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Dear Mr. Abuelaish,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Islamic Foundation of Toronto and the Muslim Community Groups (MCG) of the Greater Toronto Area and organizing committee responsible for planning the Eighth Annual Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night.

This event has proven successful over the years and has drawn participation from senior members from the various levels of government, the business community as well as our Essential Services professionals. In previous dinners, we had Premier of Ontario, Deputy Premier of Ontario, High Commissioners and Ambassadors from various countries, local MPs & MPPs, GTA Mayors, Toronto City Councillors, , Toronto Police, EMS and Fire Chiefs, Chief Executive Officers of Toronto Hospitals and Deans of many Universities were in attendance, along with many other dignitaries from across Canada. In particular, last year's banquet saw an attendance of well over 800 men and women from all walks of life representing a diversity of faiths within the Canadian mosaic.

This event also celebrates professional excellence as annual awards are given to the Top Police Officer, EMS Officer and Firefighter within our community. As well, Amnesty International, the David Suzuki Foundation, CAIR-CAN and notable media personalities such as Mr. Peter Mansbridge and Mr. Nazim Baksh from the CBC, Mr. Haroon Siddiqi and Ms. Michelle Shephard from the Toronto Star have also been recognized for their outstanding contributions in past years.

The theme of this year's banquet is **"Collective Achievements, Making a Difference"** and as such we will be recognizing excellence in this field. On behalf of the Muslim community, we wish to present you with a special award **"Peace Ambassador - Making a Difference"** for your lifelong and ongoing contributions.

It will be our privilege to have you to join us **on Sunday, 21 of October, 2012 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm., at Terrace Banquet Centre, 1680 Creditstone Road Vaughan, ON L4K 5T4, (www.infinityeventgroup.ca).**

This banquet is an attempt to build bridges that connect members of the Muslim community to the wider society by celebrating our collective achievements. Your participation will inspire Canadians a sense of hope that each of us has the capacity to make a positive contribution to our shared world.

We hope you give our invitation a kind eye and look forward to your positive response at your earliest convenience.

Thank you please accept our very best regards,

Yours truly,



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Event Chair

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