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ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL RECEIVES GRANT FOR REFUGEE HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM

TROY, Mich. – Aug. XX, 2015 – The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), a premier nonprofit human service organization serving southeast Michigan, today announced it has received a \$200,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to continue its refugee health screening services program for the next three years. The grant will allow the ACC to continue providing health screenings and medical treatment for refugees upon their arrival to the United States.

Serving clients in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties, the ACC's health assessment program sees refugees within 30 days of arrival in the U.S. to ensure medical attention and care. Licensed medical personnel provide health assessments and medical screenings such as exams, review of medical history, and vision, hearing and dental screenings. Clients also receive age appropriate immunizations and laboratory exam services to check for health concerns such as diabetes, anemia, Hepatitis and Tuberculosis (TB).

“The ACC is honored to receive this grant, so we may continue to provide health care and exams to refugees arriving in southeast Michigan,” said Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, Arab American and Chaldean Council President and CEO. “The number of refugees arriving in metro Detroit continues to increase, and we are proud to help ensure a healthy start to their new lives in America.”

The ACC is the only social service agency housed in the State of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) facilities, including nine offices in the three-county area of southeast Michigan. In addition to health screenings and medical exams, ACC provides bilingual and trilingual services, English as a Second Language (ESL) training and vocational training and employment assistance. According to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, approximately 3,500 refugees are expected to arrive in the state of Michigan in 2016.

“The ACC’s diverse staff and extensive presence throughout southeast Michigan makes our organization uniquely qualified to care for these individuals,” added Dr. Fakhouri. “We are grateful to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for this grant, to help make the transition for those coming to America healthy and smooth.”

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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