



February 15, 2008

The Board of Directors
Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center
3159 Row Street
Falls Church, VA 22044

Assalamu Alikum,

Greetings:

Congratulations! It is a pleasure to write this letter of congratulations to the Board of Directors and to the Dar Al Hijrah Congregation on your twenty-fifth anniversary of service to the Muslim community of Northern Virginia.

It is a humbling experience, and quite a pleasure to see the growth of the Dar Al Hijrah Community prospering as a vital component of service to humankind. Looking back, I have seen a humble Mosque located along Route 7 in Falls Church, VA., which was situated in a house, later building a mosque, and assuming the responsibilities mandated by our faith of Islamic education to the Muslim community in the metropolitan area. One of the services you now engage in has been the interfaith interaction of your community with other religious and service organizations.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) extends their sincere congratulations and applauds your exemplary work. We are most pleased to be working with your community and look forward to many more years of working together to enhancing Islamic values, which are dearly needed for our children and the rest of the Muslim Community.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nihad Awad", written in a cursive style.

Nihad Awad
National Executive Director
CAIR