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Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona Organizes 2nd Annual 9/11 Multi-Faith Food Drive

(SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., 8/29/2013) – In an effort to change the 9/11 commemoration narrative from one of sadness to one of service, the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona (ISBA) and partnering organizations are organizing a multi-faith food drive for the second consecutive year. Last year the success of this event demonstrated that the same spirit that drove the first responders and others to care for complete strangers on 9/11, is still alive by uniting our communities to provide food for the most needy. The food drive unites local churches, temples, mosques, schools and other organizations in love and compassion with neighbors feeding neighbors. Last year, ISBA and all the partnering organizations exceeded their goals for donations with the help of 10 local organizations and more than 170 volunteers, who made the food drive a success by collecting over 3,400 pounds of food and hygiene items.

“This was a wonderful showing of how there are no racial, religious, ethnic, cultural or age boundaries when it comes to caring for those in need,” said Jill Stoller, ISBA board member.

As September approaches, ISBA is busy in preparation for the second annual multi-faith food drive with 13 local organizations pledged to help and still counting. The Fountains United Methodist Church, North Scottsdale LDS, American Muslim Women's Association of Arizona, Via De Cristo, Temple Chai, Islamic Community Center, Scottsdale Presbyterian Church, and many more will be participating in this year's food drive.

The event will be carried out on two separate days. The first day is dedicated to volunteers distributing the food donation collection bags to houses in the community. On the second day, donations will be collected from the houses, picked up at a location specified by each sponsoring organization, and distributed by ISBA volunteers to The Cultural Cup Food Bank and The Extended Hands Food Bank.

About Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona

The Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona (ISBA) is a non-profit, apolitical, educational organization founded in 1999. ISBA is an outreach institution that provides education about Islam and Muslims, promotes interfaith dialogue and is a local affiliate of ING (Islamic Networks Group) in San Jose, CA. For more information about ISBA, visit: www.isb-az.org

About 9/11 Multi-Faith Food Drive

ISBA is delighted to be partnering with Phoenix-area sponsoring organizations in order to serve those in need in the community. This year's food drive is a re-stocking effort for The Cultural Cup Food Bank in downtown Phoenix and The Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills.

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