



Shadhiliyya Sufi Center

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Bismillah ar Rahman ir Rahim

As-salaamu alaykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We, the Razzaq Circle, wish to support the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center* in its commitment to creating a strong, stable and flourishing administrative container for our national spiritual family (tariqa), and its community outreach programs.

From the beginning, the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center's mission was to be a holy vessel of Allah's light and healing, a container for all beloveds of our tariqa and a means to reach out to those who are drawn to the teachings of the Shadhiliyya way. We ask you to take a moment to reflect on how your hearts have been blessed as a result of these teachings, how you have accessed the Love in your heart, and how you are able to hold others in this Love. As a community, we have an opportunity to build a stronger vessel that will support us and bring the enormous blessings of these teachings to others. **We want to fulfill this dream, and can only do that with your love, support and generosity.**

The members of the Razzaq Circle share a vision to create sound financial support and strong involvement by beloveds to care for our growing tariqa. The Shadhiliyya Sufi Center Board is making fundamental changes in the tariqa organization and operation. In addition, through the Mortgage sub-circle, beloveds have donated \$1.3 million in private funds to the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center as a 3 year loan, which has paid off the two mortgages, giving us time to sell the parcels on the new land, insha'allah. As the parcels sell, these beloveds will be paid back. Though a third of the monthly expenses have been removed for at least the next 3 years, regular sources of income will still be required to ensure that the administrative tasks and ongoing programs that care for our national community are supported. These include (but are not limited to):

- **Expanding the reach of Sidi's message through the coordination and support** of his national visits and teaching schedule with local communities;
- **Welcoming new beloveds and teachers** through distribution of promise packets and prayer beads,
- **Supporting community connection** through national communications, including enhancing community involvement and growth through national website expansion, upgrades and maintenance;
- **Operating the gift shop** and online store which serve the community as a source of Sidi's remedies and books, and provide one third of the operating income;
- **Hosting events with Sidi** such as Sufi School West, Ramadan and Hajj retreats as well as Zawiyya and other programs at the Mother Center in Pope Valley;
- **Fiduciary responsibilities** such as accounting, taxes, insurance, salaries;
- **Caring for the Land and maintaining** the offices and retreat facilities (e.g. utilities, supplies, repairs and improvements, road maintenance).

Up until now the organization has been significantly understaffed and has regularly struggled to keep up with the rapid growth of our community, at the same time attempting to deliver increased services and programs requested by beloveds and by Sidi. *We no longer want to struggle!* By working together we can create an experience of ease, flow and abundance, always remembering that Allah is Ar-Razzaq and Al-Karim, the Provider and the Generous!

Therefore, with much sincerity, we, as members of the Razzaq Fundraising Circle, are writing to ask you to support the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center through a monthly donation of funds, time or talent. Our

tariqa serves approximately 1200 members. If 1200 beloveds were to give a monthly gift of at least \$10, we would be out of deficit spending and moving securely in a new direction. We hope you will find a way to contribute so that there can be stable monthly income to support the ongoing operations of the organization that tends our growing tariqa and helps spread the message of love, peace, justice and mercy. A strong Center will help fulfill our beloved guide Sidi's vision for our community, our Mother Center, and our hearts.

We realize that when asked to give, many of us may hear a voice that says, "My small contribution won't matter." This is not the truth. Consistent individual contributions, both large and small, are the backbone of a non-profit's financial health and security. It's the energy and commitment behind each donation which is valuable and will help us begin to move towards our goals, through establishing a steady monthly income stream. With many beloveds giving, successful support of our organization can feel easy and blessed, insha'allah.

We invite each of you to take time to go inside, pray, and ask Allah how **He** guides **you** to participate in supporting the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center, and then to follow what He shows you. You may complete a donation/pledge form and return it to us - whether you wish to donate financially or with volunteer time. Again, we welcome and need any and all forms of support and participation from your hearts.

If you have given to the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center in the past, we sincerely thank you. We could not have reached as far as we have without you. If you have not been a part of the process in the past, we hope that you will feel inspired to come forward now and help us support our national organization. Together, as one hand and one heart, we can work in service to Allah, and to create a strong, loving, and growing spiritual family.

We are grateful for your new or renewed commitment to creating a strong sustainable foundation, and for your being the "earth" for our growing and thriving community. You can make a donation online or download this letter and pledge form from the website homepage at www.suficenter.org. Also on the website, under Community News, you can find other background information and updates on what's new in our tariqa. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email any one of us. We will be happy to talk with you.

As-salaam alaykum,

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