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Michigan Muslims Welcome Ramadan by Fighting Hunger Across Michigan

Michigan Muslims will begin observing the Muslim holy month of Ramadan next week starting June 6 by fasting and participating in the annual campaign Ramadan Fight Against Hunger

Royal Oak, MI – The Michigan Muslim Community Council will commemorate the month of Ramadan with its annual campaign, the Ramadan Fight Against Hunger (RFAH) starting June 6. Over 50 tons of food will be collected and distributed to people throughout Michigan as Muslims observe their month long fast. The need for food aid is critical as over 1 million Michigan residents require emergency food assistance every year, and 1 in 5 children do not have access to essential nutritional food.

Nausheen Razvi, the RFAH Coordinator, states “As Muslims are facing pangs of hunger from their fasting, we will remind them that many people in Michigan are hungry due to poverty. This really motivates people to get involved.”

Many local organizations participate in the Ramadan Fight Against Hunger. Zaman International and the Amity Foundation pack hundreds of boxes of food that is delivered or picked up for at risk families. The Flint Muslim Food Pantry provides free food and water to Flint residents. Food collection boxes in partnership with Gleaner’s Food Pantry will set up in over a dozen mosques across the state. Hundreds of volunteers are expected at various food pantries and sorting facilities, including Forgotten Harvest in Oak Park, Gleaner’s Food Bank in Pontiac and Sam’s Club Warehouse in Farmington Hills. Approximately 15 mosques will be offering dinner every night at the completion of the daily fast for local families and neighbors.

Imam Mohammed Almasmari, the Executive Director of MMCC states, “Ramadan is about improving your faith and your connection to God, and you should do this by putting your faith into action. That is why we are calling on all our Michigander Muslims to step up this Ramadan and do their part to help people who are marginalized and neglected.”

Muslims across the world and over 300,000 Muslims in Michigan will begin observing the Muslim holy month of Ramadan starting June 6th. In Michigan, the daily fast is a grueling 17 hours long, due to the long summer days this time of year. Like the Jewish calendar, the Muslim calendar is lunar based and the months will shift every year. Fasting is one of the five main pillars of the Muslim faith, the others being daily prayers, giving charity, going on a pilgrimage to Mecca and making the declaration of faith.

For information on participating in some of the Ramadan Fight Against Hunger events, please visit the [MMCC website](#) or register at <http://bit.ly/Register4RFAH2016>. The activities are open to people of all faiths.

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