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MCC 3RD ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR IN RICHARDSON

MAYOR OF RICHARDSON VISITS THE HEALTH FAIR

On Saturday, March 13, 1999 the Muslim Community Center for Human Services held its 3rd annual Health Fair at the Bible Fellowship Community Church in Richardson between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Driven by the intention to make this year's Health Fair bigger and better than previous MCC fairs, the brothers and sisters who participated paid every effort to provide better and more organized

services.

The Fair's activities were divided among several rooms and halls with specific functions. The first booth that visitors stopped by was for registration, where attendees filled out forms stating current information about themselves. This information will be used by MCC to create a folder for each visitor with results obtained from test performed at the



From left: Imam Yusuf Kavakci of IANT, Mayor Slagel of Richardson, Dr. Basheer Ahmed, MCC Chairman and Dr. Chawdhary, Fair Coordinator.

fair. This will make future check ups and diagnosis much easier. One of the guests in this year Health Fair was Mayor of Richardson Mr.

Slagel and Dr. Imam Yusuf Ziya Kavakci of IANT. More than 400

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patients came from all different areas of the Metroplex.

Fair functions included blood screening tests including blood pressure, cholesterol and sugar levels. Full blood chemistry lab work was also provided for those patients who needed full chemistry data. Women were able to have consultation with female physicians.

Other functions included pediatric care, dental and Eye examination, which was offered for the first time during the Health Fair events, and several educational seminars on diabetes, cancer, heart disease and stroke.

All services at the Fair were provided by more than 20 of physicians including 2 non-Muslim physicians, nurses and the efforts of many volunteering young men and women of the local Muslim community. Dr. Sultan Chawdhry was the main coordinator with all the physicians who attended the Health Fair.

Community Voice met with Doctor Basheer Ahmed who is the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Muslim Community Center for Human Services. He said "Many people in this country and among our community in particular do not receive health care, mainly because they can't afford it. A lot of people are suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes." "We will hopefully arrange the next Health Fair on the new facilities of the Dallas Central Mosque Inshaa' Allah." Dr. Basheer added. He also said "We offered free check up exams for the people to guide them and tell them what to do if they have any disease or health problem."

Among the crowd was Br. Mahammed Suleman, member of the IANT Board of advisors. "It was very good and succesful event. Although the weather was very cold, a lot of people showed up" Br. Suleman said. "We thank the people of North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship for letting us using their facilities. We do have very good relation with them", He added.

Generally speaking, this year's Health Fair was a very successful service of the Muslim Community Center for Social Services with an increasing number of attendance and a professional level of service for the community.