

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful  
**MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTER, CHICAGO**  
**MEC MASJID AND EXPANSION**

## Fundraising Dinner

Saturday July 11, 2009 at 6 PM

Second Annual Dinner in a *Tent on MEC Grounds*

Contributions: Single \$500, With Spouse \$600

(Table of Ten \$4,000)

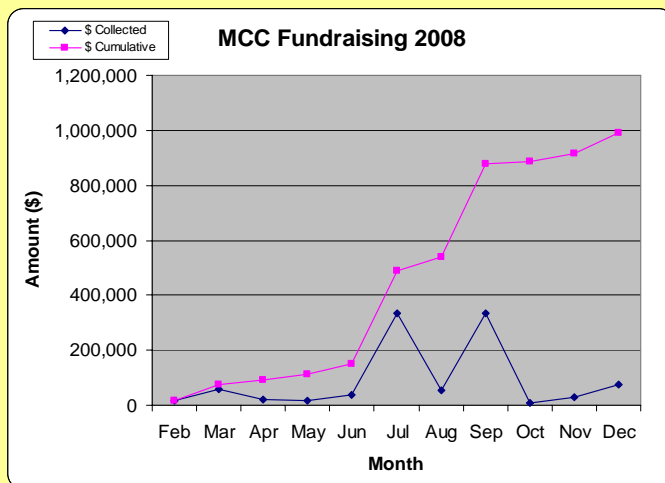
How was the money raised and spent in 2008? Please see the report below.

Your money, alhamdulillah, has accomplished a lot!

### FUNDRAISING

Alhamdulillah, the Fundraising Committee was able to raise almost \$1M in donations and \$100,000 in loans in 2008. The major avenues through which the funds were raised were a \$1000 per person dinner, a community barbecue event, appeals during Ramadan, collections after Friday prayers and mail solicitations. Alhamdulillah, the timely fundraising and construction allowed us to receive a temporary permit to use the new Masjid during Ramadan.

The committee ventured into an un-chartered territory by organizing a fundraising dinner outdoors in a huge tent setup on the lawns of MEC. The guests loved the setting and contributed nearly \$400,000. A very encouraging sign was that the young professionals of our community responded to appeals with a pleasantly surprising generosity.



### CONSTRUCTION

(What did your money accomplish?)

Starting in 2008 the challenge was “to finish the interior”. The following was accomplished:

- Install stairs to the second floor
- Correct an insufficient headroom issue
- Install complete drywall and prime it
- Install the complete sprinkler system (in the new and the existing buildings)
- Install ceiling tiles
- Install the Sound System
- Install the Elevator
- Install plumbing, including the roughing for the school lab
- Complete electrical work, including lighting and fans
- Install all the doors
- Receive temporary occupancy permit for Ramadan
- Finalize the interior color scheme and tile selection in consultation with an expert

**What remains to be done now is:**

- Install wudu and bathroom fixtures
- Install tiles
- Install kitchen appliances
- Finish painting
- Install carpeting
- Complete science lab
- Decorate the Masjid with chandeliers, calligraphy, etc.

So, the challenge for us in 2009 is: **Raise a little less than a \$1 million, and get the materials and good workmanship to finish the job!** No challenge can be met without help from Allah (swt) and your generosity.

Please send your generous contributions to:

The MEC Masjid and Expansion, 8601 N. Menard Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053.