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**ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL TO HOST 14TH
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER,
JUNE 7**

TROY, Mich. – April 30, 2016– The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), a premier nonprofit human service organization serving Southeast Michigan, will host its 14th Annual Golf Outing and Scholarship Awards Dinner, Tuesday, June 7 at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield (5600 Walnut Lake Road).

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 10 a.m., when the driving range opens, followed by an 11:15 a.m. shotgun start for an 18-hole game of golf. The dinner program, which includes the scholarship ceremony, tournament award distribution and raffle, will commence at 5 p.m. Scholarships, whose funds are generated from the event, will be awarded to local high school seniors of Arab American and Chaldean descent.

This year, the ACC is welcoming three honorary co-chairs to the event: Bridget Hurd, Senior Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM); Monty Fakhouri, Corporate Business Manager, Beaumont Hospital; and Brian Santee, Senior Sales Director , Frito-Lay North America.

In her role at BCBSM, Hurd is responsible for leading and executing the organization's diversity and inclusion strategy. With 24 years of progressive experience in communications, community relations, corporate giving and diversity and inclusion, she has worked tirelessly to help facilitate stronger linkages among the community and health care institutions. Prior to joining BCBSM, Hurd spent eight years at the Greater Detroit Area Health Council.

The Southfield, Mich. resident received a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Wayne State University.

Santee, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., has worked with PepsiCo for more than a decade, serving the metropolitan Detroit and Cleveland regions. Last year, he chaired the company's Feeding Detroit volunteer event where they partnered with Feed the Children to distribute non-perishable food and daily essentials to 1,600 Detroit families for the sixth year in a row. Santee holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, where he played on the varsity golf team, and an MBA from New York University.

Part of the Beaumont Health System for 10 years, Fakhouri has served in his current role since October 2015, having previously worked as the organization's Business Manager and as an adjunct professor with Oakland University's William Beaumont School of Medicine. In 1999, he began a decade-long career as the ACC's Director of Public Health and Youth Development. Fakhouri graduated from Wayne State University's medical school with a specialization in community medicine.

"I am looking forward to making our 14th annual golf outing our most successful yet. It is always such a pleasure to spend the day with ACC's friends and supporters having fun on the course while also helping students reach higher education opportunities," said Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, President, ACC. "With Bridget, Monty and Bryan joining us this year, I know we will make 2016 one for the record books."

Tickets range from \$100 per person for dinner to \$200 per person and \$750 for a foursome for the golf and dinner package. Information on sponsorship and participation opportunities can be found on at www.myacc.org.

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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