



Ramadan Mubarak.

We are into the second Ramadan since the COVID pandemic begins. Although we are still not able to celebrate Ramadan as we first did at our then new center, this year Alhamdulillah, we are able to pray Tarawih. We are currently at the orange level where we can be up to 50% occupancy and keeping the 6 ft distance.

This pandemic has cause a serious financial challenge too many religious groups dependent on community donations. We are fortunate to have a small core of donors, some whom have left Santa Barbara many years ago that keeps us going.

Through-out this pandemic we still manage to hold Friday prayers, indoors and outdoors. Children classes are held via zoom. Tarawih is done on site or through zoom. We have Alhamdulillah around 50 members coming to pray Tarawih indoor while keeping at a safe distance from each other. InsyAllah more will come as more and more community members are vaccinated. We hope to restart the women's classes and many other activities in the near future.

Ramadan is the month of worship and charity. We need our entire community to help ISSB maintain our center and carry out activities.

We are looking for donors/sponsors for the following:

1. Stipend for Imam/Katib; \$1,000/month or \$12,000/annum
2. Stipend for Teacher (Sunday class); \$1,000/month or \$12,000/year
3. Utilities (water, gas, power & communication); \$450/month or \$4800/year
4. Maintenance, cleaning & landscaping; \$600/month or \$7200/year
5. Insurance, taxes and others; \$500/month or \$6000/year.

We also wish to remind the community that we have an obligation to additionally raise about \$54,000 a year for our Islamic Center. This funds are used to fund loans and scholarships to deserving students from our community to go to colleges and universities. We will have an in-person separate fund raiser for this summer when, InsyAllah, such gatherings will be safe. InsyAllah the first scholarship will be given out this year for a candidate going to a medical school.

We need everyone's help to make this happen. Every donation no matter the amount counts. If you are not able to donate financially, we appreciate you donating your time or prayers.

Donations can be made online through PayPal on www.islamsb.org, on Zelle at sbic93117@gmail.com or by cash or check. Please remember to write what you wish to donate for under notes. In person donations can also be made on Friday May 7th, after Friday prayers.

May Allah accept all your noble deeds and worship this blessed month of Ramadan.

Jazakallahu Khair