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## **KARAMAH Empowers Women**

Dear Supporters,

For over 26 years, KARAMAH has been celebrating Muslim women every day. Today as we celebrate Muslim Women's Day, we encourage you to celebrate with us.

KARAMAH was founded in 1993 by Dr. Azizah al-Hibri. The name KARAMAH comes from the Qur'anic verse 17:70, which reads: "We have given dignity to the Children of Adam." This verse establishes the fact that human dignity is bestowed upon all human beings by God, regardless of gender. Dr. al-Hibri wanted to make this idea known, especially to Muslim women, and advance the view that Islam does not require a choice between human rights and faith. She wanted to create an organization to support the rights of Muslim women worldwide through education programs, jurisprudence scholarship, and the development of a network of Muslim jurists and leaders.

Since 2003, KARAMAH has developed a set of intensive and highly-esteemed educational workshops in the U.S. and abroad. These programs offer a core set of courses about the gender-equitable principles of Islamic law, and help participants develop leadership and conflict resolution skills. The training aims to equip women with the tools necessary to make a

beneficial difference from within their own religious contexts. In addition to our educational programs, KARAMAH has built a network of Muslim women jurists, lawyers and leaders who contribute to equitable Islamic legal scholarship.

In creating KARAMAH, Dr. al-Hibri's foremost goal was to advance Muslim women's knowledge of their rights and to empower them in the march towards greater participation in their civil societies and the global community. What began in 1993 as a small group of dedicated individuals quickly grew into a vibrant and distinguished organization.

Today we celebrate our accomplishments, our history as the first Muslim women-led organization, and continue every day to break barriers for the next generation of strong Muslim women. This summer Muslim women from all parts of the world will come to D.C. to participate in our Law and Leadership Summer Program. We appreciate the support that allows us to provide this opportunity for young women. Please consider donating for this summer's Law and Leadership Program.

Thank you for all of your support over the last 26 years.

Sincerely,

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