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## Summarized Sermons

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**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007:** Huzur stressed that Ahmadiis all over the world should be extremely grateful to Allah for the safe and sound conclusion of the UK Jalsa despite the bad weather conditions. All attendees except a few displayed great patience. The volunteers worked very hard with sincerity and organizers learnt important lessons for future events.

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007:** Huzur pointed out that in order to become a true believer one should:

a) Take practical steps to inculcate God's love in

himself and his children.

b) Ensure that fellow human beings are safe from his/her tongue and hands.

c) Actively try to do good for others.

d) Curb feelings or arrogance.

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007:** Huzur elaborated that to sow the seed of 'taqwa' one must remember God while performing every action. This will make one free of sin. To protect one's 'taqwa', one must make financial sacrifice and then, to further strengthen it, one must strive against any satanic temptations. In return God will become his/her friend and this should be the goal of every single Ahmadi.

**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007:** Huzur pointed out that this world is increasingly becoming materialistic and atheistic. Some people have taken to condemning Islam and also in general the worship of God. However, everyone should take a lesson from the numerous disasters happening across the world, which is that no one is ever safe and only God can provide protection. Ahmadiis should therefore increasingly turn towards God, and defend and preach the Unity of God. ❖



# Humanity First Walkathon

Sara Ahmad

On August 12th 2007 members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community participated in the second annual Humanity First Walkathon fundraiser at Myrtle Edwards Park in Seattle. Funds raised at the event will go towards Humanity First USA, a nongovernmental humanitarian organization.

Seattle residents of all ages were out on a beautiful summer afternoon to 'walk for humanity' along Elliot bay. Similar Walk-A-Thon's will take place in twelve different cities around the U.S. where participants will come together with family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers in a display of solidarity and commitment to raise awareness and raising funds for all those who are providing selfless service to affected communities who need help getting back on their feet.

A strong sense of community can be a positive attribute to any society. For individuals who are socially disadvantaged or those whose lives have been adversely affected by natural or human disaster, community can be a necessary element in rebuilding lives towards a better future. When members of a community can pull together their resources the society will function more efficiently as a whole. It is with this same mission that Humanity First aims to serve individuals and families in the poorest parts of the world by drawing strength from the diversity and experiences

of a global community.

Humanity First operates as a 100% volunteer organization from its board of directors and management team down to the project coordinators and volunteers whose hard work allows the organization to use more than 90% of funds raised towards humanitarian projects. The work of Humanity First supports deserving communities by providing provisions of basic human and social needs, with the goal to build self-sustaining communities in the long run.

We often feel helpless against forces we can't control. We must remember that even though we might not be able to comprehend the difficulties faced by those affected by such catastrophic situations, helping them can be as easy as a 'walk in the park' if we work as a community. ❖



# Kid's Room

**Aisha Sial**

*“My Lord, make this a city of peace, and preserve me and my children from worshipping idols.”*

(Holy Quran 14:36).

*“Allah, when one who is placed in authority over my people is hard on them, be Thou hard on him also, and when such a one is gentle with them, be Thou gentle with him also.”*

(Saying of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) - Muslim)

*“It is vital that the grown up initiate saying ‘salam’ to children in order to promote peace and security.”*

(Hazrat Khalifa tul Massih V)

During Jamaat meetings, the Children's Room offers a supervised learning environment. Inspired by the variety of interesting activities and safety children can choose to socialize with peers. Joy grows by learning to love one another.



[Photograph of the Kid's Room at Lynnwood Center: Designed by Sister Aisha Sial]

Please help us accomplish these goals, InshahAllah.

1. Love and Logic Parenting classes for the parents in the Jamaat.
2. Coordination with teachers of children's class
3. Expect kind words and deeds in Children's room
4. Communication with chairperson of the Lajna meeting
5. Safety monitor OUTSIDE the children's room door to encourage a proper transition. Children need the freedom to go to their parents because of safety and so they can tell their parents of their needs or concerns.
6. One lead teacher and one assistant in children's room from during Lajna meeting. Mothers are encouraged to stay with their children as needed.
7. Parents with heavy duties try to have a backup plan if they are needed by children's room staff, everyone should understand.
8. Design and practice fire drills with the entire Jumaat
9. The calling of the Azan signals parents to assume responsibility for what occurs with their child in the children's room.
- 10.No Eating in the Children's Room. ❖

# National Tarbiyyat Plan

Nasir Malik

## National Secretary Tarbiyyat

**1. Critical Tarbiyyat Issues:** Conduct on-going activities on the following critical tarbiyyat issues:

- *Etiquette and Obligations of Salaat*

- *Importance of Financial Sacrifices*

- *Respect for the Jama'at System*

- *Modesty and Chastity*

- *Internet Challenges*

- *Family Values*

- *Peer Pressure*

**2. Family Tarbiyyat Program:** Promote family based tarbiyyat program including quarterly Family Tarbiyyat Reports.

**3. Members' Participation:** Engage all members in various jama'at activities and the system of financial sacrifices through personal contact.

**4. Islamic Brotherhood:** Promote Islamic brotherhood among diverse sections of the jama'at with wisdom and compassion.

**5. Islamic Celebrations:** Promote jama'at guidelines about various private and public celebrations and ceremonies.

**6. Recreational/Social Activities:** Promote recreational/social activities to engage all members (young and old).

**7. Islahi (Reform) Committee:** Establish Local Islahi (Reform) Committee and support the National Islahi (Reform) Committee (guidelines attached).

**8. Quarterly Jama'at Activity Reports:** Send quarterly activity reports to the National Tarbiyyat Department. ❖

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## Local Events Calendar

### September 2007

9/2/2007 11:00 AM - Children's Class

9/2/2007 12:00 PM - General Meeting

9/9/2007 11:00 AM - Children's Class

9/16/2007 11:00 AM - Children's Class

9/16/2007 12:00 PM - Auxiliary Meetings

9/23/2007 10:00 AM - Aamila Meeting

9/23/2007 11:00 AM - Children's Class

9/30/2007 11:00 AM - Children's Class

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