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MAS Service Corps (MSC) launches Its 2nd Annual National Humanitarian Day Relief Drive *US Muslims Extend a Helping Hand to All, Regardless of Faith*

Cedar Rapids, IA – April 15, 2008 – Defining the goals of Islamic charitable giving, the Prophet Mohammed (May the Blessings of Allah be upon him) said that we are all responsible for our neighbors: *“He is not a believer who lets himself be satiated while his neighbor goes hungry”*.

Putting words to action, the Muslim American Society Service Corps (MSC) has launched Its 2nd Annual National Humanitarian Day in order to fulfill the Qur’anic command to *“...feed the distressed ones in want” (Al-Hajj 28)*. Timed to coincide with National Hunger Awareness Day in June, MSC chapters from around the country are mobilizing their volunteers to execute a relief drive aimed at benefitting disadvantaged people in their own communities, regardless of ethnicity or religion.

MSC’s National Humanitarian Day Relief Drive will provide Islamically slaughtered meat, as well as canned goods, other non-perishable foods, and gently used clothing and blankets for those in need. The wrapped and frozen meat is scheduled to be received by participating MAS chapters and Islamic Centers the first week of June, and will then be distributed immediately to established food banks and other designated locations nationwide for deserving Americans of all creeds. Donors may designate gifts for any dollar amount, or they may donate for a specified number of pounds at \$3.50 per pound. Currently, 25 cows have been purchased, and whose meat will be distributed nationally.

A universally compassionate faith, Islam teaches mankind that there is no distinction between a hungry Muslim and a hungry non-Muslim. A person who is suffering here in America is just as deserving as someone who is in distress elsewhere.

Although America is the “Land of Plenty”, there is no lack of poverty, no shortage of people who are in need. Recent reports show that one in five children in the US go to bed hungry, while the ranks of the poor continue to grow: single mothers, immigrants, the elderly, and the working poor. In 2005, it is estimated that more than 36 percent of those served by food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters were *children*.

Those interested in volunteering for the MAS Service Corps or donating to the Meat Drive may contact MAS Service Corps at 319-892-0256. Or visit our website at www.masservicecorps.org.

May Allah (SWT) bless your contributions and maximize your rewards, Amen.

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