

**MUSLIM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5 SEPTEMBER 2012**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As-salaamu-alaikum wa Rahmatullahih wa Barakatu

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

All praise and thanks to Allah (SWT), the Lord of the Worlds; our Cherisher and Sustainer and we offer our Peace and Salutations on our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Lest we forget, Allah SWT reminds us very aptly as to our obligations in the Holy Quran, Sura Tauba, Verse 103:

“Of their wealth take alms to purify and sanctify them.”

The giving of alms is not a burden but act of purification and protection for the Hereafter and that is a reminder of our primary organizational objective

I am very pleased to advise that we have experienced substantial growth in the activities of the MCF undoubtedly underpinned by the increase of donations from the wider community

It is imperative that we continue in our efforts of maintaining transparency and accountability in all our endeavours to ensure increasing and continued confidence of the wider community in the MCF.

The launch of the Collection Tins has projected MCF into the homes and hopefully the hearts of the community and has provided a wonderful platform of awareness of MCF as well as the constant reminder of our individual obligation to contribute to the welfare of the Ummah.

In addition the placement of plaques at the various Masajid has also enhanced the community's awareness of the MCF and its activities.

The formation of the Marketing Sub-Committee under Br. Yousuf Meer has borne fruit with a new and improved website, that is now more relevant and topical, further enhancing the awareness and the objectives of the MCF within our community. We also are embarking on a process to develop a database to ensure improved communication and updated information relating to all stakeholders.

With regards to General Administration, we have designed and introduced a new CASE ASSESSMENT FORM, which captures all the relevant data required to make an informed decision that is compliant with the requirements

of the ATO. We have also revised the MONTHLY CASE REPORT to ensure all the relevant and essential information is available discreetly thus ensuring that the identity of the recipients are protected.

The efforts of the MCF has been recognized by the Logan City Council and we were nominated for a community award .I am proud to advise that the MCF won the Award in the category of Non Profit Organizations at the Multicultural Business and Community Awards. Janeth Deen won the Volunteer of the Year Award at the same function.

Globally the crisis in the Muslim world continues unabated and we have been actively supporting and assisting in collections for Syria, Palestine, Somalia, Fiji and Burma.

Locally we are experiencing an increase in requests for assistance and support and our Monthly Case Report bears testimony to this fact.

On reflection we have done exceptionally well, however there is always room for improvement and we need to focus on the following;

- MCF needs increase awareness amongst all stakeholders including potential recipients and donors.
- MCF needs to develop a stronger culture and base of volunteers
- MCF needs to expand nationally to ensure a wider remit.
- MCF needs to improve the process of collection and distribution of aid.
- MCF needs to promote the principles and obligations of Zakat incumbent on all Muslims

With respect to the future I see our role as follows;

- Continue in delivering and meeting our objectives and developing best practices and improved processes.
- Collaborating and actively engaging the Imams and Trust Boards of Masajid.
- To become the role model amongst our peers and the organization of choice of all stakeholders.
- Develop field operations and ensure delivery of the services and funds actively.
- To export the current model to all states within Australia.

Finally I wish to record my sincere gratitude to those who have contributed to the MCF be it in respect of your valuable time, funds and expertise to meet our aims and objectives and most of all in placing your trust in the organization.

May the Almighty Allah accept our efforts and guide us in all our endeavours and forgive us for any wrongs we may inadvertently commit.

Yours in the Service of Islam and Charity.

Yusuf Khatree