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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As-Salaamu 'alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuhu. We pray that this letter finds you and your families in good health. Ameen.

At this point in the summer, we are preparing for the start of Rahma Academy in the fall, and the opening of our new Cafeteria soon, Insha Allah. As we progress with these initiatives, we need to position our programs for continued success and growth as well.

To accomplish this, our Quran Institute that is already serving nearly 90 children will evolve in structure so that we may provide even greater attention to the children, and opportunities for the parents to interact with the program leadership directly. For this reason, we will be adding leadership and segmenting the program to enable students to attend on additional days of the week. The specifics of these enhancements will be addressed in a dedicated email by Sheikh Atef to QI parents under separate cover.

You may have also noticed the successful growth of the Rahma Center Counseling program. What started as a simple Family/Individual Therapy offering, under Ust. Hassan Elwan's voluntary part-time leadership with Sr. Hira's part-time assistance, has now morphed into a department supported by multiple outsourced therapists that provides traditional family and individual assistance, as well as pre-marital counseling and is starting to offer divorce mediation. As Phase 2 construction comes to fruition, this program will need full-time attention to manage its growth, which Ust. Hassan has concluded he cannot attend to. As a result, we will be looking for a full-time Director of the Counseling Department. Once found, that person will lead the group, and Ust. Hassan will transition into a role that focuses on his love of doing counseling and developing programs on a continued part-time basis. Sr. Hira will continue to help manage the administrative elements of the department while enhancing her counseling skills and launching new programs as she did with pre-marital counseling. The Job Description for the Director of Counseling position is attached to this memo, and it would be appreciated if you could pass it on to those people who you think might be qualified/interested and ask them to send their resumes to: recruiting@therahmacenter.org

We pray that Allah SWT puts Barakah in these changes and enables them to enhance our offerings to the community. We also pray that Allah (SWT) guides all of us and makes our center a source of Rahma (mercy and compassion) for everyone. Ameen.

Wa 'alaykumus-Salaam wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuhu,

Rahma Center President