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**ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL LAUNCHES
PROJECT FRESH PROGRAM, EXPANDS WIC OFFICES**

Events scheduled through August to provide locally grown, fresh produce to families

TROY, Mich. – July XX, 2015 – The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), a premier nonprofit human service organization serving southeast Michigan, has launched the Project Fresh Program at two of its WIC (Women, Infants and Children) offices.

The initiative is an educational program for WIC participants where each individual receives \$20 in coupons to purchase locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmer's markets. All women and children, ages one and older, who are currently enrolled in WIC qualify to participate and each family is limited to one book of coupons.

Events where enrollees can purchase the produce will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

- ACC 7 Mile Clinic (111 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit) – Friday, August 14
- ACC Harper Clinic (9641 Harper, Detroit) – Friday, July 31 and August 24

Peaches and Greens, a year-round produce store, mobile truck and farm stand, will be participating at the 7 Mile location on August 14 and at Harper on July 31 and August 28.

“The ACC is working hard to increase access to fresh food for those in need, especially in and around our Seven Mile community,” said Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, Arab American and Chaldean Council President and CEO. “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to not only educate mothers and their children about healthy eating options, but to also provide them with fresh produce.”

ACC's WIC program recently expanded by two new locations in Detroit. Taking over former City of Detroit WIC offices, the new clinics are the:

- ACC Lappin Clinic (14061 Lappin, Detroit)
- Harper Clinic

Added Dr. Fakhouri, “WIC is a much needed program in many communities. I am proud that the ACC is expanding its role and ensuring that mothers and children in Detroit can continue to benefit from what it has to offer.”

To participate in the Project Fresh Program, call ACC WIC to make an appointment at 313-369-4730.

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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