Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Austin community,

I pray that you are all in the best of health and Imaan.

Firstly, I apologies for the delay in conveying this message to you all.

The demise of Mufti Sheikh has been a great loss to us (الله). Our sister has lost a husband and our nieces their father; they loved and cherished him dearly. We have only begun to realise the huge loss that has been felt by you, the Austin community.

To us, in England he was our sister’s husband, son in law, an uncle or brother in law. We knew him as Mufti Saab. We were unaware of Mufti Saab’s life; how he spent it in giving love, help and support to others. He helped and touched more hearts than we as a family could ever have imagined. May Allah (SWT) bestow his mercy on him and grant him the highest of ranks in the aakirah, Ameen.

During my visit to Austin to support my sister and nieces, I was astounded by the sheer love and support that the community expressed!! I have never experienced such compassion and affection from individuals that I spoke with during my short time there. I was humbled and honoured to learn about the magnitude of Mufti Saab’s work and the impact that he had made within society. He touched the
hearts of people from all generations, of different faith and beliefs; inspiring, 
motivating and guiding individuals through conferences, seminars and to the calls 
of individual needs. Everyone I spoke with (and there were many!!) informed me 
how Mufti Saab had made each one of them feel that they were ‘special’. It was 
absolutely phenomenal!! Subhanallah!

You, the community of Austin knew him far better than we did. You were the 
fortunate ones! To have been blessed by his knowledge and wisdom, his sincerity 
and his passion to create and develop love and unity within the communities. We 
are only beginning to understand the deep bond you all had towards him; in 
particular the youths, who I was told were inspired by his ability to ‘connect’ with 
them, particularly on his most recent use of ‘Super Heroes’ to provide analogies 
for life examples. How thought provoking!

You have shown us how important Mufti Saab was to you in your lives. The 
affection and support that you have all shown to our sister and nieces in this 
difficult time has been astounding! Your heartfelt condolences, personal visits, 
home cooked meals, food provisions, as well as the astonishing social media 
fundraising has touched our hearts. 
We are deeply humbled. We, her mum and sisters, are so far away from them. 
Your overwhelming kindness and genuine willingness to help has given us a huge 
sense of reassurance that our sister and nieces are being cared for.

We can only thank you with our warmest and sincere, heartfelt gratitude to 
EVERY individual in the community for the comfort, advise and moral support
that you have shared with our sister and her daughters. We can only thank you for the care and goodwill in the ongoing planning and organisation of the short term and long-term support for them; and above all your sincere prayers.

May Allah(SWT) grant each of your lives with an abundance of blessings and contentment. May HE provide you with patience and satisfaction. May HE grant you all the desire to move forward, the strength to endure hardship and the motivation and inspiration to carry forward the legacy of Mufti Umer Sheikh, inshaallah - Ameen.

Barakallahfee
Wassalaam,

The entire family - UK