



AMA Community Centre is located in the heart of Ottawa South. We're building vibrant neighbourhoods together with other service providers and community leaders. The Centre provides social services and community development support to diverse communities in Ottawa South.

AMA grew with time and since 1992, we have continued to grow our team, our portfolio of programs, and our impact in the community. In 2004 we became a registered charity with the CRA and in 2016, we completed the construction at 1216 Hunt Club. Today, AMA provides a space, programs and services to its residents

of all faith and backgrounds. With a focus on building a strong community and strengthening the surrounding neighbourhoods, AMA envisions to inspire a more spiritual and caring community. Presently, our mission is to create a welcoming community for all through spiritual upliftment, education, community engagement and promoting diversity and equity. AMA Centre is not just a place for spiritual growth. Here, we offer all kinds of social and human services for the whole community.



THE NEED

Why a Community Centre?

There is significant demand for AMA to provide adequate programs & services pertaining to the social, educational and recreational needs of the Muslim community as well as the needs of the immediate, vulnerable neighbourhood.

33% residents in Sawmill Creek neighbourhood have neither English nor French as their first language. 26% of the population is under the age of 19. 39% of the children are low in two or more EDI domains. Only 55% of the population is employed and 38% is not in the labor force and 20% are considered to be low income. 41% Children under 6 years are living in low-income situations.

Thousands of families are relying on AMA as the only Centre in the area to serve their needs. We are uniquely equipped to provide activities in languages that benefit our community (eg. Arabic).

Secondly, 1,870 of the 5,400 residents of Sawmill Creek are children. It is imperative for AMA to become the hub for their needs.

The increasing demands from our members also requires us to expand our existing facilities to provide further enhancements such as a gymnasium, fitness centre, and a daycare.

INVESTMENT

Your donation helps

us invest in strong neighbourhood initiatives. As we look forward to the future, one thing always remains in mind: when our Ottawa South neighbourhoods are stronger, our Muslim community becomes stronger as a whole. No matter what challenges we face in striving to leave a lasting positive impact in our comm-

-unity, we are always mindful that quality programs and services for all is what will ultimately make a difference. Your donation helps us support the younger generation for a brighter future for the community, making greater contribution to the welfare of the community at large. We continue to invest your donations as per our community priorities - growing the diversity of programs for all age groups, expanding our portfolio of Islamic initiatives, and increasing the frequency of our programs.

OUR IMPACT



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We organize regular open houses, offer programs for the community at large and hold exchange visits with other faith groups to work towards bridge building.



COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING

AMA Centre works in partnership with other organizations to develop a holistic and integrated approach to addressing local and broader needs with our programs and services.



PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

We regularly host educational seminars and workshops by qualified speakers. Topics range from personal development to parenting to mental health and many more in between. Workshops are delivered in a culturally sensitive manner to all demographics (children, youth, women, seniors, etc.).



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

In 2019 year we served 385 teenage youth in facilitating recreation, socialization, forming new friendships, and developing new skills. We also served over 400 children with our after school homework club, summer camps, and weekly schools for learning.



HELPING FAMILIES/INDIVIDUAL IN CRISIS

We have a dedicated team supporting families and individuals in need of financial assistance or spiritual counselling and working with them to alleviate their challenges. We also served over 3,000 meals to the homeless and needy in shelters across Ottawa in the past 12 months.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We provide effective programming for our diverse community regardless of their age, language, ethnicity, culture, religion, gender, or ability.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Serving humanity is the essence of Islam. Building our Centre to help build resilient communities and to educate our youth are among the continuous charities (*sadaqah jariyyah*); their reward continues even after we leave this world. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "When a man dies, his deeds come to an end, except for three: A continuous charity, knowledge by which people derive benefit, and pious child who prays for him." (Saheeh Muslim)

The community members who make up the fabric of AMA's community are one body and unity is our gift. Unity is the strength of the bond that holds us together as one community. This message is instilled in our hearts through the words of our beloved Prophet (PBUH). He once said, "Verily, the believers are like a structure, each part strengthening the other." We are all bricks that make up this structure that we call our community. Each brick strengthens the

next. When we join our hands together we can create remarkable changes.

Allah (SWT) tells us in the Qur'an of the tremendous reward for giving for His sake:

"Those who spend of their goods (in charity) by night and by day in secret and in public shall have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve." (Surah Baqarah, verse 274).



MASJID AR-RAHMAH
MOSQUE OF MERCY

1 MASJID AR-RAHMAH

Utilities: We have a large facility with 10,000 square feet of programming space. With a facility this large, we have a number of monthly and annual expenses required to keep the lights on.

Operations & Maintenance: AMA has achieved new milestones thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, staff, and partners. To support the programs and services for the community, our team invests heavily into operations to sustain our work so we can continue to serve our community.

Partitions: Our team is planning to install a partition (ie. divider) in our community hall. This partition can split our hall into 2 - 4 sections to enable us to hold multiple programs at the same time.



2 COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our programs are focused on infusing a balance of recreation, socialization, education, health, community safety, community development, employment support, and social service support for all ages.

From children's homework clubs, to summer camps, weekend courses and health workshops with professional facilitators, there is no shortage of activities for all demographics



3 GYM DAYCARE

Since the completion of our Centre in 2016, our community has been expressing the need for a recreational facility. The community asked and we answered. In the empty lot next to the existing building we will build a 4-storey expansion that will house a gymnasium, fitness centre, full-time daycare, multi-purpose rooms, underground parking, a library and other amenities that our community has desired to have.

The expansion will enable AMA to improve its offering of programs to the community at large. We are proud to say that we are on our way towards having a one-stop shop for all of your spiritual, educational, recreational, and social needs.

May Allah reward you and accept your contributions towards investing in programming in the AMA Community Centre.