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OKLAHOMA MUSLIMS JOIN NATIONAL #FEED THEIR LEGACY CAMPAIGN Mosques and Schools Feed Hungry in Memory of Slain Youth

(Tulsa 3/28/15) The Islamic Council of Oklahoma, Oklahoma's statewide council of Muslim organizations, reports that Oklahoma mosques and Islamic schools joined over 220 other organizations in a national campaign to feed the hungry. Participating member organizations: **Mercy School in Edmond**, campaign contact: Ms. Sajida Shahjahan, 405.412.7424 **Peace Academy in Tulsa** and **Islamic Society of Tulsa** contact: Sheryl Siddiqui 918.706.3595 **Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City** campaign: Mr. Saad Mohammed, 405.210.4775

The #FeedTheirLegacy campaign was started as a way of remembering three extraordinary young American Muslims- Mr. Deah Barakat, Ms. Yusor Abu-Salha and Ms. Razan Abu-Salha, all community servants, who were murdered in February in North Carolina. The last entry in dental student Deah's Facebook page was a picture of him feeding homeless individuals in North Carolina after which he gave out 75 dental care kits.

The victims' families have urged American Muslims to respond to hate with kindness, to focus on their legacies of service rather than their brutal murders. Directly after the tragic shooting, the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) joined with many other Muslim American organizations, in a historically unprecedented way to discuss how to collectively respond and honor the victims' legacies. Together with the victims' families, the #FeedTheirLegacy campaign was launched. The goal is to collect 100,000 cans nationally by Monday March 30th to stock local food pantries and other organizations that serve the hungry and homeless.

As of March 27th, the national campaign had registered over 95,000 donated food items. Oklahoma ranked 16th of the 34 states participating in the campaign with over 2000 cans donated in 1 week. While the final numbers will not be entered until Monday, it is expected that the national goal will be easily reached. The website has frozen all entries until Monday to build the suspense.

At noon Monday, Peace Academy students will be comparing their final count to national's at the mosque: 4630 South Irvington Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74135. Media welcome!

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About the Islamic Council of Oklahoma:

The Islamic Council of Oklahoma (ICO) is a council of Oklahoma mosques and Islamic schools, serving more than 35,000 Muslims in Oklahoma. The council works to promote improved communication, cooperation and best practices among Islamic organizations to improve the everyday lives of Muslims and all Oklahomans. ###

"Believers do not eat their fill while their neighbors go hungry." Prophet Muhammad

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<https://feedtheirlegacy.herokuapp.com/info/resources-press-release/> **National Feed Their Legacy site**