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Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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Feeding Families, Building Communities

ACC Christmas Eve Dinner Distribution

Detroit, MI - December 18, 2012 As part of its fight against hunger and in celebration of the season of giving the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), in partnership with Forgotten Harvest, will be distributing nearly 1,000 Christmas Eve Dinners on December 24 at 1:00pm at its Youth Recreation and Leadership Center, located at 62 W. Seven Mile Road in Detroit. It is ACC's hope to reach out to as many families and individuals as possible to ensure all of those we serve have a hot meal for Christmas.

The economy we face as a community has brought a new story of despair for thousands of children, families and seniors in the tri-county area. Hunger now touches the lives of a new group of people in our neighborhoods who are in greater need of supportive resources and services. Together with Forgotten Harvest, ACC will work to relieve hunger in the Detroit metropolitan community

ACC's Christmas dinner distribution event is part of its Pantry of Plenty Program, which provides much needed nutritional food items to those in need every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Food items include a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy items, meat products, juices, snacks, and much more! ACC's pantry program provides nearly 60,000 pounds of food a month and currently serves over 2100 families.

Be a part of ACC's Christmas Eve Dinner Distribution: To become a volunteer and for more information, contact Kimberly Hassan at (248) 599-1990 or kimberlyh@myacc.org.

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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

Website: <http://www.myacc.org>

Forgotten Harvest

The mission of Forgotten Harvest is to relieve hunger in the Detroit metropolitan community by rescuing surplus, prepared and perishable food and donating it to emergency food providers. In fiscal year 2011 - 2012, Forgotten Harvest became America's largest food rescue by rescuing a record 42 million pounds of food. Forgotten Harvest rescues food by collecting surplus, prepared and perishable food from a variety of sources such as grocery stores, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors, and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food - that would otherwise go to waste - is delivered free of charge to emergency food providers throughout metro Detroit.

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