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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته .

I was elected by the board members of IAS to fill the youth chair in September of 2016, it was an honour to take on this role.

I am no stranger to the community. Alhamdulillah I always helped on the frontline in the Masjid donating my time and effort to help make things better. I also have helped out with serving at functions and helped setting up for events.

In 2015, my relationship with community members grew and I have learned more and more. When our Syrian families arrived to Saskatoon I helped approximately 100 families settle in. I advised them and helped them feel part of the community. I organized transportation to bring them to the Masjid and also set up the gym with donations for the Syrian families to come and take what they can use or need.

I also helped out in the month of Ramadan during Taraweeh, setting up carpets delivering equipment. On Eid I helped rounding up volunteers to come and help us setup for Eid prayer

After Eid al-Fitr, I organized and set a successful festival which attracted over 1000 community families that came and joined for the BBQ, jumping castles, henna and face painting and other activities that everyone enjoyed and had fun. I put together a great team of volunteers that if it was not for them, the Eid Festival would not have been successful.

I helped with cleaning the Masjid property along side the youth and other community members. We rewarded the youth by taking them to Apex and they all had a great time.

Alhamdulillah I have built an excellent relationship with the youth and we connect, some share their problems with me and some help me out with any task I give them.

Since I have been elected for the Youth Chairperson, I have gotten to know the kids on a whole new different level and Ma'shaa'allah they are all unique in their own way. We set up Fridays after Isha for boy's sports of their choice for ages 13 and up, Saturday is for girls and Sundays we have girl's activities, Sundays we have boy's sports as well from ages 7 to 12.

My plan is to teach the youth teamwork, leadership and respect after all they are the future of the community.

I also worked along side Religious Affairs Chairperson, together we set up for the Sirat al Nabawe quiz competition which was an amazing event to see the families take part in.

We also do other things to help make the masjid a cleaner and better environment.

We also set up for the youth boys in the gym and girls in the library during the December break and we had the visiting imam sit with the boys and connect with them by answering questions which some of the boys are shy to ask their parent. In the library the girls were set up to have a Halaqa via skype with Sister Fatima Khamissa and after that pizza was served. It was great to see the youth sit calmly and take part.

As of today I am not just Youth Chairperson. I have also been selected to be the Head of Security and Parking Committee. So far we have not had any security issues Alhamdulillah and since then, the parking has gotten much better.

Whenever there is heavy lifting or items that were bought for the Masjid, I am always there to lend a hand and whenever there is heavy garbage to get rid of I am always there to help out.

I have also put up signs around the Masjid about keeping the masjid clean.

It has been an honour to get to know the community and to be on the frontline trying to make a difference and I would like to thank everyone who had the confidence in me to do so.

Jazakoum Allah Khair and may Allah unite us all.

Wa alsalam alaikoum

Your brother,
Aarif Jomha