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# Iftar Fundraising Package

## Ramadan 2009

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "*He who feeds a fasting person will gain the same reward as he will, without decreasing from the fasting person's rewards*." [Ahmad].

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Dear Brother/Sister,

As-salamu' Alaikum.

We hope this letter reaches you in the best of health and eeman, insha'Allah.

Following their success during past Ramadan months, the University of Waterloo Muslim Students' Association is once again holding its on-campus Iftars this coming Ramadan, insha'Allah.

These Iftars are open to all Muslim students at the university. Through these Iftars, we hope to provide the Muslim student population with nourishment, as well as a place to gather and socialize in an Islamic atmosphere.

We kindly ask you, as a prominent business owner within the Muslim community, to donate generously towards this worthy cause.

Please find enclosed further details of the MSA Iftars, including attendance, procedures, costs, and necessary funding.

Jazakom Allahu Khayr.

Was-salamu'Alaikum.

**MSA Executives**

# Iftar Overview

Throughout the month of Ramadan, the MSA usually holds between 10 and 15 Iftars on campus. They are held on weeknights, usually 3 times a week. The Iftars take place in large university classrooms that the MSA books in advance.

The MSA Iftars are open to all Muslim students, and are completely free of charge. They are usually funded entirely by donations.

MSA volunteers serve the food to the brothers and sisters who attend. A short Islamic talk follows to strengthen the faith of the Muslim students during this blessed month.

During the last Ramadan, the MSA organized 12 Iftars. Each Iftar was attended by 100 to 120 Muslim students.

With an increase in the overall student population at the university, we are expecting more Muslim students to attend these Iftars this year.

# Budget

The food typically costs around $5 - $6 per person for most caterers.
An additional $0.60 is incurred per person for supplies and drinks.
Assuming 130 students per Iftar, this is a cost of about $6.00 X 130 = **$780 per Iftar**.

Hence,

**$3,120 is the amount the MSA needs to finance 4 Iftars this year.**

# Benefits

- Allows Muslim students to spend more time focusing on their studies and increasing their worship, and less time worrying about where they would break their fast.
- Creates an Islamic atmosphere of unity and brotherhood during this blessed month.
- Islamic talks encourage Muslims to increase their worship during Ramadan, and come closer to Allah (swt).
- Promotes the Muslim Students' Association and its Islamic activities to new students.

# Jazakom Allahu Khayr

*"…He who feeds a fasting person within this month has his sins forgiven and he will be protected and released from the hellfire. He also gets the reward of that person's fasting without decreasing the reward of the fasting person"* - Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

*"We feed you seeking Allâh's Countenance only. We wish for no reward, nor thanks from you"* {Al-Insan – 9, Holy Quran}

# How to Donate?

**1-Email Money Transfers**

Email transfers are the ideal payment method. All donations submitted through email money transfers should be sent to donations@uwmsa.com

**2-Paypal**

Please click below to pay through MSA's Paypal

**3-Cheque**

Please address the cheque to **Federation of Students** and print **UW-MSA** in the *Memo* field. You can drop the cheque off during the Campus Iftars or after the MSA 1:30 and 2:30 Friday Prayers.

For more information, please email donations@uwmsa.com , or visit the Ramadan page at www.uwmsa.com/ramadan