



MWA Achievements 2012

In 2012, MWA planned and executed the following programs to meet their *mission of promoting philanthropy, community service, personal development and building a mutual understanding between people of diverse backgrounds*:

- At the Children with Special Needs event, parents made connections and were introduced to community resources
- The sold out MWA Celebration of the Muslim Woman highlighted dynamic role models and engaged an audience of 500
- MWA sponsored the 16th Annual National Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff in collaboration with 4th Presbyterian Church
- Executed a successful Ramadan Rush for Rewards campaign contributing 1,900 hours of hands-on service & monetary donations to help the needy from diverse faiths
- A successful pre-Ramadan drive was conducted to provide necessities including \$10,000 of meat vouchers for 300 families
- Through the In-Kind Drive, MWA members donated over \$1,000 of household products for patrons of the Hamdard Center, a social and health services agency
- At the backpack drive our members made 52 backpacks for UMMA Center to distribute to families in need
- Families came together to make 180 brown bag lunches for Inspiration Cafe and Dupage Pads supporting individuals that suffer from homelessness and poverty
- In the early hours of the morning, fasting members gathered to feed over 600 homeless at 5 different shelter locations
- MWA hosted an iftar at Masjid al-Taqwah and enjoyed breaking fast with the community
- During the co-sponsored Iftaar at a Synagogue held at three locations, the Jewish and Muslim communities gathered to pray, listen to speakers from both faiths and break fast together
- Our members rolled up their sleeves to spruce up 2 masjid locations, turning an empty space into a Musallah at the Northwest Suburban College and renovating Masjid Dawah
- The Marriage in Islam seminar featured Sr. Amina Sayeed who shared her insights
- MWA joined Amnesty International USA and other partners for the Shadow Summit that brought Afghan women's voices to the forefront
- At the Walk for the Children of Syria, MWA united with thousands at a nationwide event to raise awareness about the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria and raise funds for the children
- For the winter season, MWA collected new/gently used coats and outerwear to help refugees and members of city masjids

The above list of activities demonstrates that your financial support has made a definite positive impact. Your monetary assistance is pivotal in sustaining an effective non-profit organization that enables Muslim women together with others from diverse backgrounds to contribute to the betterment of our society.