

As-Salāmu `Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am chairman of the building and fund raising committee of The Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton and would appreciate your help. We are a small Muslim community located in south west Florida (Sarasota and Bradenton) and are in a desperate situation. We have been praying in a very small, extremely old and dilapidated, pre-fabricated building for almost 20 years. This building is extremely small for our rapidly growing population. Several years ago we embarked on the possibility of building a new Masjid and Islamic center that will provide us with all the facilities that we may need for years to come.

With the grace of almighty Allah we have completed almost two thirds of the project; however, we are in a desperate need of approximately \$ 800K to complete this Masjid. We are currently unable to utilize the facility because we cannot obtain a certificate of occupancy until the project is totally complete as per county code regulations. We may have to board-up the partially completed building until the rest of the funds are available.

I am sure that you receive fund raising requests from all parts of the country, and perhaps you may have needs for your own center; however, please think about our desperate situation. If you are interested in reviewing the Masjid project, you may look us up on the web at www.issb.net and make a contribution either on the web or as per the attached form. Please open your hearts and donate generously and surely Allah will reward you for your efforts.

Wassalaam,

Liaquat Allarakhia, M.D.
Chairman
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