



## e-Council Connection

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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**Happy New Year!**

### *ACC names Detroit centers after founding members in ceremony*



DETROIT-Even after 31 years, the Arab American and Chaldean Council's founding members Salman Ses, Dr. Haifa Fakhouri and Fr. John Badeen continue dedicating their lives to benefit the ACC, which provides more than half a million services annually to the needy ranging from job education and training, behavioral health to dental care facilities for the youth.

In a commitment to honor Fakhouri, Badeen and Ses for their hard work and all they have

contributed, the ACC's Board of Directors unanimously chose to name the ACC Detroit Headquarters, Youth Creation and Leadership Center and Artisana Adult Learning Center after them.

"It's sort of a monument to remember my contribution and what we did to this community," Badeen said during the Building Dedication Ceremony at the ACC Youth Recreation and Leadership Center on Dec. 17.

According to Sesi, the ACC began operating with a limited budget of \$20,000 and now has a multi-million dollar annual budget. Today the ACC hosts 40 outreach centers. "When we started 31 years ago we had one little room," Sesi said.

The ACC's primary focus is making the lives of refugees easier. "We have to take into consideration the steady and continuous flow of Arab and Chaldean refugees that have fled the Middle East to seek a new life here in southeast Michigan and all of our honorees have given selflessly of their time and their love to create a new safe haven for these refugees as they fled their homeland, where they gave their homes, their money and they left their families behind to seek a new place in which they could live. Their love for their homeland and their people led them to join forces with one another and provide opportunities for acculturation and well being for people like themselves and for their heritage," Schneider said...

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*By Natasha Dado  
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## **ACC teams up to Adopt a Family for Christmas**



In partnership with Cooley Law School, ACC's Detroit Behavioral Health Program teamed up with the Youth Program to identify a special family for an "Adopt a Family for Christmas" program. The family made a humble list of items for Christmas; however, thanks to Professor Mary D'Isa and her law students' generosity the family was overwhelmed with the Christmas Spirit.



It was touching to see the true meaning of Christmas and such selfless giving. The family had a wonderful time and thanked everyone for such blessings. On behalf of the family, ACC would like to thank Professor D'Isa and her students' for their kind generosity during the holiday season.

**Thank you for "Making a Difference"**

ACC's Seven Mile Behavioral Health Program would also like to recognize and thank the American Druze Community for their kind donation of over 50 winter jackets and items. Their contribution made a difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you!



## ***DTE Energy: Payment Assistance Program***

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## ***Neighborhood Excellence Initiative***

**The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative. Student Leader Program applications are due by Wednesday, January 12, 2011.**

Bank of America is looking for TOMORROW's community leaders TODAY. They are seeking outstanding young people who are passionate about making a difference in our community while receiving a one-of-a-kind and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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1. Participate in an 8 week paid summer internship at a local nonprofit organization
2. A 6 day, all-expense paid trip for the Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC
3. Exposure to leadership aspects in civic, nonprofit and business arenas.

Applications are now open for students in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties. Application Requirements:

- No GPA minimum requirement
- Must be a current junior or senior in high school
- Complete an 8 question, short essay type format application on line at <http://www.cybergrants.com/boa/slselection/> - Although it is a fairly simple application, and because it is a competitive process, best applicants benefit from thoughtful and personal responses.

Since the program's inception in 2004, Bank of America has recognized more than 2,000 Student Leaders as exemplary high school students with a passion for helping their communities.

The nonprofit internship and Student Leadership Summit exposes students to leadership aspects in

civic, nonprofit and business arenas. The goal is to nurture and develop our country's next generation of community leaders - for our neighborhoods, our cities, and beyond.

To learn more about the program in its entirety, visit [www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation). If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Douglas at 248-631-0347, or by email at [tiffany.douglas@bankofamerica.com](mailto:tiffany.douglas@bankofamerica.com).

Applications are now available online at [www.bankofamerica.com/neighborhoodexcellence](http://www.bankofamerica.com/neighborhoodexcellence)



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**Iraqi Advisor (IA)** Must possess significant tribal, political, religious, business and/or military connections in Iraq (preferably possess established ties within the area of operations) / Fluent language skills in English, Arabic and/or local dialects / 5 years experience working, studying, or interacting with Iraqi communities (Age 21 +5 years experience) / Bachelor's degree, or equivalent experience / Coalition or U.S. Secret security clearance

**Special Advisor (SA)** US or Western-oriented citizen with an Iraqi background, committed to the reconstruction and development of a democratic Iraq / Subject matter expertise of specific value to the US and Coalition Forces in focus areas / Level III ILR for speaking, listening, reading, and writing both Arabic and English / Bachelor's degree, or equivalent experience / Coalition or U.S. Secret security clearance

**Senior Advisor (SA)** Have a previous history of working with Coalition forces; possess significant tribal, political, religious, business and/or military connections in Iraq; established ties to key figures in Iraqi society relevant to the required area of expertise / Level III ILR for speaking, listening, reading, and writing both Arabic and English / Hold a Master's degree or higher in social sciences / Coalition or U.S. Secret security clearance

**Strategic Team Director** Minimum Interim Secret or Coalition Secret required/Bachelors degree or Equivalent required / Must be knowledgeable of Government of Iraq (GOI) federal, provincial, and/or local regulations and statutes. Understanding of Iraqi or Middle Eastern Society acquired through experience or study / At least 5 years of program management experience with a program comparable in size and complexity to this contract / Must possess both professional knowledge of

and demonstrated experience in several of the following fields: military operations, conflict stabilization, counterinsurgency (COIN) techniques, foreign internal defense (FID), intelligence, and / or low level source operations (LLSO)

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