

IN REMEMBRANCE OF: MAHBOOB KHAN

A tireless champion of oppressed Muslims everywhere, Mahboob Khan devoted his life to serving Muslims and the cause of Allah. He was a committed worker for the cause of Kosovar Muslims. He was the founder of the American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice that joined other American organizations in taking relief and supplies to Iraq. He was also an active member of the Indian Muslim Relief Committee (IMRC) of ISNA.

Dr. Khan was born on March 31, 1939 in Madras, India. He migrated to Boulder, CO in 1966 to complete his masters and doctoral degrees in solid-state physics.

As a student, Dr. Khan was active in establishing the Muslim Students Association (MSA) of USA and Canada, that later transformed into the Islamic Society of North America, and served as its west zone representative. He also served on the board of the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). Upon moving to California, Dr. Khan worked to establish the Islamic Society of Orange County (ISOC) that eventually included an Islamic center, a mosque and an elementary school. He also served as president of ISOC. After moving to San Jose, he immersed himself in establishing the Muslim Community Association (MCA) which, under his leadership, established two mosques, an Islamic center and the Granada Islamic School. He served as president and board chairman of MCA.

Mahboob Khan passed away on the 16th of April 1999, and is missed by all who knew him. Inna Lillahi we Inna Ileyhi Rajiuun. May Allah protect his family and his five children.

The Community Service Recognition Award is given in remembrance of the great efforts and achievements of Dr. Mahboob Khan, and to serve as an example and inspiration to others.

AWARD RECIPIENT: IMAN ABUSAUD ELKADI

Iman Abusaud Elkadi is a humble woman whose accomplishments and work are visible through the many individuals who benefited from her, either during lecture, a personal conversation, or simply by knowing her. By learning details about her impact from other people around the country and even around the world, it is evident that she has left a strong impression on many people through the quiet but powerful way she lives her faith. She continues to impact lives not only through personal and professional interactions, but has been able to reach more people through her column "Matters of the Heart," which ran for several years in America's Muslim Family magazine.



While a great deal of her work is public service, teaching others about parenting, healthy relationships, and serving Allah (SWT), an even greater bulk of her work lies behind the scenes. She tirelessly provided the support that allowed her husband to make his significant contributions. When he invited people to stay in their home (which often doubled as a hotel, shelter, home for teens who were giving their parents trouble and guest house), she was the one who made it possible for these guests to feel at home for their extended visits.

She is a personal inspiration to us all, demonstrating that it is never too late to go back to school, start a career, develop new talents, and continue to make a difference in this world.



AWARD RECIPIENT: DR. ILHAM ALTALIB

Dr. Ilham Altalib is a pioneer, reformer and humanitarian, who devoted her resources and energy and dedicated her time and life for the sake of Allah, the Quran, her family and the global Muslim community.

Born in Mosul, Iraq in a humble home in 1942, she was taught "we are all children of Adam and the most loved by God is the one who does good unto others". It was from here that Dr. Altalib understood that her mission in life was to dedicate herself to helping, educating and caring for the ill and disadvantaged, and decided to pursue her medical degree at Baghdad University.

Her family migrated to the United States in 1968, settling in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Altalib pursued a second medical specialization in pathology and began her journey as an activist in the Muslim community in the West.

Her journey with the MSA, and Muslim organizations took her around the world, working hand in hand as partners, and as a team with her fellow sisters they achieved the unthinkable, organizing and establishing educational and religious retreats for Muslim women and girls worldwide.

In her official capacity as the Chairperson of MSA's Women's Committee; Women's Representative of IIFSO; Director and Member of the Board of Trustees for the International Muslim Women Society; and Member of the Board of Trustees for ADAMS, Dr. Altalib participated in numerous interfaith panel discussions and was a regular contributor on TV programs on medical issues, such as Abortion, Organ Transplants, and cloning.

Dr. Altalib currently remains engaged in what she loves and cherishes the most, learning and teaching the Holy Quran, by actively contributing to two weekly tafseer and Quran study groups.