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**ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL ESTABLISHES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
FOR ITS SEVEN MILE PROJECT**

*Nonprofit Continues Revitalization Initiatives to Grow and Support  
Seven Mile Road Community*

**LATHRUP VILLAGE, Mich. – May 2014** – The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), a premier nonprofit human service organization serving southeast Michigan, has announced the formation of the Community Development Company of North Detroit. This Community Development Company (CDC) will continue to move the nonprofit’s initiatives forward in the Seven Mile Road/Woodward area to include housing, commercial development and expanded services.

A Community Development Company (CDC) is a nonprofit organization incorporated to provide programs, offer services and engage in other activities that promote and support community development. This CDC will serve the ACC’s “Seven Mile Project,” a community revitalization initiative focusing on housing for veterans, immigrants and refugees, supporting commercial development and expansion of the nonprofit’s food pantry program.

“The ACC continues to make progress in our revitalization efforts with our Seven Mile Project, creating new homes, business opportunities and the expansion of our Pantry of Plenty food distribution program,” said Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, President & CEO, ACC. “Our mission is to revitalize and repopulate the area along Seven Mile Road between Woodward and John R, proving safe housing, a vibrant commercial center and providing human services to the residents of this community.”

Currently, the ACC's Seven Mile Project is focusing on housing for veterans and refugees, the creation of a veteran's services building and expanding its food pantry to include a permanent building.

In addition, the ACC has been actively involved with Penrose Village II, a newer community of single-family homes with a combination of two-bedroom duplexes, three-bedroom duplexes and three-bedroom single family homes, as well as a central "farmhouse" with offices for service providers and community gardens. The ACC is serving as the primary service provider for the development, which is targeting those with special needs including the homeless, victims of domestic violence and the disabled.

The ACC is currently completing an application with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to secure funding for the CDC.

**About the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)**

*The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) is the premier nonprofit human service organization providing services to the Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in Southeast Michigan. Founded in 1979, the ACC provides counseling, health care, social services, employment training, job placement, translation, interpretation and youth services to more than 70,000 clients in metro Detroit. The ACC operates 40 outreach offices in the tri-county area, staffed with bilingual and trilingual professionals to serve the Arab American and Chaldean American populations and offer assistance to the Middle East refugee population. For more information, visit [www.myacc.org](http://www.myacc.org) or call (248) 559-1990.*

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