



### Miami Lajna's Khidmat-e-Khalq efforts

The award presented by Miami Rescue Mission is a tribute to **ALL the members of Miami Lajna** who have contributed generously towards their adopted shelter, Broward Outreach Center (a Division of Miami Rescue Mission). This could not have been possible without everyone pitching in with utter dedication, humility and extreme generosity.

After identification of a shelter in the summer of 2009, the initial efforts were geared towards the 'Feed the Hungry' program - especially in the month of Ramadhan. We are headed for the third year soon, and we have come a long way since the start of our program.

Just to sum it up :

Lajna have donated generously, We were able to do the first Ramadhan project -to feed about 200 people- with just 3 Lajna's contributions, MashaAllah. Next year, it was just one member who sponsored the meal for approx 200 people. In short, Miami Lajna members are **EXTREMELY GENEROUS** and have donated instantaneously and efficiently and much beyond the minimum expected.

Then come the volunteers. Many Lajna members came forward in large numbers and were willing to pitch in with their time, and that is a very rare commodity in our hectic lives. We served dinner at the shelter as a team in the month of Ramadhan in 2009 and on an other occasions. We have also helped the BOC management in sorting out the thousands of donation items that they receive daily.

We were able to expand the scope of our donations beyond Ramadhan, and have donated a variety of items (cotton candy rental, water bottles, candy, toys, clothes, stationary items, greeting cards, a few items from the wish-list) for the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations in 2009 and 2010 which were hosted for the approx 200 residents at the Center. These were also done within short spans of time and the collection of the contributions was instantaneous and effective. Even the Nasirat have pitched in by donating candy and making hand-made cards for the homeless.

We were able to expand the scope of our commitment to BOC due to its outstanding role as a rehabilitation facility, where the homeless are taken care of beyond their food and shelter needs.

We have donated hundreds of items for the ongoing HOPE TOTE drives (aimed at collecting hygiene items for the residents at the shelter), stationary items, new and used clothing, towels, bed sheets, toys and canned food.

All in all, almost every Lajna member has contributed in some way or the other.

We all did this for one purpose - to win the pleasure of Allah Ta'la, who in turn rewards those who are kind and compassionate to those who are in need, hungry and homeless.

This spirit was even appreciated by the Center which effectively channelised the donations and put them to effective use.

May Allah accept our humble efforts and enable us to serve humanity in the true spirit of Islam. Ameen.

**Miami Lajna**