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Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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The Arab American and Chaldean Council Celebrates Education ACC 32nd Annual Civic & Humanitarian Awards Gala

Lathrup Village, MI - September 8, 2011 On Friday, September 30th at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, 6 p.m., the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) will host its 32nd Annual Civic and Humanitarian Awards Gala Education: The Road to Success.

President of GM North America Mark L. Reuss is the evening's Keynote Speaker. Mr. Reuss is a longtime advocate of education in the City of Detroit, *"We need to help students here succeed, and we need to make sure that the students who do succeed stick around to help the city rebuild."*

The program will be emceed by radio host Paul W. Smith of News/Talk 760 WJR. This year's event will honor individuals that through their dedication to educational endeavors have joined ACC in empowering the growing multi-ethnic community of Metropolitan Detroit. This year's 2011 honorees are:

- Pamela Alexander, Community Development & Business Operations Manager, Ford Motor Company Fund
- Mike Fezzey, President Eastern Michigan Region, Huntington Bank
- Ambassador Yousif Ghafari, Founder and Chairman, Ghafari Associates
- Dr. Marsha Pando, Superintendent, Lamphere Schools
- Congressman Gary Peters, U.S. House of Representatives
- Senator Randy Richardville, Majority Leader, Michigan State Senate
- Roy Roberts, Emergency Manager, Detroit Public Schools

ACC is proud to celebrate as we continue to make a difference in our communities as the leading educational, employment and healthcare human services organization. This year's gala will attract more than 1,000 guests, including leaders representing national and state policy-making, members of the judiciary, leaders of the corporate world and health care industries, and educational institutions and foundations.

Tickets are still available; please call 248-559-1990 for more information.

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ACC is the premier non-profit human service organization providing services to the Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in Southeast Michigan. Furthermore, ACC provides better opportunities to enable newcomers to adjust to their new environment. As a bridge of understanding, ACC maximizes the skills, resources and expertise of the community to: Build cooperation and understanding

Raise the level of individuals' well-being
Increase cross-cultural understanding through education
Deliver human services, counseling and opportunities
Gear community members towards achievement
Empower through employment training and placement

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