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Yusuf Ingar  
Secretary

Jame Abu Bakr Siddique - Scarborough Muslim Association  
2665 Lawrence Avenue East  
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Dear Br. Yusuf Ingar,

Assalamu Alaikum (peace be upon you).

I am sorry to hear about the passing of brother Saleh Hafejee. Please accept my deepest condolences to you and your loved ones.

Brother Saleh was a true community leader, pioneer and friend. He has been a transformational leader at the Jame Abu Bakr Siddique (Scarborough Muslim Association), leading the Masjid through its period of tremendous growth, and increase in its stature, both in the community and around the City.

Brother Saleh devoted 25 years of his life to community services, uplifting and empowering local youth, and working across many community organizations to improve the lives of many Muslim residents in Scarborough. Brother Saleh was an integral member of the Markham and Lawrence community touching the lives of all residents alike, from youth to elders, where he was able to observe youth members flourish into active residents in the community.

Brother Saleh recognized the lack of sports programming in the Markham and Lawrence community, he took it upon himself to create a hockey league giving the youth in the community a safe space to play together and grow. He worked tirelessly to support the local youth and ensure that they had opportunities to flourish.

I pray that the many happy memories of brother Saleh's life be with you and with time, overcome the sadness and pain that has accompanied you. While we loved brother Saleh dearly, whatever God takes away or gives belongs to Him. Everything has a fixed term in this world, so we must be patient and content. I hope that you can find solace in the truth of faith in this difficult time.

Know that my thoughts are with you.

Peace be upon you.

Sincerely,

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