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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF SLAIN YOUNG MUSLIMS (CALL FOR PEACE & PATIENCE)

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**The Muslim Community Center (MCC)** of Silver Spring, Maryland, one of the oldest Muslim faith based organizations in the Washington, DC area, sends our deepest condolences to the families and community of the three young Muslims who were murdered in a horrific crime on Tuesday, February 10th 2015 in Chapel Hill, NC.

Deah Barakat, 23, his wife, Yusor Abu-Salha, 21, and her sister Razan Abu-Salha, 19, were well-known and loved in their community for their service to others, faith, compassion, and love for their family. Each of them was shot once in the head by a self-described anti-theist, whose Facebook page called for all religions to 'go away' and that contained pictures of his fully loaded .38-caliber handgun.

The Quran reminds believers of how to react in times of an attack.

**"...If you are patient during times of trial and conscious of Him, and an attack (or an enemy) should fall upon you all of a sudden, your sustainer will aid you (for your patience and endurance) with the aid of five thousand angels."(Quran 3:124)**

MCC calls for a full investigation into the motive behind these murders, and also calls upon the media to examine how it contributes to the Islamophobic climate in this country that can instigate such senseless hate crimes.

*MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, government, public and media relations, and within our society at large.*

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