

# Shadhiliyya Sufi Communities Newsletter

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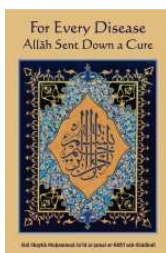
*As-Salaam 'Alaykum beloveds,*

Summer and Sidi are here, subhan'allah, and the pace of our walking accelerates, inshallah! This edition we have many first person stories and experiences from beloveds around the country. We hope you enjoy this issue of our community news, and have a blessed summer and Ramadan. The PDF is also available on the SSC website [www.suficenter.org](http://www.suficenter.org).

## *Announcements & Events*

**Sidi's Here!** Al hamdulillah, and opened the Sufi School Season at the Mother Center this past weekend (July 8-9). You can buy a CD or download of his wonderful teachings at [www.sufigifts.com](http://www.sufigifts.com). Check the website ([www.suficenter.org](http://www.suficenter.org)) regularly for updates to the schedule of community sufi schools. The Mother Center and USH will continue to broadcast some of Sidi's talks live.

**Recordings** of Sidi's recent talks, as well as A'isha Cotten's teaching on Israh/Miraj are now available as CDs or (super-convenient) downloads at [www.sufigifts.com](http://www.sufigifts.com).



**Sidi's new book, For Every Disease, Allah Sent Down a Cure**, is now at Sufi Gifts (\$30). Call 707-965-0700 x22 or visit the website [www.sufigifts.com](http://www.sufigifts.com) to order your copy!

**Attention Artists and Handcrafters!** The Razzaq Circle is planning a special auction in November of handmade/home produced items from beloveds. Artists, knitters, sewers, woodworkers, bakers, canners, herbalists, beekeepers, beaders, lotion and soap makers, and musicians, you name it! If you made it by hand, or had a hand in creating it, we'd love to offer it in our auction for the holiday gift-giving season. Email [auction@suficenter.org](mailto:auction@suficenter.org) to donate. *Shukran!*

**"Office Hours"** and **"HWKHKHL Study Group"** with Sa'id bin Yunus, Imam at the Mother Center are **on hiatus** and will resume in August or September, inshallah. Visit the website for details: [www.suficenter.org](http://www.suficenter.org). Study Group info under "Offerings | Classes". Office Hours is under "Resources".



## *"My Walking"*

*By Ahmed Tarell Rodgers, NYC community imam;  
member of the Diversity Circle*

I would like to share my experience in walking the path as a Sufi in the Shadhuli way. In the beginning I was afraid that in walking in this way I would lose my identity. My outer identity was "I am a Black man from New York; I am different from you". I loved the message and felt I could get something out of it, but also isolated myself in the fear that I would be marginalized.

Well, I laugh now when I think back to how Brother Abdul Latif (NYC dhikr circle leader) - a white Irish guy, as he jokingly refers to himself - would not *let* me isolate myself. He read me like a book -- hugging me, telling me “love you bro”, and openly inviting me into his home. I thought, “This guy is *nuts*”. I tried my best not to love. I thought, “We are different. You stay on your side and I will stay on mine. I am safe in my isolation and separation.” Well, that didn’t last long at all.

But it was the hardest thing to drop that identity - “I’m Black and you’re not”. I called Sidi in Jerusalem to ask about race, and in a very stern tone he said “*If you want to follow me, no more black, no more white; this is from Allah.*” Still I wasn’t satisfied. I couldn’t drop the idea of the Black struggle, the revolution Man, my people, etc. So I get up at 3am a few weeks later, and shared my dilemma with Sidi. It was close to Eid 2009. You will never guess his remedy...a recipe!!

He gave me a *rice recipe*. I was confused as anything! And he gave me the recipe in Arabic. I speak enough that I got most of it. He told me to call after I made it. I made the rice, (my wife was afraid to eat it), and I thought, “This is crazy, but what can I lose?”

I called Sidi back a week later and told him I had made the rice. He asked if I did exactly what he asked. Again he said “*Beloved did you add all of the ingredients... the raisins?*” I answered yes. He said, “*There is your answer -- every ingredient together makes the rice.*” At that moment the walls of my identity were shattered. I am simply an ingredient in a greater plan.

What about the struggle, the Black revolution and MY people? There really is no struggle, no people and no revolution. Only ALLAH (swt)! Now, I have learned to make rice wherever I am. I truly honor what each of you brings to our dish. Some of you are spicier than others, and some of you are sweeter. Whatever flavor you

bring I am thankful for you. Al Hamdulillah for rice!

P.S. My wife, Hamda Leslie, is white. I tried to run from her before we were married because of our different colors and my other created fears. She stood in her truth one day, and dared me to love her. An interesting thing happened -- I found out that Hamda was one the greatest gifts from Allah for my walking.

We each have a gift within to give and I realized I had to be open to receive it, and not judge the wrapping it came in. *Salaamu alaykum.*



*Love – Pray – Eat  
At the tomb of  
Abdu Salaam Ibn Mashish*

*By Kamila Shenmen, Tucson*

In mid May, along with two Sufi sisters, I visited the tomb of ibn Mashish, the teacher of Shaykh Shadhdhuli, al-hamdulli’llah!

The tomb is located about 2 hours by car from Tanger, Morocco so we flew into Tanger, enjoyed the sights there and, with the help of the hotel, arranged for a taxi driver to take us for a day trip to the tomb. Allah Karim, He provided us with the perfect experience.

The wild flowers were in full bloom – lush fields covered in purple, yellow, orange, red. The sun was shining in a bright blue sky. And the driving style of our taxi driver was truly terrifying, so there was no danger we would fall asleep and miss all this beauty!

As we neared the tomb, located in the Rif mountains (the site is called Moulay Abdu Salaam in Morocco), the landscape became more rugged, and we had a taste of how it must have been to travel to that place in the time of ibn Mashish – a lot of himma required! (Actually, I think that still holds true today.)



On arriving at the parking lot, a young man appointed himself our guide (this seems to be a feature of the Tanger area) and stayed near us at all times. The tomb site is simple and unassuming, but it is impossible to describe the deep joy and peace that I felt in my heart as I approached this small white stone building with a gigantic tree growing up and out from its center, under the bright blue sky, with the sound of recitation and prayers in all directions.



My friends and I sat near the tomb and recited the Wadhifa, after which we were invited by a group of men to sit on a blanket under their umbrella while they recited the wadhifa and blessings on our behalf – truly a deep soul experience. It is traditional, by the way, to offer a small payment for those who offer these blessings for us, and to leave a gift for the poor at the tomb.

We were then invited to the home of the family of our guide for a ‘cup of tea’. As we’re preparing to leave for his house, the adhan was called for dhuhr prayer, and we received another gift – the opportunity to pray in the small blue and white mosque at the tomb site.

After the prayer, we accompanied our guide to his home and the “cup of tea” turned out to be a

full-scale meal, with many typical Moroccan dishes. It was very sweet to sit in the simple and open home of this family, being served dishes by Khadijah, the daughter of our host, whose family has been living there for many generations. After the meal we were left to rest for an hour or two, and one of my fondest memories is that of sitting there in complete peace, watching our taxi driver lying on the couch, snoring loudly!

After our rest, our host led us to the Shadhdhuliyya Spring, where Shaykh Shadhdhuli performed wudu several times before being accepted as a student by Abdu Salaam ibn Mashish. The spring is cared for by a young man, who distributes the water via containers kept solely for this purpose. We were able to drink the pristine water, perform wudu and take some home with us in containers. Having completed this part of the ritual, we said goodbye to our host and returned to the taxi for the trip back to Tanger.

I thank Allah for the many gifts He has bestowed on me, and count this experience at Mashish’s tomb among the most precious – may the memory and spirit of this place rest sweetly in my heart always, insha’llah. Al-hamdulli’llah! Ash-shukra’llah!

You can learn more about Abdu Salaam Ibn Mashish at <http://www.sufimaster.org/teachings/mashis.htm>

## *Holy Herb – Yerba Santa A Blessing from Allah*



Yerba Santa is an evergreen and aromatic shrub which grows wild in abundance on the land in Pope Valley. The plant is truly a gift from Allah to us, but one which we have not had “eyes to see” until recently. Inshallah, the

veils are beginning to lift, however! It is an herb of high market value and this year, for the first time, SSC (in partnership with Green Mountain Growers) harvested some of the herb.

And, in the perfection of Allah, the herb may turn out to be the “real medicine” for us in several ways. Economically it has the potential to provide revenue for our organization. As a healing herb, among other actions, it supports the water element, respiratory system, mucosa, cleansing and purification, and **it acts to open and release constricted energy in deep places in the body!** Traditionally it has been specifically used for asthma, coughs and congestion, though it has other uses as well. Inshallah we expect to have some to offer in the gift store later this summer so beloveds can experience it’s qualities for themselves! It will be available as a tea, a tincture and a salve.

### Local Community News

*We’re saving a space for you! Thank you for sending us your pictures and local news.*

#### The Mother Center/Napa County



The latest news is the Welcome Weekend July 8 & 9, for our beloved guide Sidi Muhammad al-Jamal, may Allah bless him and sanctify his secret. The teachings he gave were full of the deep love and compassion. We were able to teleconference and webcast in beloveds around the country to hear a couple of Sidi’s talks. (Recordings available at [www.sufigifts.com](http://www.sufigifts.com).) ✂ The Mother Center has formed a governing council which is responsible for formulating Mother Center policy. There are new mission and vision statements and several proposed circles that need members. ✂ Some of the circles, have already accomplished a lot. This is most notable in the Kitchen Circle, represented by

Jamila Fuertes. Since Jamila has taken on the circle this past year, the kitchen (under the direction of our kitchen manager, Mariam Melody) has installed a number of commercial-grade features including a new range/stove, exhaust hood, upright freezer, dishwasher, refrigerated salad bar, new floor, new ceiling, and many new accessories that have helped them produce quality meals for



everyone. ✂ Yusef Chisum, Rahim Brady and Ibrahim Guillot completed the construction of the new bathrooms outside the mosque. It is a very nice

building with three toilets and double sinks in both the men’s room and the women’s room. Just outside each door is a beautiful private enclosed wudu station with hot and cold water for the ladies and a (less elaborate!) station for the men. ✂ Under the direction of Daoud Lewis, Rahim Brady and Salih Cotton, many safety improvements have been made at the center including Zawayah repairs, new guard rails out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story of the mosque and a handrail on the stairs and resurfacing the stairs outside the mosque to the parking lot. Now, improvements to the main road have begun with widening of one of the narrowest turns. As you can see it’s now



wider and safer. Much more needs to be done to the road and we have two other phases like this one planned. These, and other safety projects such as electrical upgrades, are waiting further funding. ✂ **All of the above improvements have been made possible because of the generosity of beloveds from around the country.** Your charitable gifts are most appreciated! May Allah bless you for them and keep you safe. Contact Salih Cotton ([salih@suficenter.org](mailto:salih@suficenter.org)) to arrange tax deductible donations for any of the proposed safety projects. ✂ Please contact me, Nur Hrabko ([doctormur@gmail.com](mailto:doctormur@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining any of the new Mother Center Circles. Visit [www.mothercentercouncil.com](http://www.mothercentercouncil.com). ✂

## *Palo Alto/San Francisco*

*LA*

[www.suficenterla.com](http://www.suficenterla.com)



## *San Diego*

[www.suficentersandiego.org](http://www.suficentersandiego.org)



## *Mexico*



## *Chicago*

[www.chicagosufi.org](http://www.chicagosufi.org)

## *Michigan*

[www.sufiheart.com](http://www.sufiheart.com)

## *Minneapolis*

[www.suficentermn.org](http://www.suficentermn.org)

**The wonderful regular offerings by the leaders in the Minnesota Community continue throughout the month.** The first four Sundays of every month a Zhikr is held at either Abdullah Aylward's or Latif and Nura Sorenson's home. Weekly Rahim Fauchier holds introductions to Sufi healing and prayer at Pathways in

Minneapolis, a healing center. Every other month we hold a Free Healing Saturday, also at Pathways. Monthly we have a women's group that is led by Latifah Wilson and helps the women in the community deepen their walking. ✂ Recently Abdullah Aylward has started a gathering at different beloved's homes on Friday nights called "Friday Night Lights." Beloved's gather in one another's homes and Abdullah shares Sufi teachings. It is unstructured and the teachings are inspired by what the beloved's need that night. ✂ And a very special treat for the Minnesota community this year is **Sidi will be coming for the first time to Minnesota. The dates we will be hosting Sidi, inshallah, are September 2nd – September 5th Labor Day Weekend.** We are very excited! ✂

## *Farm of Peace/MidAtlantic*

[www.suficentereast.org](http://www.suficentereast.org)



**In May we had our first "Community Nourishment Weekend",** an opportunity for beloveds from throughout the area to come to the Farm for rest, nourishment and fun. Some of the beloveds gathered are shown in the photo here. We had two fabulous teachings on Saturday, with Abdu Rahim Keeley and Hadeel al Barrak. Lots of families came to enjoy the weekend, and the children had fun as the adults drank deeply from the teachings. There was a potluck dinner, an evening of charades, and a sumptuous breakfast including lots of pancakes on Sunday. Service was also part of the weekend, and everyone helped around the farm in various ways after breakfast. It was a rich and rewarding time together ✂ We invite you to visit our redesigned website at [www.farmofpeace.com](http://www.farmofpeace.com) to see more of our news. ✂

## Northeast/New England

**A Surprise Visit from Shaykh Nooruddeen Durkee and Hajjah Amr.** In late June, the Greater Boston community had a delightful surprise and the unplanned pleasure of sitting with Shaykh Nooruddeen Durkee and Hajjah Amr from Virginia. They were on their way to England for a conference and speaking engagement, when their plane was forced to land in Boston one recent afternoon. As they expected to be at their hotel outside of Boston overnight, they thought it would be nice to spend some time with Sidi's students.

With only a couple of hours notice on a Friday afternoon, lots of phone messages while driving, summer schedules in motion and great excitement, about 8-9 beloveds were able to gather in Newton, MA. Beloveds drove one to two hours, took buses and walked in order to attend the impromptu gathering! One person had been listening to the Shaykh's tapes and reading this booklets recently and was delighted to have the opportunity meet him in person. Another had just been "seeing" Shaykh Nooruddeen in this thoughts just a couple of days prior. Other beloveds had heard of him but never met before. Allah's timing was perfect, as usual, and He gave each person what was needed.

Our host, who is originally from Spain and who just took the promise last month, thought he going to meet his new guide "Sidi al-Jamal" at his home when he heard the word "shaykh"! Regretfully we had to inform him that he would not be meeting his own shaykh, but another one. He was still very pleased! He is a former professor and scholar of Sufism and Classical Arabic and connected deeply to the messages of love, peace and mercy.

Shaykh Nooruddeen and Hajjah Amr graciously navigated our infamous Boston traffic to attend. They enjoyed the evening very much and stayed longer than planned to answer a range of questions from beloveds. Shaykh Nooruddeen's deep love for Sidi and Allah was obvious, and those present appreciated his knowledge, strength and gentleness. Beloveds' himma and love for Allah certainly deepened multi-fold, Alhamdulillah! ❧

## Northeast/New York

[www.suficenternortheast.org](http://www.suficenternortheast.org)

### **The Northeast Region elects their regional reps for the new One Hand, One Heart Board!**

After a four hour inspirational shura election process, patiently led by Wahida Kass from Virginia, for the Northeast Region, seven new members are elected. They are: Laila Brady Waltzer (NY), Andrea Ferrante (ME), Saida Kuebler (Central MA), Zahra Lee (Eastern MA), Saffiyah Miller (NYC), Muhammad Saeed (CT), Ayyub Tillinghast (VT).

Those who participated found the integrative election process to be very different than expected or ever experienced! When we prayed for guidance from Allah regarding what qualities a beloved would bring or who He wanted to serve, versus using "logical", dunya reasons (e.g. experience, time, etc.), some very different names appeared for nomination or lit up strongly! Also, having each person who knew the nominee speaking and sharing about their qualities and gifts really wove hearts together in a unified creation.

As a result of this prayerful process, several beloveds who had initially said no, or who were hesitant, actually agreed to serve, because when they prayed or participated in the election process they felt the order and guidance from Allah, rather than from themselves.

A special thanks to Wahida Kass for supporting us thru the shura election process before, during and after and for staying the whole 4 hours (2 more than expected)!!! ❧

## Austin

[www.suficenteraustin.org](http://www.suficenteraustin.org)

## Wichita

## Hawaii

## South Florida

[www.suficentersouthflorida.org](http://www.suficentersouthflorida.org)



**Newest Florida sufi arrives on highway. Surprises mom Rifqa!** Anyone who is familiar with Miami will know that driving on the Palmetto Expressway anytime from 6 am to 2am can be a life threatening adventure! But what I never realized is that at 3:23 am it can be the most holy of places on the planet. Hard to believe? Well, let me explain:

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:40 am: I awoke with the slight pain of the beginnings of labor. Being 41 weeks pregnant with our fourth child, it was thrilling to wake up with some slight cramping feelings. Little did I know the ride I was in for, though, and I went back to sleep.

2:10 am: I awoke and thought, 'Maybe I should call the midwife, just in case,' so I got up and called. She told me, "Better come to the birth center."

2:15 am: I woke my beloved, and as he shuffled our three boys out of bed and into the car to go to the sitters, I said, "Please hurry!"

2:30 am: The thought occurs to me - "This is the perfect time to call the Guide and ask for support!" As I say this I feel the presence of Sidi. I feel secure, calm and in the arms of Allah.....and then it hits like a ton of bricks -- wave after wave of fire burning in my belly!

3:04 am: My beloved returns, to find me on the floor unable to get dressed. He scoops me up, puts me in a robe, and guides me to the car. All the while I am saying "Why doesn't it stop for a second? Isn't it supposed to stop in between?"

3:18 am: We are on the Palmetto, doing 70 mph. Not understanding this whole labor thing I say "I can't time this because it is not stopping". Then I

hear an audible "POP" and I calmly say, "We need to pull over."

3:22am: My husband gets out of the car, walks around, opens the door and I announce, "His head is out! Look!" And then it happens. In one fell swoop out comes the most precious head full of hair, a bright light, into my awaiting hands. He looks up as if to say, "Thanks for not dropping me!" and he was here. Mikael Dean Castaneda, 8 lbs, 8 ozs of pure light and love. Juan, my husband, witnessed the whole birth unfold in front of him. It was calm, quiet; no lights, no noise, just, well, a perfect place to enter the world.



As my beloved and I look at him and each other, we just started to laugh, and then Mikael cried..... LOUDLY!! Welcome to the planet, my son, we are so glad you are here! **(Interesting side note:** Mikael's birth process coincided with a solar flare with an unusually large and dramatic explosion of magnetic plasma!) ☞

## Portland

The Portland Community is deeply enjoying a study group around The Book of Illumination by Ibn Ata Allah Iskandari, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Shaykh in the Shadhiliyyah Way and first one in our tariqa to write down the teachings that we currently are all nourished by through Sidi.

## Seattle

## Tacoma

**The Tacoma WA Community would like to thank the over 40 beloveds who attended the khalwa** remotely from all over the continent (and even 2 in Pakistan). It was a great blessing to feel the wave of prayer through so many beautiful hearts! There are so many khalwas that Sidi leads while he is in the country, we await guidance for the right time to resume these and will let folks know when we do. Alhamdulillah! ☞ We hosted a

raw food cook & eat event where new people could ask questions about Sufism while creating amazing food together, including red pepper curry soup and raspberry ganache fudge cake. They reported the tastes of both the food and Sufism were delicious. ﴿

### Utah



This is a picture of 7 (half) of our community. ﴿

### Arizona

[www.heartsatpeace.com](http://www.heartsatpeace.com)



### Passages

**Births:** June 7 to Rifqa and Juan Castaneda of Florida, a son, Mikael Dean Castaneda, 8 lbs, 8 ozs.



## Shadhiliyya Circles News

### Al-Wasi' Circle

Ahmed Tarell Rodgers recently joined our circle and expressed his passion to see the tariqa grow. He feels that more effort is needed to reach out to people of color and welcome them at our gatherings. All the members of our circle agree completely. The Prophet Muhammad, may Allah

bless him and grant him peace, said “The diversity in my community is a blessing”. There are many levels of meanings of diversity as well as blessings. **How has diversity blessed you?**

Sidi writes in Migration of the Truthful Traveler, p. 104 “You must be perceptive of the qualities of the Real in the existing forms and witness the manifestations of the creatures as they are in reality...Whoever reflects upon the manifestation of the Real upon the horizons and in the particularized selves, ...will be actualized in Reality and unity will be unveiled to him, regardless of the diversity in the creation. There will be no illusion of multiplicity of essences, for His Essence has no multiplicity...”

Yesterday my beloved and I went out for dinner at our favorite local restaurant and, much to our surprise and joy, we were greeted with “Salaam alaykum” by two beloveds who were dining with their extended family of children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters. Their table was a beautiful mixture of diverse people, all in one family. What a wonderful salad Allah had made!

One of the most rewarding experiences I have had as a teaching assistant at the USHS was serving as the diversity representative in the classroom from 2008-2010. My position was that of ombudsman for the USHS diversity committee. I would investigate students concerns in the classroom and facilitate resolution, *insha'llah*.



The range of what fit into my role was ever expanding and very diverse! I once had a student who was in tears about how a faculty member had made apparently disparaging remarks about a religion. The faculty member at first felt misunderstood, but with patience I was able to help them to see the student’s point of view and how important our choice of words can be. We never know how people hear what we say. Not only beliefs but also physical issues, such as the room is too hot or the room is too cold, got played out in the classroom and were not a trivial matter to the parties concerned.

The opportunity to resolve misunderstanding on both sides without the two sides having to meet (anonymity was the student's choice) felt good. **Al-Wasi' – The Diversity Circle** is planning a national training on diversity. The curriculum is in development but we hope to have it rolled out soon. Our religion originates on understanding and compassion. The *sunnah* of the Prophet, peace be upon him, as related by Hind, son of Abu Hala to Al-Hasan his nephew and son of Ali, may Allah be pleased with all of them, was "to always listen carefully and speak clearly. He was gentle by nature and not contemptuous of anyone." (*Ash-Shifa*). Nur Hrabko, M.D., Moderator Al-Wasi' Contact: [doctornur@gmail.com](mailto:doctornur@gmail.com).



*An Open Letter from  
Al-Wasi Diversity Circle to the Tariqa*

As salaam alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu beloveds.

It is the vision of the Al-Wasi (All-Embracing) Diversity Circle to build with you, a tariqa that is sensitive, welcoming and supportive to beloveds of all different backgrounds in the Shadhiliyyah Sufi Way with love, compassion, peace, mercy and acceptance, inshallah.

We invite you to become diversity representatives (reps) in your local community or in your USHS classes as a TA. Diversity reps in local communities and USHS classes are needed to offer confidential dialogue well as containers for beloveds to bring up diversity issues, communicate peacefully and resolve any misunderstandings or problems. Currently, we have only three reps available nation-wide. For those who volunteer to become reps, we are devising a training program for working with diversity issues in the Sufi Way, inshallah.

It is noted several times in the Qur'an that embracing all types of people is Allah's way too. For years, Sidi has been teaching us that we should not make separation between prophets, races, genders, or any of the other ways in which we make separation.

Yet, in the past, we were saddened to learn that there were incidents between beloveds who experienced separation through hurtful and negative treatment because of their sex, age, beliefs, race, sexual orientation, illness or because they had children. However, we noticed that after diversity reps offered assistance, beloveds were grateful they had a safe place to be heard. Misunderstandings were cleared, healing occurred, and most importantly, they returned to the love.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sumaya Sterling O'Grady at [sterling7114@yahoo.com](mailto:sterling7114@yahoo.com)

Thank you so much for reading our article and for your support!

**Al-Wasi Circle Committee Members**

Nur Randy Hrabko, Chair  
Zahra Carol Lee, Member  
Sumaya Sterling O'Grady, Member  
Ahmed Rodgers, Member

*Governance Circle/Board Update*



Subhanallah, we can pretty much repeat last quarter's report, with a few updates...Well, we are *still* nearing completion on forming a new One Hand One Heart SSC Board. But we are closer than ever! Inshallah by the end of July we will truly be moving into seating the new Board Directors. Regional councils are very nearly complete and bylaws almost ready to approve. Then the next step is calling a meeting of the new members and ratifying the new Board Directors. As soon as this occurs, we will

publish the new Board roster. The quality of Sabur is most definitely needed in this process and we have faith that what Allah is bringing forth will be the better for the long incubation period, ma 'shallah!



**Razzaq Circle**  
Razzaq@suficenter.org

### ***2011 Spring Auction Fundraiser a Success, Subhanallah!***

The second One Hand, One Heart online auction raised \$10,000, al hamdulillah! Our circle sends it warmest thanks and blessings to all those who gave by donating and/or bidding on the many special items. This year the funds go toward paying back beloveds who have generously and mercifully held our mortgage the past three years. Paying them back is a paramount objective and need for the SSC in the next one to two years. Inshallah we will be debt free in that time, and every amount helps toward that important goal. Shukran!

Inshallah we'll hold another auction for hand crafted, hand-made, beloved-created items later this year. Stay tuned for more news about it!

We welcome anyone who has the himma to join this circle. Contact Wahida Kass, operational lead at Razzaq@suficenter.org.

### ***Miracles or Allah's Way of life?***



PRAYER: O Allah, help me remember to rely on you completely for what I need and only you, not any

person, client, company, economy, government or circumstance, just YOU. You are Al-Razzaq -- the Provider of all my needs on the material, spiritual and emotional.

***If you have a miraculous story to share, please send it to [share@suficenter.org](mailto:share@suficenter.org).***

### ***Resources***

***Free Teleconference Calls*** - See the website for a current list of calls, including updated times and days. [www.suficenter.org](http://www.suficenter.org) | Resources.

### ***Offerings from the University of Spiritual Healing and Sufism***

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### ***Did you know?***

Communities and circles can send messages to the national tariqa list about non-profit events open to everyone. Just email your ready-to-publish announcement to [share@suficenter.org](mailto:share@suficenter.org).