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ATLANTA ISLAMIC COMMUNITY TO DONATE UP TO 2,000 POUNDS OF FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED IN THE METRO AREA

WHO: The Atlanta Islamic Community, including more than 10 area mosques and organizations.

WHAT: Thousands of Muslims in metro Atlanta and surrounding areas have collected funds to donate up to 2,000 pounds of **high-quality, grain-fed bison** to the Atlanta Community Food Bank as a part of a major holiday and feast, called *Eid al-Adha* in Arabic. The food will be distributed to those in need in the Atlanta Metro area.

The feast commemorates the sacrifice of Abraham, a story in the Holy Quran. The story, which is also shared by many religions including Judaism and Christianity, entails the sacrifice made by Abraham of the life of his son as a test of faith for God. At the last hour, when Abraham's son's life was to be taken, God substituted a sheep for the son.

WHEN: The donation will be made **Thursday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.** at the Atlanta Community Food Bank, 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318.

WHY: Beef will be available from the festival sacrifices or slaughters and the Atlanta Muslim community will be reaching out to the greater community in an effort to help those in need.

"Our faith teaches us how to be compassionate with others," said Amjad Taufique, a Muslim community leader. "We would like to take the *Eid al-Adha* holiday to help the most needy in our community."

ABOUT THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF MARIETTA

The Islamic Center of Marietta, which is the central location that collected funds for the meat donation, is the main mosque for Muslims in Marietta, where thousands of followers of the religion of Islam pray. The center is located at 968 Powder Springs Street. For more information visit www.alhedaya.com.