



Shadhiliyya Sufi Center

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*Ya Allah, Ash-Shakur, Oh Allah, You are The Grateful –
and we ask You to help us to be grateful, too.*

Bismillah ar-Rahman, ir-Rahim. As salaamu alaykum wa rahmatullah. If you can, please take a minute right now to pause and give thanks for everything Allah has brought you in your life, both the challenges and the blessings, for they are the doors to His Mercy and Love. And if you are grateful for something brought to you by the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center and Mother Center, such as weekly Jumu'ah webcasts, zawayah, the website and newsletters, Sidi's visits, books and more, know that it is thanks to the generosity of beloveds like you that make these services possible.

In these economically difficult times your support is needed more than ever, in whatever amount you can give to the organization. This year we especially seek to increase monthly giving to \$10,000 per month so that we have a steady income to carry us through the year. Our goal is to have 80% of our national community giving monthly – whether it's \$5 or \$50. If you can commit to even a modest amount monthly, that is one of the very best gifts we could receive from you!

By working together we can accomplish so much more. The more financial support we have, the more services we can bring you, and the more people we can reach with the message of peace, love, mercy justice and freedom. Please take a moment right now to complete the enclosed pledge form or call the office at 707-965-0700x21. (If you are already signed up for monthly donations, *thank you*, and there's no need to resend a pledge form unless you want to increase your monthly gift.)

Accomplishments: This past year we have continued to strengthen our financial position and have nearly completed a major part of our operational re-organization. Thanks to your support we've utilized new technology to reach more beloveds in their homes and, insha'llah, we will continue to expand our offerings in 2010. SSC staff, in partnership with communities, assisted with more Sidi events this year than ever before. And the Mother Center has received numerous facility upgrades. Anyone who has been to Pope Valley recently is appreciative of the increased comfort!

In celebration of the upcoming season of giving thanks and of giving, **we want to acknowledge all those who have given generously this year** - to each other, through love and cooperation - to the poor, through our guide, Sidi - and to our organization, which supports our walking and outreach. Allah assures us that such *sadaqa* (voluntary charity) will be rewarded many-fold! Supporting organizations which exist to give Allah's message to the world will bring many blessings to the giver, especially in this holy month of Dhul-Hijjah.

And it's easy to give! You can complete the attached pledge form and mail or fax it to the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center at the address on the form. You may also visit the website at www.suficenter.org under Support, or you can contact the center at 707-965-0700 x21 or email ssc@suficenter.org. Whatever method you choose, we send you our heartfelt thanks and ask Allah to bless you abundantly with goodness in return.

Ma salaam and Eid Mubarak!

The Razzaq Circle

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