



In Remembrance of: **MAHBOOB KHAN**

A tireless champion of oppressed Muslims everywhere, Mahboob Khan devoted his life to serving Muslims and the cause of Allah. He was a committed worker for the cause of Kosovar Muslims. He was the founder of the American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice that joined other American organizations in taking relief and supplies to Iraq. He was also an active member of the Indian Muslim Relief Committee (IMRC) of ISNA.

Dr. Khan was born on March 31, 1939 in Madras, India. He migrated to Boulder, CO in 1966 to complete his masters and doctoral degrees in solid-state physics.

As a student, Dr. Khan was active in establishing the Muslim Students Association (MSA) of USA and Canada, that later transformed into the Islamic Society of North America, and served as its west zone representative. He also served on the board of the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). Upon moving to California, Dr. Khan worked to establish the Islamic Society of Orange County (ISOC) that eventually included an Islamic center, a mosque and an elementary school. He also served as president of ISOC. After moving to San Jose, he immersed himself in establishing the Muslim Community Association (MCA) which, under his leadership, established two mosques, an Islamic center and the Granada Islamic School. He served as president and board chairman of MCA.

Mahboob Khan passed away on the 16th of April 1999, and is missed by all who knew him. Inna Lillahi we Inna Ileyhi Rajiun. May Allah protect his family and his five children.

The Community Service Recognition Award is given in remembrance of the great efforts and achievements of Dr. Mahboob Khan, and to serve as an example and inspiration to others.

Keynote Speaker: **KAREN ARMSTRONG**

Religious thinker Karen Armstrong has written more than 20 books on faith and the major religions, studying what Islam, Judaism and Christianity have in common, and how our faiths shaped world history and drive current events.

A former nun, Armstrong has written two books about this experience: *Through the Narrow Gate*, about her seven years in the convent, and *The Spiral Staircase*, about her subsequent spiritual awakening, when she developed her iconoclastic take on the major monotheistic religions -- and on the strains of fundamentalism common to all. She is a powerful voice for ecumenical understanding.

As part of her 2008 TED Prize Wish Armstrong asks us to help her assemble the Charter for Compassion, a document around which religious leaders can work together for peace. In late fall 2008, the first draft of the document was written by the world, via a sharing website.

In February 2009 the words of the world were collected and given to the Council of Conscience, a gathering of religious leaders and thinkers, who are now crafting the final document.



Award Recipient: **IQBAL UNUS**

Dr. Iqbal Unus is Visiting Fellow, Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Visiting Research Associate, Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University and Advisory Board Member, The Fairfax Institute (TFI) at International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) where he has served since 1989 in several positions including Director of Administration and Director of TFI. Before then, he has served as secretary general of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

His community service extends from 1970 to now in numerous positions, including president of Muslim Students Association of the U.S. and Canada, Majlis member of ISNA, trustee of All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), and chair/member of several committees. He facilitates strategic planning and training workshops for Muslim organizations in the U.S. and abroad. He has published several articles in *Islamic Horizons* and a book chapter in *The Muslims' Place in the American Public Square*. He is currently working on a book about the development of Muslim presence in America from mid-sixties to mid-eighties.

He has a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from Emory University, Atlanta, GA (1977). However, his lifetime's work has been in Muslim community development and institution building.