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Arab American and Chaldean Council Welcomes Five New Board Members

TROY, Mich. – Nov. XX, 2014 – The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), a premier nonprofit human service organization serving southeast Michigan, announced the addition of five new members to its board of directors. The announcement was made by President and CEO Dr. Haifa Fakhouri.

The new board members are: **Nancy Hanoosh, Nida R. Samona, J.D., David Broome, Wassim Mahfouz and Sue Brueckman.**

Nancy Hanoosh, of Troy, is the founder and president of the Troy-based Corporate Recruiters, Inc., which supports Detroit's top law firms and corporations with direct hire and contract placements. Prior to establishing her company in 1999, she held positions at a boutique staffing firm, J. Walter Thompson and Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn. Hanoosh received her bachelor's degree from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Nida R. Samona, J.D., is a senior executive projects manager with Wayne County's Executive Office. In this position she works with healthcare services and programs, as well as the Economic Development Growth Engine. She previously served as the chairperson of the Liquor Control Commission with the State of Michigan, Macomb County assistant prosecuting attorney and as a City of Southfield Councilwoman. The Bloomfield Township resident received her bachelor's degree from Marygrove College, her juris doctor from the Detroit College of Law and participated in the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University in 1999. Samona is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations.

David Broome is director – Customer Marketing & Community Lighting at DTE Energy – Detroit Edison. In this position, he oversees the deployment of products and services for residential and business customers. He previously served as director of continuous improvement for customer service

and division information officer at DTE. Broome holds a bachelor's degree and MBA from Wayne State University and a master's degree from Lawrence Technological University.

A resident of Livonia, **Wassim Mahfouz** is a Wayne County Executive Assistant, serving as a liaison between the Executive's office and the Community. He also is the executive director of the Lebanese American Heritage Club. The Lebanon native received his bachelor's degree from the Islamic University of Lebanon and took postgraduate classes in human resources and organizational development from Eastern Michigan University. A recipient of numerous service awards and involved in local, national and international organizations, Mahfouz was inducted into the Heritage Hall of Fame in 2010. He is the youngest and first person to receive their Emerging Leader Award.

Sue Brueckman is the Senior Vice President Regional Affairs, Corporate Affairs with Huntington Bank.

“These five individuals have given so much of their time to their communities and have worked tirelessly to make metropolitan Detroit a better place to work and live for all,” said Dr. Fakhouri. “I am looking forward to working with them to help ACC continue its work of improving clients lives.”

The ACC provides human services to the Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in southeast Michigan. Its programs include Behavioral Health, Public Health, WIC, Employment Training, the Seven Mile Project and refugee assistance.

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 or call (248) 559-1990.

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