

**Detroit Lajna “ Muslims For Life” Campaign Report**

The Detroit Chapter President called for the auxiliaries to volunteer to support 10 planned events to collect blood with the American Red Cross. The Lajna was especially acknowledged by the organizing committee and Detroit President Dr. Mansoor Qureshi Sahib for contributing the largest group of volunteers consistently across all blood drive locations.

Respected Sadr Sahiba,

A note of acknowledgement from Detroit Sadr Dr. Mansoor Qureshi Sahib

Assalamo Alaikum

Jazakallah for sending me the list. It is pleasing to see so many names on the list. I would like to appreciate the efforts of each of these ladies. Mashallah, the drive went well and we were able to accomplish a lot.

Ladies out performed men in this campaign. Please convey my thanks and Jazakallah to all of them. I expect and hope nothing less from them in the future as well. Ameen.

The campaign was organized in many different parts of Detroit, and ran for a number of days. The following were all the places that held blood drives and the number of pints collected at each place.

August 8 - Oakland University - Rochester Hills - 86 pints

August 17/18 - Rochester Michigan - 6 pints

August 30 - Oakland University - 90 pints

September 8 - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor- 35 pints

September 9 - University of Michigan - 47 pints

September 9 - Masjid Mahmood Rochester Hills - 37 pints

September 19 - Oakland University - 70 pints

September 26 - Wayne State U - 26 pints

September 28 - Wayne State University - 80 pints

Oct 12, Kalamazoo - 17 pints

Total for Detroit = 494 pints.

The Detroit Chapter blood drives were publicized through a number of channels. Community Media Network invited our Panelist and Lajna Representative Sabiha Ijaz to a panel discussion, Newspaper interviews ran in The Oakland Press, Networks like Fox TV and NBC were invited to our mosque for the blood drive and ran their positive stories. The events were advertised on community calendars as well as with pamphlets that were distributed by our Lajna President Humera Ahmad and Khidmate Khalq Secretary Kishwar Tahir at an Arts, Beats and East Festival.

Email message of appreciation from a pamphlet recipient to Respected Waseem Sayed Sahib

Message On Sept. 4, I attended the Arts, Beats and East Festival in Royal Oak, MI. and was given a flyer about a blood donation sponsored by your organization. What a wonderful idea! I was so pleased to hear that there was such an organization and hear about your project. I will not be donating at one of the drives mentioned in your flyer because I am on a regular donor schedule at the Berkley, MI Red Cross Center, and they call me whenever the time period for my donation is due. But, I do applaud your project and wish you well. It is a wonderful way to raise awareness that most Muslims are peaceful people.

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Dear Joan: Good afternoon and greetings of peace.

Thank you for your message. Please do visit our website and see all the wonderful people and organizations helping us make this life-giving project a success. May God bless everyone involved and cause all to flourish. Amen!

Was-salam - and peace!

Waseem A. Sayed, PhD

Member National Executive

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



Oakland Press Calendar of Events

<http://www.theoaklandpress.com/calendar/?showdate=2011-09-09>

http://www.theoaklandpress.com/articles/2011/09/09/news/local_news/doc4e6a20f215c56183968696.txt?



Donor at University of Michigan donates blood.



Joan Cylkowski, R. N. of the Red Cross receives blood from Dana Lopez, 22 of Auburn Hills at Oakland University. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is hosting a Muslims for Life blood drives a cross the country in remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11. Thursday August 4, 2011. The
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<http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/muslim-center-in-rochester-hills-holds-9-11-blood-drive-20110909-wpms>



The Lajna that was part of the planning team consisted of the following volunteers: Humaira Ahmad, Sabiha Ijaz, Kishwar Tahir, Reema Butt, Ayesha Mangla, Deena Ijaz, Samreen Ahmad, and Faiza Ahmad. Many on the Planning Team also led the effort by organizing the blood drives in their universities, towns and the masjid. Lajna volunteer helpers consisted of: Amtul Shakoor Rohela, Aneeqa Ahmad, Farrah Khan, Farzana Ahmad, Jamila Khan, Maria Qadir, Melissa Ahmad, Noor Ahmad, Noor Rohela, Nudrat Ahmad, Saadia Rahman, Saira Khan, Salma Aftab, , Shafaq Khan, Shazia Ijaz, Shehla Khan and Sundas Arshad.

Alhamdulillah, all in all it was a very invigorating experience due to a lot of selfless Lajna who gave of their time and traveled to manage and work at the blood Drives. A lot of the younger, university age Lajna took part in the drives and painted a great picture of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and Lajna in particular to the donors, as they were able to bring tons of university students to the drives. This gave us a very good opportunity to do Tabligh and answer tons of questions as we distributed the pamphlets.