



VALLEY CRESCENT SCHOOL

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Respected Community Member,

*As-Salamu 'Alykum Wa Rahmatullaahi Wa Barakatuh and **Ramadan Mubarak** insha Allah*

We ask Allah *subhanahu wata'ala* to keep you and your family safe and healthy.

- For the past 20 years, the Valley Crescent School team has been able to serve the children of our community to the best of their ability. Recently, the school has grown and the number of students has significantly increased due to the parents' contentment with academics and Arabic studies fostered in an Islamic environment. With the current spread of COVID-19, the school has proven to have acted in a responsible and professional manner. The staff never forgot the school's mission nor did they take the responsibility of educating our children leniently. Expecting the closure of the school parallel to schools' shutdown in other cities nationwide and in California upon the instruction of the Department of Health and Human Services, the staff got ready to transfer to virtual classes so as not to leave students with no education. Parents and students have been accommodated and constantly communicated with to meet their needs in these hard times. Computer sets were offered to those in need and workshops for technical support were also provided to parents who needed it, at no cost to ensure no student will fall behind. The transition to the virtual classes was done smoothly and took no time; that made parents acknowledge all efforts and complement the school team that has achieved what public schools could not. The truth is that, the school would have never been able to accomplish progression in carrying out tasks without your continuous help and support.
- As we all know, individuals and businesses, including Valley Crescent School, are financially affected by the COVID-19 that resulted in a big segment of our parents being unable to afford the tuition. Being aware of that fact, the MSCC and the school board members decided that no student should be turned down because of financial inability. However, this adds to the financial burden of the school that still has to pay for teachers, staff, and utility bills.
- So, the school is appealing to you and asking for your help. Please show more support than ever to the only Islamic school in the area so we can continue educating our children the academics and Arabic language in a safe Islamic environment. We ask more of your donations to the school this year so as to keep the existing teachers who made difference; our resources are getting limited with the closure of the Masjids that are our main avenues for collecting donations, especially during the blessed month of Ramadan. In addition, the biggest bulk of funds the school was using to cover most of the expenses for the whole year was done through the main Ramadan fundraising that unfortunately, has to be canceled this year due to the gravity of Coronavirus.
- **Our target for this year is to raise \$250,000.00 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) for the school to function the way it is doing now and to retain the existing staff. We hope you will help us to meet this target *insha Allah*.**
- While we ask you to donate generously to the school this year to make up for the fund shortage, we are certain that you will stand with us for our call. May Allah *Subhanahu wa Ta'ala* accept your donation and shower you with peace, *amen*
- Your donations are tax-deductible. VCS is a non-profit organization (501) (C) (3), Tax ID: 20-0810443

Sincerely Yours,

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