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Newsletter - Issue 1 (February 2016)

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How Your Gifts Help...

- Provide emergency help through our 24-hour crisis hotline

- Provide food and clothing for a family at the Peaceful Oasis Shelter

- Help a family achieve self-sufficiency by providing

Assalaamu Alaikum (Peace be with you),



Thank you to everyone who attended our 11th Annual Fundraising event on January

23, 2016. Your presence made it one of our most successful dinners yet! We had a sold out event with over 370 wonderful supporters and friends attending. You donated generously towards TMWF Services, and affirmed that our programs are filling the critical need of our community and society at large.

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor: **BB&T Bank**; Platinum Sponsor: **Serena Simmons Connelly** and our keynote speaker, **Azhar Azeez**. Their remarks and presence were instrumental in helping us show the impact of partnerships on TMWF programs and inspired other guests to give generously in support of our work. Additionally we were extremely grateful to the committed [agencies, organizations and family foundations](#) who came with their guests to support TMWF. (Gold Sponsor: Sabri Sheikh, M.D., Silver Sponsors: American Muslim Bar Association of North Texas, Islamic Relief, Locke Lord, LLP and other generous supporters including: the Harold Simmons Foundation, Human Rights Initiative, Rasheed Family Foundation, Tabani Foundation, The Qaiser Jahan Najmi Memorial Fund, Safe Conversations, The Sister Fund, Sunbonnet, and the Islamic organizations of North Texas: IACC, EPIC, ICNA Sisters, MAS, MIA, IALFM).

Those in attendance witnessed the dedication and commitment of staff, Board Members and volunteers supporting each of TMWF's programs as they heard first hand accounts of bridges built through the Islamic Art Revival Series, constructive and positive interactions across faith through Interfaith Outreach, youth mobilized in service and civic engagement through Youth Leadership Development, and stories of hope and healing through the moving testimonies of two survivors of Domestic Violence. These powerful stories showed the extent and depth of TMWF programs in fostering peace and well-being within the lives of

transitional housing, food or transportation

[And so much more...](#)

**Matching Donations**

Does your company provide Matching Gifts? Contact your Human Resources and name TMWF as your charity of choice!

**Help TMWF while you shop with these retailers:**

- [Kroger](#) (charity #90370)
- [Tom Thumb](#) (charity #12688)
- [AmazonSmile](#)

Your contribution to Peace in the Home will help us provide safety, shelter and aid to families in need!



Listen to our "Peace in the Home" show on [Radio Azad](#)

Every Wednesday between 11am-12pm

**Latest Shows....**

[Child Custody and Child Support with Attorney Shmyla Alam](#)

[Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas with Jennifer Bartkowski](#)

[Opportunities for Youth in Plano with Mayor LaRosiliere](#)

[Click here](#) to listen to past shows!

individuals and society as a whole.

We hope that this event will leave a lasting impression on our supporters and will encourage them to continue giving generously to make TMWF programs sustainable for the coming years. **Our fundraising efforts are focused on ensuring the long term feasibility of TMWF programs and services along with the ongoing operations of the organization.** With your support, TMWF will continue to bring peace, dignity and renewed hope for the community's most vulnerable members, promise of a brighter future with committed, engaged and civically active youth, education to build strong community, and effective interfaith/outreach to build a harmonious society!

We truly appreciate all the friends and supporters who contributed to the success of our 11th Annual Fundraiser by donating financial contributions, valuable time, expertise. Your donations will help us continue [our services](#).

If you were unable to attend or would like to make an additional donation, you are invited to make a gift by visiting our [online donation page](#).

**Our life changing work wouldn't be possible without you! With your help, we are able to accomplish our mission of empowering, promoting and supporting ALL women and their families.**

**THANK YOU for Building Communities of Peace!**

With deepest gratitude,  
*Hind Jarrah, Ph.D.*  
Executive Director

**Texas Muslim Women's Foundation**



Watch our short video to learn more about our accomplishments.

Thank you to our  
Supporters



Serena Simmons  
Connelly

Sabri Sheikha

### TMWF Featured on "Plugged In To DFW" on CBS 21



TMWF received a great recognition this month! An entire episode - all four segments - of the weekly program "Plugged In To DFW" on local CBS Channel 21 highlighted **TMWF services and programs**. [Click here](#) to watch.

**We are extremely grateful to producer Suzanne Machesky** ([scmachesky@cbs.com](mailto:scmachesky@cbs.com)) and **journalist Karen Borta** ([karenb@ktvt.com](mailto:karenb@ktvt.com)) for giving us the opportunity to present the work of TMWF. Please send an email to thank these wonderful ladies.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Texas Muslim Women's Foundation

*Mother's Day Luncheon*

Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
11:30am - 1:30pm  
Gleneagles Country Club  
5401 W. Park Blvd  
Plano, TX 75093

*More details coming soon!*

### Social Services

With your invaluable support the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation continues to be a leader in the fight against this tragedy that has an impact on us all. Many clients who come to our Peaceful Oasis shelter have been through a very traumatic experience and with the help of our compassionate case managers, counselors and legal counsel, they are able to

rebuild their lives in a safe, peaceful environment.

Clients come to us from different backgrounds, cultures and with varied life experiences. We get a glimpse into their lives and see the immense strength and resilience of women in extremely difficult circumstances. It is awe-inspiring.

- TMWF Case Manager Testimonial

TMWF provides comprehensive services for victims of Domestic Violence regardless of faith, ethnic background and race. These include case management, counseling, legal representation and financial empowerment and are provided through:

- TMWF's outreach office (for non-residential clients) and
- 24 hour Peaceful Oasis shelter (up to 90 days)
- Transitional housing (up to 2 years) for victims and their children needing residential services

**Need Help? Call our Hotline at 972-880-4192.**

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## Education

Our **Educational** programs were developed to create an awareness of topics which impact our daily lives. By supporting the integration of learning and experience we hope to improve well-being within and beyond the Muslim community. We support the development of critical life skills and strategies to enhance well-being. In addition, we offer the community access to information and knowledge about topics to help broaden their understanding of Muslim-Americans and Islam.

Contact us at [tmwf@tmwf.org](mailto:tmwf@tmwf.org) to join the mailing list to receive notification of our upcoming "Ladies Only" monthly luncheons. These luncheons feature amazing guest speakers on topics including: culture, finance, art and much more.



*Weaving Workshop, IARS Experience*

In 2016 we hope to continue organizing and hosting events throughout the year to bring Islamic Art to Texas. Islamic Art Revival Series (IARS) builds bridges using the universal beauty of Islamic art as a connector and translator across generations and cultures. Through Islamic Art events we promote education in the arts of the Islamic world and encourage vibrant cross-cultural exchange among all faiths and cultures. Events include film screenings, festivals, art exhibits, performances, lectures and workshops which will serve as a vehicle for people of all ages and backgrounds to interact in an enjoyable, educational environment.

**IARS is committed to the foundational value of inclusive diversity.**

For more information please visit [www.islamicartrevival.com](http://www.islamicartrevival.com) or email [info@islamicartrevival.com](mailto:info@islamicartrevival.com).

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### Youth Leadership Development

By organizing monthly meaningful and impactful volunteer projects as well as holding leadership training workshops, we are paving the way for our youth to grow into compassionate, socially engaged and active leaders for society.



*Volunteers at the National Day of Service event on MLK Day*

We would like to **thank everyone** for volunteering and/or providing food and other items for the National Day of Service - Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday January 18, 2016 at the Beacon of Light facility operated by Masjid Al-Islam.

Without everyone's help, we could not have provided meals, socks and other items for those at the Beacon of Light facility and for off-site refugees. **With more than 80 volunteers, we were able to provide a hot meal, new socks, and gently used items to individuals and families in need.** We truly appreciate the partnership with the ICNA Sisters and their consistent help for these activities. We also would like to thank the FEMA Americorps NCCC group, United Methodist Church of Flower Mound, Bahai Group of Lewisville/Flower Mound, the Valley Ranch Masjid youth, and members from all over the metroplex for their contributions as well.

We had great representation in this combined effort from all over the Metroplex. We also had some exchange students join us today from other countries! Alhamdulillah (All praise is to God)

Thanks also to the Masjid Al-Islam members who supported this effort today and provided the location for our event. Check out photos of the event on our [Facebook](#).

May God be pleased with our positive efforts! Ameen.

### Upcoming Events:

#### February 20

[Heritage Gardens Elderly Center Volunteer Activity](#)

2135 Denton Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006

9am-11am

#### February 26

[Dallas Mavericks vs. Denver Nuggets Basketball Game](#) - TMWF TICKETS SOLD OUT!

Stay up to date with our future activities by visiting our [Facebook page](#)!

*Thank you for supporting TMWF Youth!*

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### Interfaith Outreach

TMWF continues to be a beacon of peace building and friendship among all faith communities. We represent many countries with a Muslim presence and are a model for the benefits of valuing diversity.

**The 2nd Community**...creating a multi-faith community for sharing faith stories "freely and fearlessly".

Hosted by Northaven United Methodist Church, The 2nd Community events serve to facilitate a respectful understanding of the beliefs and practices of others and, in so doing, enriching one's own faith perspective.

**Topic:** *Owning Violence: Affirming Non-Violence* - "We have met the enemy and he[she] is us" by Pastor Eric Folkerth

**Date:** Monday February 8, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM CST

**Venue:** Northaven United Methodist Church  
11211 Preston Road  
Dallas, TX 75230-3457

Reverend Eric Folkerth, Senior Pastor of Northaven United Methodist Church, will provide an overview of our theme for the year, *Owning Violence: Affirming Non-Violence*, focusing on the perplexing persistence of violence among human beings, including the paradox of violence within and between religious cultures, and the deep wisdom of religious traditions that have the potential for being a counter-force for peace and for actively making a difference in reducing violence for current and future generations.

The **ten monthly sessions of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Community in 2016 (February-November)** will explore an informed understanding of violence from various perspectives.

[Register Now](#)

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## Safe Conversations Workshop

**We are very happy to bring to your attention this major upcoming social event.**

### Safe Conversations® Feb 13th (Valentine's) Weekend Event

with Drs. Harville Hendrix and Helen LaKelly Hunt

**Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2016

**Venue:** Coliseum at Fair Park & Centennial Hall. The event will also be **streamed live to 6 locations throughout DFW Metroplex.**

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Admission: Free and Lunch will be provided free. Pre-registration is required.** Children are welcome.

*Childcare, Youth and Teen Program, Food, Drink and Entertainment provided.*

[Click here](#) for more information in Spanish and English.

As Imam Khalid Shahid of Masjid Al-Islam stated in his letter to the North Texas Community -

*"Safe Conversations has extended a great invitation to our faith communities to join in a highly acclaimed, globally recognized Safe Conversation's interactive all day workshop broadcasted to over 30 nations worldwide, designed to build deeper connections at home (marriages), with families, individuals, between organizations and cultures."*

**Spend the day with relationship experts Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D., who will teach you dynamic new communication techniques to strengthen your relationship, making it better than ever.** You will spend the day learning tools and practicing ways to communicate in a more loving and effective way.

Relationship Education programs strengthen the family by teaching people how to succeed in their unions. Healthy couples create healthy families, which in turn nurture successful children who perform well in school. This ultimately creates healthier communities!

[Register Now](#)

Relationship experts Helen LaKelly Hunt, PhD., and Harville Hendrix PhD., are NY Times bestselling authors, and are the co-creators of Imago Relationship therapy, which has been practiced by thousands of therapists in 37 countries. Helen and Harville have co-founded a new movement called Safe Conversations® that takes therapeutic quality relationship skills out of the clinic and into the general population.

The Safe conversation workshop techniques are based on the works of Dr. Harville Hendrix and Dr. Helen Hunt. One of Harville's books on relationships was a best seller and sold millions worldwide. He appeared on The Oprah Winfrey show **18 times**. They have trained 2500 therapist worldwide and are experts in the relationship field.

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