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Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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## ACC Unification Celebration: A Long Awaited Reunion

**Detroit, MI - January 26, 2010** The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)/Behavioral Division is very proud to be hosting a Unification Celebration at 2:00pm on Friday, January 29th at its Youth Recreation & Leadership Center, located at 62 W. Seven Mile Road in Detroit. The celebration is in honor of a long awaited reunion between a father and his two young daughters. Thanks to the efforts of ACC and its dedicated staff this family has been reunited after almost 7 years.

In June 2003 this refugee family was separated. Imad Jasim, a single father who was unaware of his rights and the government system, had his two daughters ages 2 and 3 taken away as a result of the mothers actions. ACC case manger Labiba Radwan worked diligently to raise funds and provide resources and advocacy on the family's behalf. As a result of this unwavering support the oldest daughter was returned to her father after one year. However the battle for custody of the second daughter took another five years. Throughout this extension process ACC supported this family.

On Thursday, December 17th Mr. Jasim won the custody battle for his two daughters, now ages 8 and 10. It was a day filled with tears of happiness.

For further information, please contact Labiba Radwan at (313) 893-6172 or Kimberly Hassan at (248) 559- 1990.

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