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Greetings!

October 27, 2008

GRAND OPENING

ACC Artisana and Adult Learning Center



Artisana Grand Opening

The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) will hold a grand opening ceremony and reception in celebration of its Artisana and Adult Learning Center Monday, October 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at 55 W. Seven Mile Road in Detroit.

The Artisana and Adult Learning Center, Phase III of the Seven Mile Project, houses

workspace for artists from diverse backgrounds, races and ethnicities. The center's first floor is devoted to artisan pursuits that will boast a gallery display area and a Middle Eastern- themed café. The second floor is committed to adult education and will accommodate a computer lab, conference room, program offices and an adult learning center that will provide programs such as English as a Second Language, job training, financial and cultural workshops, and other life skills programs that promote achievement and increase individual wellbeing.

In addition to celebrating the completion of the learning center, October 27 will commemorate the completion of Phase I of the Streetscape Improvement Project. Funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation and Wayne County Parks and Recreation, the project provided sidewalk improvements, street trees, planting beds, trash receptacles, and park benches.

Designated a Cool Cities Neighborhood, The Seven Mile Project aims to retain and attract people to the Seven Mile area, improve quality of life, create a safer neighborhood, and provide an educational haven for the youth and adults in the area.

To RSVP please contact ACC at (248) 559-1990 or email kimberlys@myacc.org by Friday, October 24, 2008.



4th Annual Cancer Forum Exceeds Expectations

Focusing on implementing prevention methods and improving the quality of life through education and research is the mission of ACC's Public Health Department. Like ACC, Beaumont Cancer Institute strives to provide information and access to cancer screenings and prevention to reduce cancer mortality in the community.

On October 9 at St Joseph Catholic Church ACC and Beaumont Cancer Institute hosted the 4th Annual Arab American and Chaldean Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Forum. This event was the most successful to date with over 350 community members in attendance. The forum covered the following topics: Cancer Prevention presented by Muhyi Al Sarraf MD, Cancer Screenings and Early Detection presented by Samer Ballouz MD, Cancer in Children/Blood Disorders presented by Samir Jamil, MD, and Clinical Trials.

The overall aim of the cancer forum is to help reduce risks and morbidity in breast, cervical, prostate, colorectal and other cancers among the Arab and Chaldean community. Through its bilingual presentation, this unique event has helped many high risk individuals obtain cancer screenings and follow up care.

ACC and Beaumont would like to thank Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, Metro Health, St. Joseph Church, and Oncology Services Administration for their support.

Community Emergency Respond Team Training



Know how to respond with the lifesaving and decision-making skills needed to help minimize injury, mortality, and property damage until professional responders arrive.

ACC is conducting a CERT (Community Emergency Respond Team) training for two full days, Saturday November 1, 2008 and the following Saturday November 8, 2008 at the ACC Youth Center located at 62 W Seven Mile, Detroit.

The training will be conducted by professional staff from the Homeland Security Department. Lunch and snacks will be provided and all participants will receive a CERT handbag filled with emergency equipment and materials. Upon completing the training, a certificate will be issued to each participant.

CERT teams are groups of citizens trained to recognize, respond to, and help their communities recover from major emergencies or disasters. These teams provide immediate, vital (and often life-saving) assistance during large-scale incidents - particularly when the response from professional emergency responders may be delayed. CERT members are trained in disaster preparedness, organization & teamwork, fire suppression, emergency medical operations, search and rescue techniques, and more.

The CERT program is part of the Michigan Citizen Corps' effort to empower citizens in emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

To register and for more information, please contact Sufian Hannon at (248) 559-1990 or sufianh@myacc.org.



An intensely moving look at the war's impact on Iraqi women.

Community Collaboration Event - Tickets Still Available

Please join us on Thursday, October 23 for the Performance Network Theatre's *9 Parts of Desire*, written by Heather Raffo, starring Sarab Kamoo and directed by Ed Nahhat. ACC is the benefiting organization of the evening's performance. Funds raised will benefit ACC's Iraqi refugee and displaced family programs.

As topical of today's headlines, *9 Parts of Desire* is a portrait of the extraordinary lives of Iraqi women. This work explores the conflicting aspects of what it means to be a woman in the war zone of Iraq.

"Powerful, impassioned, vivid memorable!" - *the New York Times*

For tickets and additional information please call ACC at (248) 559-1990.

Tickets are \$35.

ACC presents at Community Forum



Making a Difference

On Thursday, October 9 ACC clubhouse manager Abdelwahhab Alawneh presented at the St. Joseph Mercy Community Forum "Your Blues Ain't Like Mine." Mr. Alawneh presented on Understanding Arab/Chaldean culture and customs related to recovery.

The two main points of the discussion covered:
~How to foster awareness and understanding of Arab/Chaldean culture as it relates to behavioral health and as it relates to access and effectiveness of treatment approaches.

~How to provide service practitioners with best practices that may inform their work with Arab /Chaldean American clients.

Community News

Stroke Care Across The Continuum of Care

Presented by: Detroit Receiving Hospital's Stroke Team

October 29, 2008, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Boy Scouts of America (1776 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48208)

Registration Fee: Free for DMC employees

This course is designed for all health professionals.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided

For more information please contact: Camille Pavlak, at (313) 745-2211 or email at cpavlak@dmc.org.

This course has been approved for 6.6 nursing contact hours.

First Manage Yourself Well

Henry Ford Health System, Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals and Faith Community

Nursing presents First Manage Yourself Well: Addressing Stresses of Leadership

Thursday, November 13, 2008

9am - 3pm

Hope Lutheran Church, 32400 Hoover, Warren, MI 48093

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Karl E. Galik

For additional information call Jeanne at (586) 263-2161 or email surowiej@hfhs.org or Mary Ann at stockwem@hfhs.org.

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