

# Bait ul Mal Pacific Northwest

Reviving the Tradition of Prophet Muhammad, Peace and Blessings of Allah Be Upon Him (PBUH)

## HOPE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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In the name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful

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### Join us in the noble work of serving our community!

Share your time, talents and financial contributions, which are bestowed on you as blessings from Allah SWT.

*Dear members of the Muslim Community of the Pacific Northwest:*

Assalam Alaikum Wa Rahmathallahi Wa Barakathahu:

As you may be aware, Bait ul mal PNW is on its way to completing its second year since inception. Over the past months we learnt that several Muslims are facing hardships, and yet can not find the means or opportunities to share their challenges with others in the community that are more fortunate and able to help. We have found that the existence of a credible organization dedicated to community services can bring great changes to the lives of many of those facing these challenges, without significant sacrifices on the part of volunteers and contributors. We have many success stories of positive changes that we can share. (Please check out the Testimonials by Recipients on the next page). We have seen families and individuals without much hope transformed in some cases even into highly motivated entrepreneurs through a little moral and financial support provided by community members. We witnessed children with low esteem start to feel uplifted with the support they received from their community. Bait ul mal is an organization that focuses at bringing about such meaningful changes in the lives of individuals in the community.

Many believe that economic hard times are coming. Talks about inflation, recession and economic depression are becoming everyday norm. We are not economic experts but we do know that strong community bonds can make life much easier for everyone, and especially for the less fortunate amongst us, in their times of need.

The foundation of community spirit and values have been laid down and the caravan of Bait ul mal is on the move. We ask you to help the disadvantaged members of our community prosper by contributing any amount you can to Bait ul Mal. Check out our Web site [www.baitulmal.org](http://www.baitulmal.org) and you can see the various options available on how you can donate to help the community out of difficulties, illness and poverty.

All your donations are fully tax deductible as we are a non profit charitable organization registered in the State of WA. If you work for a company that matches your charitable donations, please take advantage of this provision. A little help from you can go a long way in providing valuable help and support to all the families living in the greater Seattle area. Allah will be pleased with you and you will cherish the moments of giving till eternity. Moreover, a better community will be an asset for our future generations.

We are really grateful to all of you who support the cause of Bait ul mal through your contributions and your volunteer work.

On behalf of the Bait ul Mal Steering committee we thank you all.  
May Allah bless and reward you manifold.

Jazak Allah Khair

Shah Nawaz  
Farida Hakim  
Lesley Ahmed

*"The believers, men and women are protectors, one of another: they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil. They observe regular prayers, practice regular charity, and obey Allah and His Apostle. On them will Allah pour His mercy, for Allah is exalted in Power, Wise"*

Qurán 9:71

## Bait ul Mal Pacific Northwest

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*BAIT UL MAL—A central place to give your zakat & sadaqa!*

### **Intention:**

To be accountable to Allah in serving the best interest of our community members as a non-profit central financial organization based on Qur'anic guidelines and the example of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

### **Mission:**

Strengthen and unify our community by supporting all eligible persons and organizations.

### **Vision**

A flourishing, self-sustaining environment with coordinated community services and resources, (zakat and sadaqa contributions)!

### **Bait ul Mal's Immediate Goals:**

1. Centralize and coordinate the 'giving' pillar of our faith by reviving the Bait ul Mal, which is the center of collection and distribution for zakat (charitable tax) and sadaqa (additional contributions)
2. Establish the structure, procedures and solid foundation for a financial/services organization in the greater Seattle area that can be replicated in other regions of the world and remain effective for centuries to come
3. Provide individual assistance to all eligible community members who are in need based on Qur'anic guidelines
4. Refer the community members to other available neighborhood resources

## Faith in Action by Medina Academy first grade students – an inspirational story....

The idea of this project came while we were learning about the Muslim manners and our topic about sharing.

The students learned from this topic the importance of sharing and became inspired to share; they understood Ithaar and became motivated to practice it.

*Ithaar is when you give away something you love to someone else who needs it.*

The idea of this project came when one of the students said, 'teacher Rehab I want to share my money and help the poor people' then I told all the students to collect money and put it in a can and call it "Alkawthar can". One of the students asked, 'what is Alkawthar teacher Rehab?' I replied to him and said, 'Alkawthar is a special river in Janna that was given to Prophet Mohammed, peace and blessings be upon him by Allah (SWT), and it is special because the Prophet himself will give you a drink from this river on the day of judgment.

The students collected the money and they hoped Allah (SWT) would let them drink from Alkawthar because they were sharing their money and decided to send this money to Bait ul mal. (\$253)



## TESTIMONIALS FROM THE RECIPIENTS:

- As salaamu Aleikum to my Muslim brothers and sisters whoever you are,

Jazak Allah khair to everyone at Bait ul mal and to everyone who makes a donation, may Allah give you all the highest level of Jannah. Maybe you don't know what your donations do, so let me tell you.

I'm the type of person who doesn't really like to bother other people with my troubles because I know that the person I talk to already has troubles enough of their own.

This time I was desperate. I was in serious danger, through a series of events, of losing my home. I contacted friends and family for assistance. None of them was able to help me. I was falling short of my goal of obtaining the funds necessary to keep me from being evicted and time was quickly running out.

The only thing I could think of, now, was to turn to my Muslim brothers and sisters so I contacted Baitulmal.org.

Allahu akbar, In less than 48 hours, my whole situation was completely turned around. I wrote an email to Bait ul mal which was promptly replied to. I sent the application, which was immediately reviewed and assistance was provided the next day. I was absolutely flabbergasted!! I never thought anything would happen in time, but Allahu Akbar, it did.

Within hours of learning of our troubles, I was contacted by the Bait ul Mal Steering Committee member. She speedily obtained our details and reviewed our application for aid and stayed in close contact. She went out of her way to ensure we had our home secured within 24 hours of our application. Praise to Allah for the for the generosity of BAIT UL MAL PNW.

Thank you so very much.

I'm a middle-aged woman and trying to find another place to live would be extremely difficult, not just physically, but emotionally as well. Because of YOU, you wonderful people, I get to stay in my home Alhamdulillah. Not only was there immediate financial help, there was also spiritual support with warm words of encouragement which was needed just as much.

Your donations DO matter. You touched another person and made a difference in their life. You know who you are. Allah knows who you are. If you haven't donated yet, please DO because it DOES make a difference. I am living proof of it.

Jazak Allah khair. I can't say it enough, may Allah give you all the highest level of Jannah.

You will be Always in my prayers.

*Shyamma*

- Salamualaykum,

Not everything goes as planned in this world, and sometimes you end up being the one in need of help. Alhamdulillah, I have been tested with being in need of assistance. At that point my good friend told me about Bait ul Mal.

I have come to Bait ul Mal twice for assistance. And in both those times my experience was nothing but pleasant and comforting. No one asks for trials in this world. But what ALLAH does ask of us is to help the needy, and to pay Sadaqa and do not hurt people whom you are helping by reminding them of their hardships. Alhamdulillah, Bait ul Mal has helped me in paying my utilities, and my rent. If it wasn't for Bait ul Mal, my electricity would have been cut off and we would have been getting evicted from our home.

I want everyone to know about Bait ul Mal. Whether you are looking to give in sadaqa, and you really want your money to go to those who truly need it, please donate to Bait ul Mal. If you are in need of help, don't be shy to go to Bait ul Mal. They will not hurt your feelings, or embarrass you for asking for help. After all, we are one ummah, and we help one another. With Bait ul Mal, this process becomes simple for both the givers of sadaqa and the one who receives it.

Thank you!

*Sister Sarah*

- I can not find the suitable words and phrases to say THANK YOU.  
With you I have felt warmth and kindness, I am very thankful for your help and support.  
*Raghad*

How your contributions are making a difference!

## End of the Year 2007 Report

### Sadaqa

Previous cash on hand: **\$ 2,210.48**  
Cash donations: 3,055.00  
Online PayPal donations: 2,280.40  
Total: **7,545.88**

### Zakat

Previous cash on hand: **\$ 404.66**  
Cash donations: 5,499.00  
Online PayPal donations: 5,439.42  
Total: **11,343.08**

Total Sadaqa and Zakat Donations as of December 31, 2007:

\$18,885.96

## Cash Disbursements

Sadaqa: \$4,195.29  
Zakat: 9,656.30  
Total: **13,760.59**

Bait ul Mal provided assistance for the following categories:

**Food, Rent, Medical, Utilities,  
Community Outreach Social Services,  
Transportation, Education—Tuition and  
books**



## Looking ahead to 2008!

We envision the community supporting Bait ul Mal by contributing your sadaqa even if it is five dollars a month on a regular basis!

Talk to the Imam of your Masjid, family and circle of friends to support Bait ul Mal.

We pray that all the Masajids will collaborate to help our community by joining Bait ul Mal with the intention of reviving the tradition of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him.

**Mashallah! First Masjid to offer support!**

Masjid Ar-Rahmah board members have agreed to donate a portion of their current sadaqa funds to Bait ul Mal .