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Asalamualaykum Warahmahtullahi Wabarakatu,

I pray this messages finds everyone it reaches in the best of health and Islamic spirit. On behalf of the B.C Muslim Association, I want to wish each and everyone of you a very blessed Ramadan, 2023. It is a great mercy and blessing from the Almighty that we have been blessed once again with the Holy month of Ramadan. This is a month where Allah, The Most-Merfiful, opens the doors of Jannah, chains up the Shaytan, and closes the doors of Hell. Our beloved Prophet, may Peace and Blessings be Upon Him, is reported to have said in an authentic Hadith:

**“The month of Ramadan has come, a blessed month in which Allah Almighty has obligated you to fast. In it the gates of the heavens are opened, and in it the gates of Hellfire are closed, and in it the devils are chained, and in it is a night that is better than a thousand months. Thus, whoever is deprived of its good is truly deprived.” - (Musnad Ahmad, 7148)**

This month, it entails charity, mercy, forgiving, and asking forgiveness from Allah (AWJ) and aim to gain to seek His forgiveness. With the heartbreaking earthquakes around the world, there were many like us, who did not live to see another Ramadan. May Allah (SWT) bless and forgive them. The BCMA has given it the utmost importance to be there for the cause and donate from our Zakat fund and collaborating with relief organizations and getting the funds situated with the teams overseas. We must not forget the atrocities around the Muslim world, namely, our brothers and sisters in Palestine, Syria, Burma, and the various other unnamed which go largely unnoticed.

In this blessed month, I would like to acknowledge the brothers and sisters and various committee members through the different divisions and chapters of The BCMA. The workload that entails can only be measured be those that have experienced it. Surely, it is no easy task but our team has always proven to give it their all and come out on top. I would like to thank our Board of Trustees, Head Office staff, all BCMA imams, all of our various branches and chapters, our school staff and volunteers, the executive council, and my wonderful team of executives that surround me. I want to give a special thanks to our entire membership and all our communities around BC in large. I want to thank you all for your support. We make dua to the Almighty that he forgives us, and blesses us with the Night of Qad'r. Let us maximize this Ramadan by fully utilizing the day in acts of worship, even light Dhikr while you work, and join Taraweeh during the night.

I would like to remind everyone that the essence of this month is to maximize on our worship and come closer to Allah Almighty. With Ramadan being the month of charity, I should definitely mention we raised a total of \$1.8million with Sadaqa, Zakat, and donations included. With this, we distributed a total of \$400,000 in one month for Zakat and also continued to distribute closer to a million from our Zakat Fund. Moreover, I must give mention to our Westshore Musullah which was recently inaugurated. MashaAllah, we have another much needed Musullah provided for the local Muslim community. I thank the local board for working hard to make this project a possibility and work towards completion. I want to congratulate the Chilliwack community on their acquisition of their new facility with the much needed space upgrade through the generous donations and an additional Surrey Muslim School to address the waiting list.

It would be most beneficial if our Zakat is given before the end of the month so the needy families can utilize it to their needs. We have a lot of families in B.C. that need our help in the form of Zakat, so let us give it to our local Masjid's to distribute within our communities first. This was all made possible by the engagement of our local communities. Lastly, I want to mention that all of our branch websites have a “Donate” link so if you're wanting to donate anonymously or with the ease of online portal, that is accessible on every branch website. Furthermore, please see the link to our homepage: <http://thebcma.com/Home.aspx>

Ramadan Mubarak

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