



e-Council Connection

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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Greetings!

President of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to address ACC



On Monday, March 8th at 4:00 p.m. ACC will host Mr. Daniel Loepp, President and CEO for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, at the joint meeting of its Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

The board meeting is to be held at ACC's Youth Recreation and Leadership Center, located at 62 W. Seven Mile Road, in Detroit.

Twice a year ACC hosts a joint meeting of the boards where an individual who is a leader in their respective area of work is invited to present on current issues.

NEW locations for two ACC -DHS offices



ACC, in partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is proud to announce the opening of the new DHS Hamtramck and Sterling Heights District Offices.

Hamtramck

Previously located at 2400 Denton, the facility is now in the new Woody Plaza, located at:

12140 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212

To reach ACC staff at the DHS Hamtramck Office, please call **(313) 366-1955**.

Sterling Heights

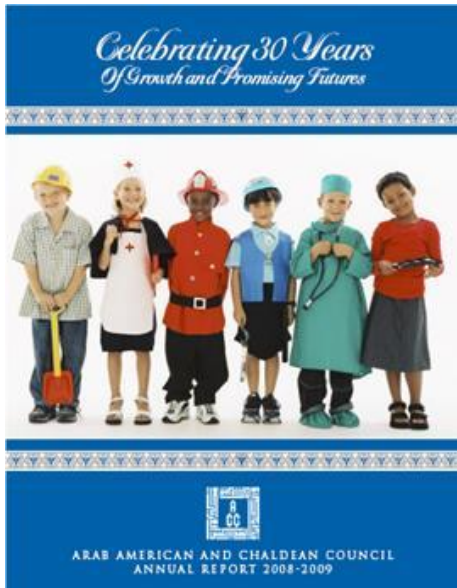
Once located at 44600 Delco, the new Sterling Heights DHS office is now located at:

41227 Mound Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

ACC staff located at this office can be reached at **(586)254-8112**.

ACC is the only health and human services agency housed in the DHS. ACC's DHS division is located in 13 offices through out the tri-county area.

Thank you for "Making a Difference"



ACC is proud to share the following comments from Mayor William Wild, City of Westland, regarding our 2008-2009 Annual Report.

"On behalf of the City of Westland, I would like to recognize the efforts of the ACC in "Making a Difference" in the lives of the Middle Eastern and mainstream communities of Southeast Michigan.

As a community leader, I am particularly impressed with the work of your organization in addressing such important matters as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, services for seniors and employment and career counseling. As well, your efforts to provide educational and recreational opportunities to youth have an impact that extends well beyond the region as these young people prepare to become our future leaders and decision makers.

All of Southeast Michigan is the better for your efforts and we are grateful that you are indeed "Making a Difference."

~ Mayor William R. Wild, City of Westland, MI

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NEW: ACC Refugee Health Programs



ACC, in collaboration with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, is providing public and behavioral health services specifically designed for refugees. The Refugee Health Program provides services to all refugees and asylees who have not attained US Citizenship and

have lived in the US for three years or less.

Services are designed specifically to meet the needs of refugees. Activities and services are provided by staff who are fluent in both Arabic and Chaldean.

ACC's Refugee Health Program provides medical and social adjustment services, such as:

- ~ Individual, Group, and Family Counseling
- ~ Primary Care Services: medical exams, health screenings, and prescriptions for medications
- ~ Resource Referrals
- ~ Emergency Care Referrals
- ~ Ongoing counseling and planning to assist in understanding, identifying, and meeting physical and mental health needs

For additional information, contact ACC at (248) 559- 1990.



Scholarship Opportunity

The 22nd Annual Arab American Scholarship Foundation Program of the Lebanese American Heritage Club (LAHC) is now accepting applications. Deadline to apply is April 6th, 2010. All applications must be submitted online at www.lahc.org.



To be eligible you must be of Arab decent with a GPA of at least a 3.0, a senior in high school, an undergraduate or a graduate student attending college or university full time, a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the US, and reside on the state of Michigan.

For more information, contact LAHC at (313) 846-8480 or visit www.lahc.org.

Help a child learn to read



The DPS Reading Corps **WANTS YOU!**

Detroit Public Schools in partnership with the Detroit Free press has launched an aggressive campaign to improve reading skills of DPS students. They need YOU to volunteer to tutor young Detroiters in reading!

The DPS Volunteer Reading Corps will be focusing on

pre-kindergarten and expand up to third grade. The goal is to have every student in the DPS reading at or above grade level by third grade. Research show that students not reading at grade level by third grade are at a much greater risk of not achieving their potential.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

In addition to volunteering you can help by encourage other to volunteer and Make a Difference. They can sign up at www.detroitk12.org/readingcorps or calling (313) 870-KNOW (870-5669).

PLEASE JOIN IN THIS EFFORT TO HELP ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED EVERY OPPORTUNITY THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

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