

Spring 2020 Outreach Activities



Northern Virginia

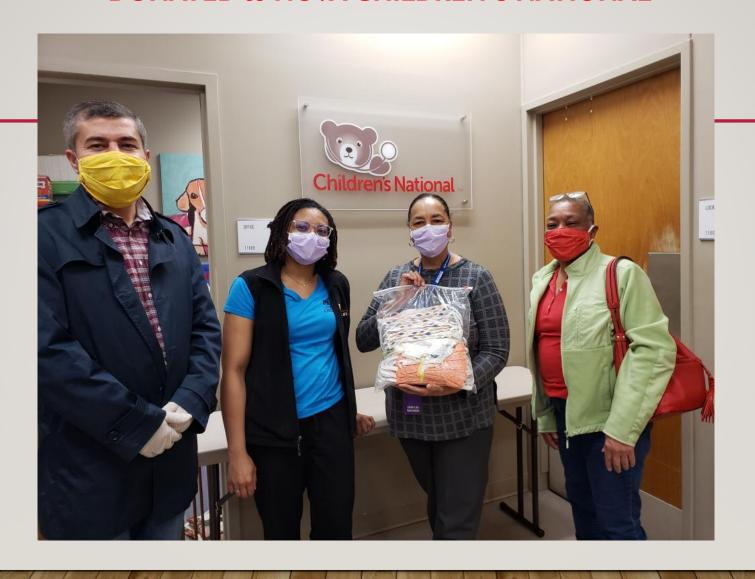
800 HANDMADE FACE MASKS DONATED to BIRMINGHAM GREEN NURSING HOME





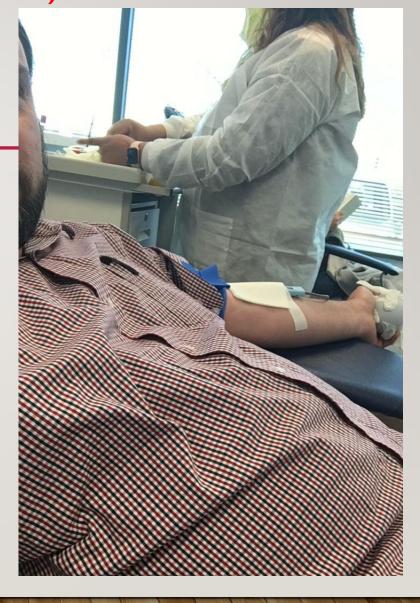


AROUND 100 HANDMADE FACE MASKS DONATED to NOVA CHILDREN'S NATIONAL

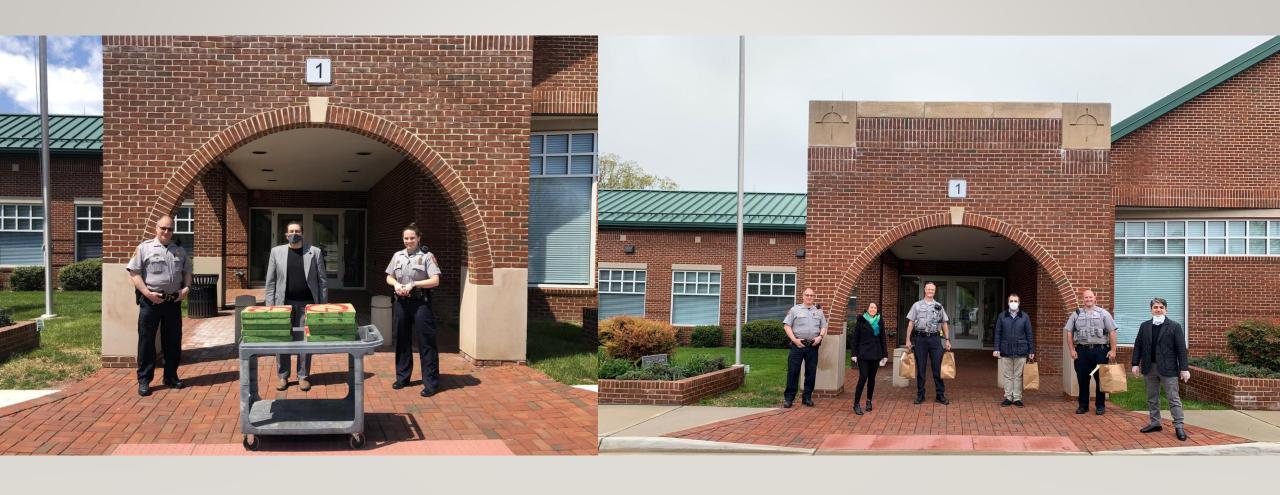


3 VOLUNTEERS MADE BLOOD and PLASMA (4 UNITS EACH) DONATION to the RED CROSS





LUNCH SERVED to SULLY POLICE STATION by ATFA and LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS



GIFT CARDS GIVEN to 10 FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRFAX CO. DEPT. of FAMILY SERVICES

LUNCH SERVED to FAIRFAX CO. HEALTH DEPARTMENT



HELPED for FOOD PACKAGING at BULL RUN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH for AROUND 100 PEOPLE





50 EID CANDY BAGS DONATED to BULL RUN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Our food pantry families will find a special treat in their bags this week, courtesy of my wonderful friends Angela Ayaz and Mehmet Ayaz on behalf of the Hizmet community.

Thank you so much for donating your leftover Eid bags to our pantry!

I know that these will bring much joy to the children of these families. Eid

Mubarak! 💗 🐇 🔇 😚











Southern Virginia

1300+ HANDMADE FACE MASKS DONATED to

- Sentara Cancer Center Virginia Beach (400)
- Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church Richmond (200)
 - Autumn Care Norfolk (200)
 - Princess Anne Hospital Virginia Beach (120)
 - Community Chapel Williamsburg (250)
- Neighbors and Senior Citizens (through Foodbank) (125)







600 HANDMADE FACE MASKS DONATED to

- Children's National Hospital Fredericksburg (100)
 - Mercy Chefs Norfolk (100)
 - Emergency Medical Services (100)
 - Prison System/Correction Facilities/Jails (300)

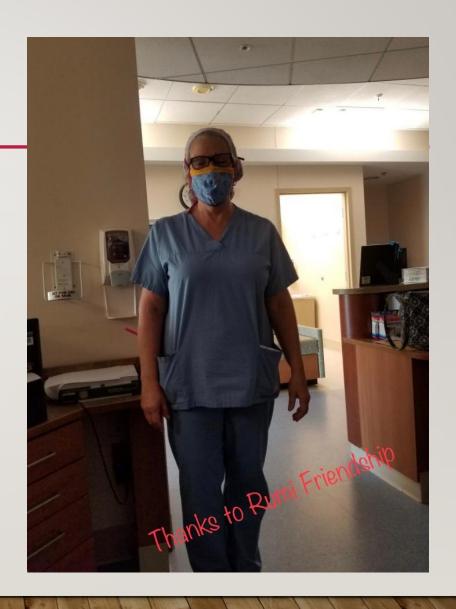




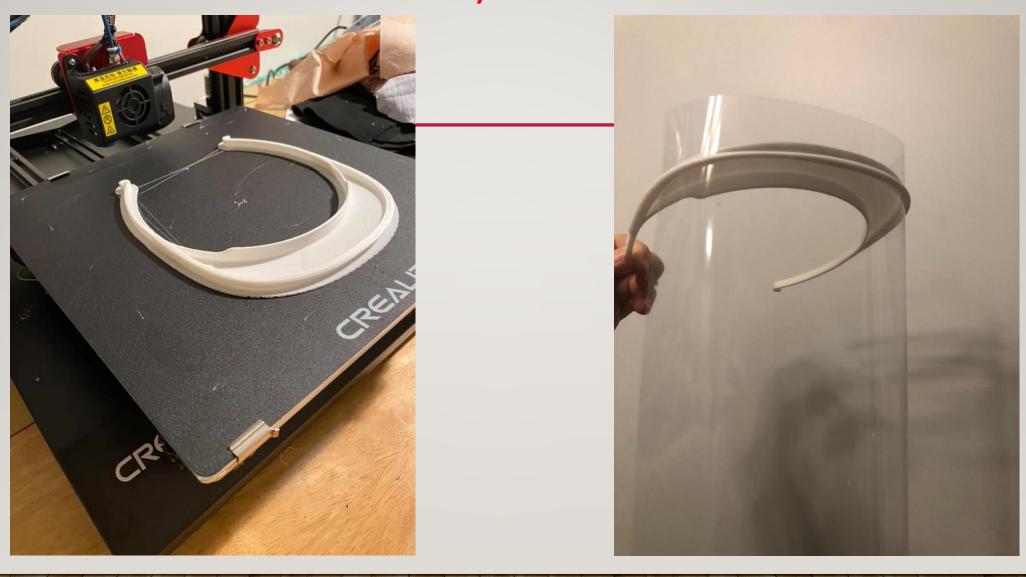


HEALTHCARE WORKERS and PATIENTS RECEIVING HANDMADE FACE MASKS





100 FACE-SHIELDS PREPARED by a 3-D PRINTER



20 HANDMADE FACE MASKS DONATED to U.S. NAVY SAILORS in VIRGINIA BEACH

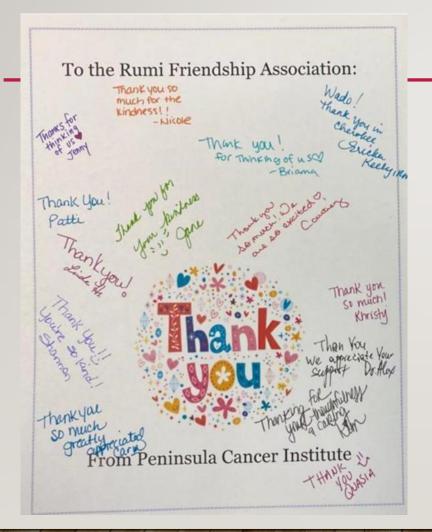


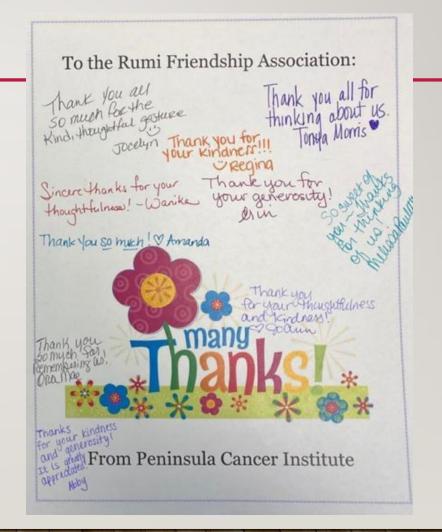


Thank you SO SO MUCH for donating and helping my husband's fellow sailors with these masks! They are great quality and I love the pocket for the filter on the side of the mask. They fit absolutely perfect and have the most comfortable ear loops. I HIGHLY RECOMMENDED you to everyone that I know and to all the sailors at THANK YOU AGAIN!!... Devamini Gör



LUNCH SERVED to HEALTHCARE WORKERS at PENINSULA CANCER INSTITUTE in NEWPORT NEWS





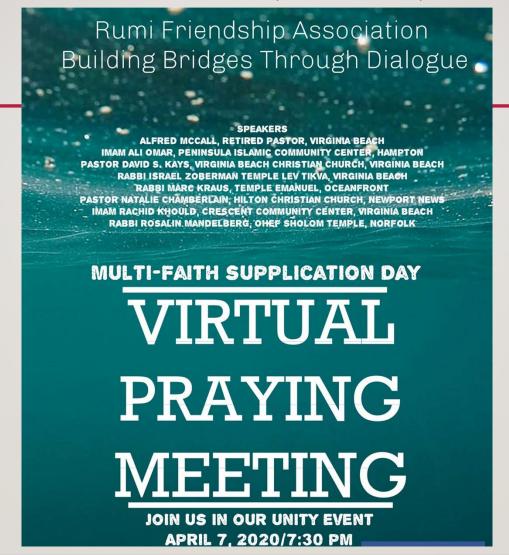
1050 LUNCH BOXES PREPARED with MERCY CHEFS for PEOPLE IN NEED



35 LUNCH BOXES SERVED to YORK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



VIRTUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER with RELIGIOUS LEADERS from VIRGINIA BEACH, HAMPTON, NORFOLK and NEWPORT NEWS



VIRTUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER with RELIGIOUS LEADERS from VIRGINIA BEACH, HAMPTON, YORKTOWN and NEWPORT NEWS





Washington, DC





Rumi Forum Presents:

Virtual Coffee Night Series

Americans Immersed in COVID-19 News



J. Baxter Oliphant Senior Researcher at Pew Research Center

> Monday, April 13, 2020 6:00 - 7:00 pm



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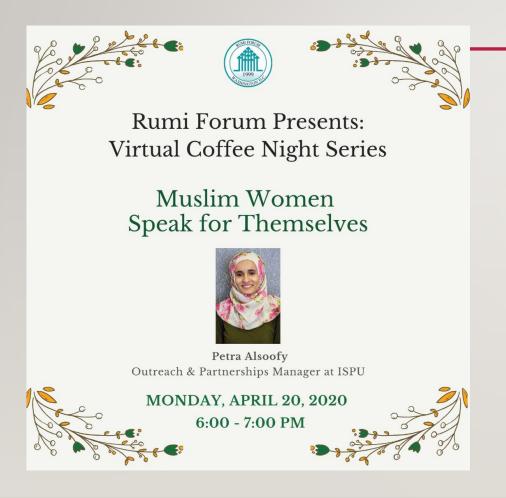
Faith in American Public Life: Confronting Controversies, Cultivating Common Ground

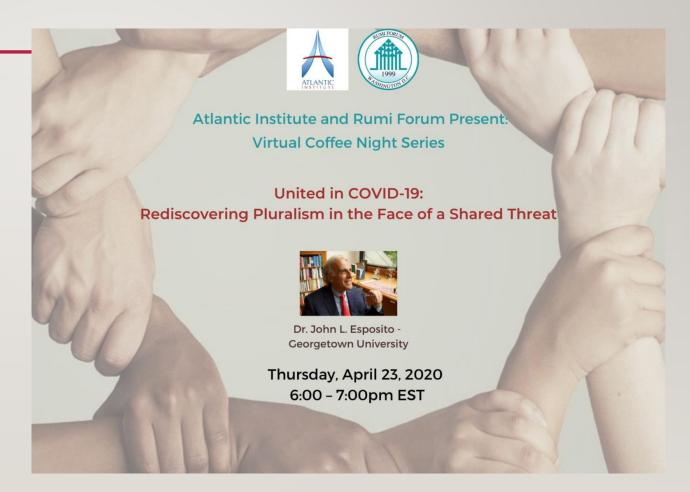


MELISSA ROGERS
VISITING PROF. AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, April 15th 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.







"Interfaith Encounters: A model of building bridges in Israel and Palestine" with Dr. Yehuda Stolov – Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA)



VIRTUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER SERIES





Join us for an hour of prayer

Multi-faith Supplication

APRIL 22, 2020 I 5:00 PM

Rabbi Bruce Aft
Angela Ayaz
Rev. Joseph Grieboski
Rev. Ruth Hamilton
Rev. Leonard Hamlin
Simran Singh Khalsa
Rabbi Jack Moline

Rev. Deborah Dickison Porras

VIRTUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER SERIES

"National Day of Prayer"



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Imam Mehmet Ayaz
Institute of Islamic Studies

Fr. Pat Conroy, SJ
US House of Representatives

Fr. Joseph Grieboski Old Catholic Church

Rabbi Jack Moline Interfaith Alliance

Rev. Rob Schenck
The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute

Simran Singh KhalsaSikh Dharma International

Ma Nithya Dhyanatmananda Swam Shrikailasa Nation

EVENTS DURING RAMADAN



ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE? SHARE YOUR RAMADAN STORY!



#RamadanStoryChallenge

Take out Your Camera!

CAPTURE YOUR STORY



Everyone welcome of all faiths and none!

Share your most memorable Ramadan stories!



Use hashtag #RamadanStoryChallenge and tell us about your Ramadan traditions, experiences, plans, hopes, and reflections. Max 2 min video, photos, or a story could be a way for the WORLD to hear the story of your life.

SHARE WITH THE WORLD



Use the Hashtags

Sky is the limit. On any social media platform mark your piece with hashtag

#RamadanStoryChallenge, tag Rumi Forum. and identify the location where you share your story from. (If you don't use social media, please send us. We will share it)

** RamadanStoryChallenge with

City/State/Country

Find Rumi Forum on Social Media

Twitter @rumiforum

Instagram @rumiforum

Facebook @rumiforumDC



Every story adds up. Let's make a

CHALLENGE A FRIEND

snowball effect. Tag a friend and invite him/her to share their narrative. Join us to expand this colorful rejoice through out the WORLD!



VIRTUAL RAMADAN IFTAR SERIES

with members and friends of Beth El Synagogue, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Sikh Foundation of Virginia, Ohef Sholom Temple, and many more



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IBRAHIM BEY QUOTED on VOICE OF AMERICA's RAMADAN STORY



US News

Press Freedom Coronavirus Outbreak

VOA News on



















Muslims Preparing for Very Different Ramadan



By Kenneth Schwartz April 23, 2020 07:40 AM



SPECIAL PROJECT



INTRODUCING RUMI FORUM'S NEW LOOK



We are pleased to launch our new look!

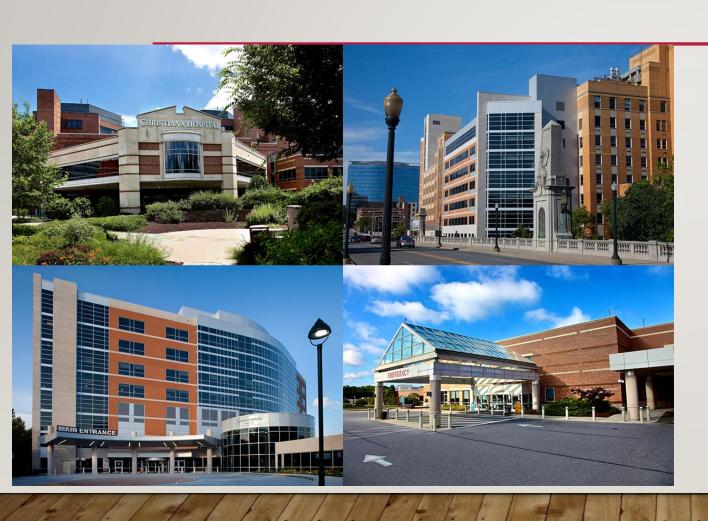
Everything about yesterday has gone with yesterday. Today it is needed to say new things.

~Rumi~



Delaware

DONATIONS to CHRISTIANA CARE HEALTH SYSTEM



- 4 boxes of hand sanitizer,
- 6 boxes of latex gloves,
- 350 N95 surgical masks,
- 50 safety goggles and face shields, with some other health safety materials.



Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants

50 LUNCH BOXES SERVED to UMD MEDICAL CENTER MIDTOWN CAMPUS in BALTIMORE





May 11, 2020

MARTI Organization 6470 Dobbin Road, Suite C Columbia, Md. 21045

Dear MARTI Organization,

On behalf of the Residency program here at the University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown campus, we would like to sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the delicious meal that was provided to us on Thursday, May 7th. For the residents and students, to just be able to take a few minutes to enjoy such a wonderful meal goes a long way during these difficult times here at the hospital.

Again, thank you for your kindness and your support during such difficult times. We truly appreciate it. Stay Safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Wanda du Clos

Executive Assistant to Dr. Chow



40 LUNCH BOXES SERVED to UNION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL in BALTIMORE







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60 LUNCH BOXES SERVED to HOWARD CO. POLICE DEPARTMENTS in LAUREL and ELLICOTT CITY





\$530 DONATED to COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL of HOWARD CO.



Bita Dayhoff, President

4/24/2020

Serhat Yilmaz Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants, Inc. 6470 Dobbin Road, Suite C Columbia, Maryland 21045-4767

Dear Mr. Serhat Yilmaz,

In a matter of days, many of our lives have been turned upside down. The evolving situation and management of COVID-19 has challenged our community in ways we have never experienced. Many of our friends and neighbors have been left wondering how they can pay their bills and how they will obtain food with school closures or reduced income.

But also in a matter of days, a community responded to crisis by coming together to take care of their own. You provided it quickly, responding to the urgent needs of your neighbors and enabling us to continue critical care for those most in need. This is the silver lining we often look for in a crisis. In a time of fear and uncertainty, we are comforted by those who responded with great love.

As the designated anti-poverty organization in our community, we are the "go to" entity for the most vulnerable residents of our community. As you recall, CAC became the central point of service during the two most recent floods of 2016 and 2018 and we remain committed to that level of high quality and immediate service. On behalf of the Community Action Council of Howard County Board, Staff and Clients I would like to say thank you for your generous donation of \$530.00 on 4/20/2020. We could not do this without the support of generous donors like YOU.

Thank you for being a true hero when your community needs you most.

Stay healthy, check on your neighbors and know that we will get through this together and stronger.

Sincerely,

Rita Davhoff

Bita Dayhof President

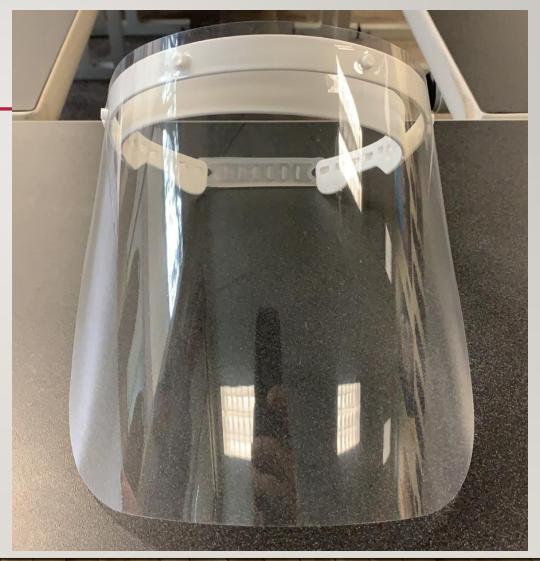
Community Action Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has not provided any goods and services in exchange for this gift.

Donations to the Community Action Council are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request by conacting us at 9820 Patuscent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 or calling 410-313-6440. CAC's Federal Tax ID number is \$2-0821083.

Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 www.cac-hc.org

410-313-6440 (phone) 410-313-6479 (fax)

25 FACE SHIELDS PREPARED by a 3-D PRINTER DONATED to UNION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



WEEKEND SCHOOL CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL PRAYER PROGRAM





North Carolina

100 HANDMADE FACE MASKS DONATED to

- Veterans Affairs Medical Center Durham and
- UNC Medical Center Memorial Hospital Chapel Hill







60 LUNCH BOXES SERVED to DEPT. of VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER





VIRTUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER with RELIGIOUS LEADERS from the TRIANGLE REGION



Pray with us for the Triangle, NC and the World during COVID pandemic (interfaith prayer service organized by Divan Center) Participants Ms. Amy Hill from Wesminister Presbyterian Church Pastor Christopher Edmonston from White Memorial Presbyterian Church Ms. Elise Strevel from Kadampa Center Pastor Jarrett McLauglin from University Presbyterian Church Pastor Jody Welker from Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church Rabbi Lucy Dinner from Temple Beth Or Imam Mohamed AbuTaleb from Islamic Association of Raleigh Pastor Nancy Petty from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church Imam Oliver Mohammad from As Salaam Islamic Center of Raleigh Imam Sami Kocak from Divan Center Ms. Sue Clarke from Baha'i Community of Cary

Mr. William Calhoun from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane from Christ the King Lutheran Church