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### Muslim Community Center for Human Services

The Muslim Community Center for Human Services (MCCHS), is a non-profit organization founded in 1995 to meet the social service needs of the area Muslim community. Since its inception, it has grown from serving the needs of Muslim immigrants to offering a variety of medical and social services to a diverse population that includes various religions, ethnicities and backgrounds. All services are free.

Located in Richland Hills, MCCHS' mission is to empower underserved communities residing in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, and to face complex challenges created by duality of culture and lack of appropriate medical and social services. To that end, MCCHS has targeted three program areas: health services, family social services, and education/awareness.

In 1998 the Center established a clinic that offers treatment regardless of color, race, religion or the ability to pay. Last year it served more than 1,000 patients. Other services include a 24-hour telephone helpline, services for victims of domestic



Dr. Ahmed, Chairman, MCC for Human Services and Dr. Saran, Ophthalmologist from Arlington with medical students from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine who participated in the Health Fair.

and child abuse and a computer training program. Also, it sponsors health fairs and seminars on topics ranging from breast cancer prevention to senior citizen-related issues.

MCCHS partners with the Arlington Night Shelter to provide meals on a monthly basis; breakfast twice each month and a dinner twice a year.

The Center does not receive funds from governmental grants, only a small grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer educational programs. Ninety percent of the Center's work is done by volunteers. Funds are raised through the contributions of individuals.



North Hill Hospital staff doing a blood sugar and cholesterol screening on a participant



Physician discussing a health fair participant's blood sugar and blood pressure report