



Houston area Muslims provide assistance to seniors in need

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston is proud to donate funds to Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston's (IM) Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston program. In addition to ensuring 10 seniors receive a year's worth of valuable nutrition, ISGH hopes that this donation will serve as an example of what can be done when groups ban together to alleviate human suffering in their communities. As ISGH President Rodwan Saleh states, "We did this because we believe that ISGH, which represents all Muslims in Houston, bears the responsibility to get involved locally and help our needy US senior citizens."

The donation couldn't have come at a better time, Meals on Wheels, which depends greatly on community support, has faced some of the highest waiting lists in recent history. The wait list topped more than 1,000 seniors waiting more than nine months in 2006. Meals on Wheels program director David Roberts along with IM senior staff worked diligently throughout 2007 to find the funds to feed every senior on the wait list.

The campaign has been successful. The organization started the year with a goal of 750 senior sponsorships, which would mean 750 seniors would receive at least one hot meal each weekday for a year. To date the organization has secured sponsorships for more than 800 seniors. Additional funds have allowed the program to provide breakfast and weekend meals to the most frail and isolated seniors.

IM President Elliot Gershenson is hopeful that the donation by ISGH will only be the first of many donations given by groups who see value in ensuring that No Senior Goes Hungry in Houston.