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SAMAA MISSION STATEMENT

“ To evidence the Islamic spirit of love, compassion and charity in providing a range of services to the aged of South Asian Muslims in NSW that best meet the physical, spiritual, cultural and emotional needs of the individuals, their families and the Muslim community”

TWO PROMINENT SOUTH ASIAN MUSLIMS PASSED AWAY

South Asian Muslim community lost two of its prominent members in June 2011.

The senior most South Asian Begum Aliya Khatoon passed away on 12 June. Aliya , the granddaughter of famous Urdu poet Ismail Merruti lived in Sydney for well over 30 years with her daughter Shahnaz Hyder, the noted ghazal singer and radio broadcaster. Born in north Indian city of Merrut in November 1910, Aliya migrated to Lahore during partition and then spent few years in Karachi and Beirut before arriving in Sydney. SAMAA had celebrated her 100th birthday at its annual event on 12 March 2011.

Begum Aliya Khatoon, lovingly called by many 'Ammi' had exceptional memory and will power. She remembered urdu poetry of many great poets. She served Sydney community in many ways. She taught Quran to many and graced many Mushairas and ghazal programmes in 70s, 80s and 90s. The Legislative Council of NSW Parliament passed a resolution on 22 June in memory of Begum Aliya Khatoon.

Few days later, Dr Syed Badar Qadri passed away on Thursday 16 June 2011. He left behind his wife Tanweer Qadri and three children Dr Usman Qadri, Pasha Qadri and Mustafa Qadri. Born in Hyderabad, India, Dr Qadri migrated to Pakistan and did his medicine from Dow Medical college, Karachi. He worked as a medical officer with a shipping company for a few years and then migrated to Australia in late 60s. Dr Badar Qadri played key roles in



Dr Syed Badar Qadri



Begum Aliya Khatoon

several community associations over the years and hosted several visiting dignitaries and national teams from Pakistan at his house in 70s, 80s and 90s. He was loved by everybody due to his humorous and affectionate nature.

UPCOMING EVENT: EID MILAN 2011

The annual event to mark Eid ul Fitr is scheduled to be held on **Sunday 11 September 2011, 11.30 am-3.30 pm** at **Auburn Town Hall**. Eid Milan is held each year to bring together South Asian elderly and their families, SAMAA members and volunteers to mark this most important religious festival of Muslim calendar. Eid is celebrated to mark the end of fasting period during the holy month of Ramadan.

Apart from lots of fun and entertainment such as Urdu poetry & songs, this event will also feature couple of talks on aged care issues.

At SAMAA, we are looking for talented elderly people who may be willing to present/perform on the stage. They will be encouraged to perform at SAMAA functions. For more information, Please ring **95439769**, 88246435 M 0414334613.

HAVE A BLESSED RAMADAN

SAMAA wishes all its elderly, volunteers, members, their families and the Muslim Community a peaceful and spiritually fulfilling Ramadan.

SAMAA SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CARE CONNECT

South Asian Muslim Association of Australia and a major service provider CareConnect signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 11 July 2011 at CareConnect office in Blacktown. The purpose of this MoU is to establish a general working agreement between the above named agencies as a framework for working in partnership on the Positive Ageing Grant and in support of all Community Aged Care services.

This MoU represents a non-legally binding expression of hope and intent for the listed agencies to work together to ensure quality aged care services for the South Asian Muslim elderly in various areas depending on availability of funding to CareConnect in the current Aged Care Approval Round (ACAR).

Background

The two agencies have expressed common interest and commitment to working together on providing information sessions about aged care services and positive ageing for the South Asian Muslim elderly community residing in the greater Sydney and regional areas.

Common Purposes and Workplace context

Care Connect is a not-for-profit organisation specialising in assessment, case management and brokerage service with funding provided by both State and Commonwealth Governments. CareConnect is a national organisation which operates in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

SAMAA aims to provide benevolent services to the Muslim elderly of South Asian Origin, negotiate their placement with provision of adequate care with existing aged care providers and build its own aged care facilities in long term.

Both agencies aim to provide quality information and aged care support services for the elderly South Asian Muslim community.

SAMAA and Care Connect agreed to cooperate in working towards enhancing access for older people from South Asian Muslim background to culturally and religiously appropriate care. SAMAA will introduce the Aged Care provider to the community members. It will also provide cultural briefings to the management and care staff.



Ms Marisa Galiazzo and Mrs Judy Jenkins from CareConnect and Mrs Mona Zahid & Dr Mohammad Ali Khan representing SAMAA signed the memorandum. Mr Zahid Jamil and Ms Syra Buksh of SAMAA and several staff members of CareConnect also attended the signing ceremony.

Mr Zahid Jamil thanked everybody and hoped that this collaboration will go a long way in providing aged care services to many South Asian Muslims living at their homes.

To learn more about CareConnect, please visit their website on www.careconnect.com.au

SAMAA ACKNOWLEDGED IN NSW PARLIAMENT



The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane, first Muslim MP delivered an adjournment speech on 12 May 2011 at the Legislative Council to acknowledge SAMAA. He said

"On 12 March 2011 at Auburn Town Hall I, along with the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon John Robertson, the shadow Attorney General, and shadow Minister for Justice, and member for Liverpool, Paul Lynch, the member for Auburn, other members of Parliament and many other distinguished community guests, attended the South Asian Muslim Association of Australia function known as Jashne Buzurg, or the Elderly Festival. The function was well attended by approximately 300 people, including many elderly, volunteers, officials from various non-government agencies, community representatives and members of the association. The South Asia Muslim Association of Australia is yet another community-based

organisation that is quietly contributing to the harmony and prosperity of our multicultural, multi-faith. It was certainly uplifting to see many older members of the community joining in the annual celebration, with the highlight being the 100th birthday celebration for Aliya Khatoon. I congratulate her and the organisation, and in this National Volunteer Week I congratulate all at the association on giving up their valuable time and making the effort to provide assistance to the elderly and those who are most in need ...

...SAMAA is a public benevolent institution that strives to provide services to the elderly and disabled. It carries out its mission by interacting with relevant government and non-government bodies and all people of goodwill to develop programs to enhance the human dignity of our elderly. It provides culturally appropriate care to south Asian elderly with the aim of offering relief from old age, sickness, incapacity and loneliness to members of this community who come from Subcontinent nations such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Afghanistan and people of Indian origin from other countries such as Fiji, South Africa, Malaysia, Singapore, and many others. Like many of our communities, encouraged by State and Federal policies of multiculturalism they have successfully maintained their cultural and religious traditions and are making significant contributions to peace and harmony in our society. The association is a fitting example of the success story of community harmony and volunteering, and it is definitely a multiculturalism success story. That is thanks to distinguished Commonwealth leaders such as Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser. Their contribution to, and support for, multiculturalism has kept this great community policy alive, with the full endorsement of the former Keneally Labor Government. Following changes from the principles of assimilation in the 1960s, through to the policy of integration and then to the definitive policy change in the 1970s, Australia has moved to embrace multiculturalism and enshrined it in legislation and in institutions. Organisations such as the South Asia Muslim Association continue to reinforce community harmony, volunteering and the multicultural vision espoused by people with such nation-building foresight...

...In the long term, the association aims to establish its aged care facilities such as a nursing home and a retirement village by raising funds through appeals and government grants. We must do what we can to help it. I have had the pleasure of working in the community field for more than 25 years, and have supported many wonderful community institutions that serve needy people. SAMAA's hard work, commitment and dedication to the community is commendable. Through its enhanced services the association has drawn people together by working towards a harmonious community, providing its members with the respect, the strengths and the dignity they deserve. Australia's diversity is our strength. Our future is determined by our capacity to capitalise on the strengths of multiculturalism and on the hard work and commitment of volunteers and community groups such as the South Asia Muslim Association. I take great pleasure in congratulating its members on their commitment and dedication to serving those most in need and wish them every success for many years to come."

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SAMAA-CARECONNECT WORKSHOPS

South Asian Muslim Association of Australia (SAMAA) & CareConnect are organising workshops on aged care issues. The workshops include talks by the experts and representations by aged care providers in the area.

The workshops are funded by Ageing, Disability and Home Care NSW as part of the Positive Ageing Grant 2011. Already workshops have been held at Blacktown, Brighton Le Sands, Hornsby and Campbelltown.

These workshops have been proving very popular with many elderly and their family members attending and finding it very informative and useful.

To register your interest:

Care Connect: Ivy Yen 029830 8905

SAMAA: Syra Buksh 02 88246435

M 0414334613

or email to samaa.inc@hotmail.com



The remaining workshops will be held as follows:

Thursday 28th July 2011
Liverpool City Library – Pink Room

Tuesday 13 September 2011
Richmond Community Centre

Tuesday 27th September
South Tweed Community Hall

Friday 30th September 2011
Rydges Central City Wollongong

Thursday 13th October 2011
Bankstown District Sports Club

Friday 14th October (1pm—4pm)
West Bathurst House

Please note that all sessions will run from 10am—1pm.
There is no charge for these sessions.
BRUNCH will be provided at all sessions.

YOUR DONATIONS TO SAMAA ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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We are pleased to announce that SAMAA has been endorsed as deductible gift recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Therefore your donations to SAMAA are now Tax Deductible.

Funds raised by SAMAA are utilized for the following two purposes.

i) BENEVOLENT SERVICE

This includes providing voluntary services to our elderly. The services include providing home help to the aged and infirm such as cook food for them and take them to doctors, shopping etc. Payments may be made to our volunteers for the work they do, for the expenses they incur in their travel etc or other related expenses. It also includes expenses relating to ancillary services such as arranging get togethers, information sessions and other voluntary services for the elderly. Such services help in alleviating loneliness amongst elderly and enhance their knowledge about healthcare and aged care services.

SAMAA requests community members to register themselves as volunteers and earn reward in this life and the life hereafter.

ii) ELDERLY HOME

The raised funds will be utilized for building our own aged care facilities. This is a long term objective which needs bigger amounts. Government grants will be sought to supplement this fund in building our aged care facilities.

In the interim, SAMAA has signed MoUs with two nursing homes in Sydney to provide religious and cultural appropriate care to South Asian Muslims. Please contact SAMAA if you are seeking admission for an elderly into a nursing home.

Please donate to SAMAA by sending cheques or depositing your donations in SAMAA account.

A/C Name: South Asian Muslim Association of Australia Incorporated.

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Please send us an email with your postal address to confirm your deposit so that a receipt could be sent to you.