCF for timeous and correct distribution.

MCF is made up of volunteers who offer their time and expertise to ensure that the needs of individuals and families that require assistance are met. We are grateful to Allah (SWT) for allowing us to be of benefit to humanity and trying to alleviate to some degree the difficulties faced by many. My sincere appreciation to all that serve the cause that we have embarked on.

As a registered Charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), we are obliged by law to submit Annual Financial Statements. Due diligence is paramount for the continued success of the organisation and accountability is a cornerstone.

Some Key Activities during the year:

- A unique event in September 2018, MCF honoured Janeth Deen with a dinner as an expression of gratitude for her contribution to the community.
- During the latter part of last year - September and October, we delivered 14 truckloads of hay to the farmers at Goondiwindi. This project was a joint effort by many organisations including Muslim Aid Australia and the Deen family.
- A joint fund-raiser was held in November 2018 with the Archerfield Rotary club where all profits shared for those affected by the Indonesian earthquake, Kerala floods and Australian farmers.
- A special ladies only event was held in September 2018 to raise awareness and funds for an individual requiring specialised procedure and treatment. A significant amount was raised and handed to MCF to add to its collection drive.
- March 2019 saw the publication of our fourth annual magazine. The printing of this magazine is an important aspect of our marketing and the magazine contains articles of relevance and pillars of guidance. We are very grateful to Faisal Essof and Raheema Rane for their time and effort in seeing the magazine reach the printers in good time for printing.
- A joint Fund raiser for Palestine was held in April together with APAN where monies raised was to be used for the advocacy work of APAN and providing education facilities for the citizens of Palestine.

- Closer working ties have been established with Brothers in Need and Sisters with Helping Hands. MCF is very much part of the Homeless Food Run which takes place three times per week. We have also agreed to fund the food costs of “Youth of the Streets”; an organisation which caters for the need of youth and gives them a place to go to after school.
- Due to the continued donations of white goods and furniture, we realised the need to build a new storage shed adjacent to our existing old shed. We are indeed very grateful to our kind-hearted donors who helped us complete this new shed. We are now in the position to receive and store more donated items of furniture to give to those that request it.
- As part of our education project, a book entitled “What is Islam” was put together by Faisal Essof, under the guidance of the Council of Imams, Queensland. The first printing of 1000 copies has served an important role as a simple introduction to Islam. MCF has also secured copies of the Holy Quran with translation from “Project Qu’ran” and Revert packs from an organisation called “Ten Fold”.
- The emergency accommodation provided by MCF has been utilised more than was anticipated. During the last year, people with all kinds of difficulties and problems have approached us for use of the accommodation. In some cases, referrals come from mainstream service provider organisations who see the important role being played by MCF and the availability of the emergency accommodation. The importance of this property cannot be underestimated.

As can be seen from the above, the year has been a busy one for our organisation. For an organisation that celebrated its ten years in 2019, a lot has been achieved. The number of cases that MCF attends to has increased, as you will see from the case report.

I want to place on record our appreciation to the Islamic Council of Queensland and Australian International Islamic College for allowing us to do the collection of Zakah, Fitrah and Lillah on the occasions of Eid. As a locally based organisation, local collections assist us to continue serving the local needs.

I would like to acknowledge Muslim Aid Australia for their continued support and recognition afforded to MCF. We must thank Riyaad Ally who has always ensured that the close relationship between our organisations continues to be strong.

MCF will continue to attend to the needs of those in need locally and meet the objectives of the organisation. My sincere appreciation to all the members of MCF for their commitment and unselfish dedication.

MCF will continue working with the many organisations that it has developed a working relationship, including the Masajid boards, NGOs and organisations that have similar aims and objectives – assisting those in need.

May Allah accept from us the work we do to earn His pleasure and we pray that Allah forgives us for any errors or omissions on our part. We pray for His guidance and assistance and allows the Muslim Charitable Foundation to prosper.

Was-salaam.

Yusuf Khatree

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